Editorial : Protests

Par Auguste Lamombe '21

His name was George Floyd. His name was Breonna Taylor, but there are many more like them. Police brutality and racism are things that have plagued the African-American community in the U.S. since its founding. These two are merely the straw that broke the camel’s back. Many of us are sick of this oppression, of the racism that is so idiotic. To believe that because one person has a different skin color than the majority, that this makes him inferior, is simply idiotic. We only hope that these peaceful protests are able to bring about the change we so desperately need in our society.

The Lives of Fasny Students During the Coronavirus Pandemic

By Kenneth Ouedraogo ’25

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected us more than we originally thought it would. Schools, including our school, businesses, museums, companies, and many more enterprises have closed for social distancing to stop the spread of the virus. Since Friday, March 13, 2020, our school, FASNY, has been closed and since March 21, 2020, we were put officially in quarantine. Since we are all home, many activities, such as museum tours and yoga classes, have gone on virtually to help us stay active. We now stay inside and limit our time outside to stop the spread of the virus. Here are some facts to help us stay safe and to protect ourselves and others according to the CDC and WHO:

- Stay home if possible.
- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others and when you must go out in public, such as to a grocery store.
- Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others (stay 6 feet away, which is about two arm lengths).
- Keep away from people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched services.
- Avoid all cruise travel and non-essential air travel.

There are many heroes during this time, such as healthcare workers, protective service workers (police and EMTs), cashiers in grocery and general merchandise stores, production and food processing workers, janitors and maintenance workers, agricultural workers, truck drivers, teachers, and many others. These people are working through these harsh times although it’s hard, so we owe them a big thank you; but we, the students, are heroes too. We are surviving and continuing to learn through these hard times, and some of us are even helping those in need.

But what are Fasny students doing during this unprecedented time? Students from 6th to 12th grade have been surveyed on their daily lives during this pandemic and out of the 407 students, 136 students responded. The students were asked 8 different questions:

Do you like staying at home?

Pie Chart

When asked if they liked staying at home, most students (35%) expressed that they were indifferent, then right after 34% of students expressed that they didn’t like staying at home and finally 31% of students expressed that they did like staying at home.

From a scale of 1 to 5, how much have you changed your schedule because of COVID-19?

Pie Chart

From a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being not at all, and 5 being completely changed, 76.3% of students (rating 3 and above) expressed a significant change in their schedules.

Do you go outside now as much as you normally used to?

Pie Chart

To the question about how much students were going outside, interestingly, almost 80% of the students answered that they were going outside as much as before.

Do you go outside now as much as you normally used to?

Pie Chart

What were your activities before? Are you able to maintain those activities now?

Many of the activities students were doing before, for example, tennis, swimming, baseball, seeing friends and other activities have been shown hard to maintain with the stay at home order; but...
other activities such as dance or soccer, according to the results, have continued virtually or are sometimes done by students on their own.

Here is an example of an answer summarizing the results: "I did daily workouts/long walks which I can maintain well. However, playing tennis at a club, is something I cannot do right now, and a main activity was also seeing friends and going to Manhattan, which is not possible at all at the moment. Eating out is still possible to a certain extent just by ordering take out food."

However, not everyone feels the need to go out, for example this answer: "I don’t really like to stay outdoors, so the confinement is the best thing that could happen to me."

When asked what they do to stay active, most students responded that to stay active they engaged in walking, doing workouts, running and exercising.

Here are some other interesting responses from students about their activities:

"Youtube workouts, basketball in the driveway, going on runs in places with few or no people."

"Going on long, frustrating walks."

"As soon as I can, I will play sports, but right now, I stay in contact with my friends and spend time with my family."

"I burn calories in front of my Xbox 360 with the program "Your Shape" two to three times a week."

Many of the students’ responses to how they were staying entertained involved watching movies or shows, exercising, being on their phones, and learning something new.

Here are some interesting responses from the students.

"I play, read, cook, look at jokes about COVID-19, and on weekends-ends, I watch TV shows."

"I have been watching shows, catching up on my favorite series on Netflix that I didn’t have time to watch these past few months. I like to paint, so I have been working on my drawing skills. Also, I have been taking online quizzes about the locations and names of countries because my geography knowledge is slightly embarrassing."

"Read, Revise for le bac, Draw, Sleep."

"I tried a lot of new things these last weeks, like cooking dinner, baking, learning Japanese on Duolingo, sewing…"

**What are you doing to help the situation?**

Many students are helping during the pandemic by respecting social distancing, which is helping the world defeat the virus. Some students have gone beyond by helping their community, as well as the front line workers. For example, one student says:

"I am currently collecting PPE, masks, face shields, gowns, etc. and redistributing them to hospitals in need. My family has contacts with the Chinese Community and they are able to supply us with a lot of the PPE we are collecting. Over all, we have collected over 2000 masks, 400 face shields, and 500 gowns. Along with this, we also have a 3d printer and know other people who also have one. With this, we are also 3d printing ear pieces (they sit on the back of your head and relieve the pressure off the ears while wearing a mask as, after 13 hour shifts, nurses come home with bleeding ears.) Although it doesn’t actually protect from Covid-19, it provides comfort, which is equally important as it complements protection."

"We are planning on making lunchboxes for the homeless. We’ve already made many donations to associations."

"I help by writing letters to elderly people, cooking for other people, buying groceries for other people."

"I try to stay positive and try to put my mind on other things instead of negative things."

"I try not to be too antagonistic and provocative towards my siblings."

"I’m keeping hope alive."

Thank you to all the Fasny Students that answered the Survey. We, the Fasny Students, are staying strong and keeping hope alive. We will hopefully see each other soon!

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**Where To Get Some Good News During Confinement**

By Jade Montesau ‘25

In these times many people watch the news daily to keep up with the state of the world, but with all the horrors of the COVID-19 watching these broadcasts is usually a pretty gloomy experience. To remedy this, “The Office” actor John Krasinski invented his own news outlet only spreading good reports. The increasingly popular Some Good News channel has risen to fame on social media. With almost a million followers on its Instagram, and more than two millions on its Youtube, SGN has become a source of hope, and joy for people worldwide. SGN has released a total of eight episodes showcasing medical recoveries, proms, weddings and graduations all during the pandemic. They have also brought joy to their viewers by doing wonderful, unexpected things such as having the original cast of Hamilton perform on a zoom call for a little girl whose Hamilton show had been canceled. Although SGN was originally created by John Krasinski, he encouraged and even featured many fans who recreated their own versions of the show. Overall, Some Good News is a very funny and heartwarming platform which will always bring a smile to your face.
Minecraft Tricks

**BY SAMUEL BERG 25**

**Grandfather Clock Secret Entrance**

1. Build a two block tall tower with one block diagonal upwards as shown below.

2. Place an item frame with a clock in it on that block with a redstone comparator coming out of it. It should light up.

3. Place a block coming out of the comparator, then a block coming down diagonally on the side away from the clock, then another one down diagonally in front of the block as shown below. Wire redstone on those two blocks.

4. Dig a hole in the space underneath the block the clock is on. Dig two blocks back where you want the floor to be. Place a sticky piston with your floor block in front of it.

5. Dig one down behind the sticky piston and place redstone in it. Place a redstone torch right above it coming off the block previously placed there. The piston should activate. Now when you turn the clock in the item frame, the floor of the clock should open.

6. Place spruce doors on the side and an acacia door in front. Decorate the inside as you wish (I used a banner)

7. Go into the previously dug hole. This is your secret base. Dig two blocks to the left, then two blocks to the right, then one to the right again. Place a block in the most recent hole on the bottom block. Place redstone on it. Fill in the rest of what you just dug. Place a lever on the block in front of the redstone. This will allow you to close the door from the inside. Now you are done!

**2x2 Automatic Piston Door**

1. Dig a 2x3 hole 2 blocks deep where you want the door to go.

2. Dig a 2x2 long deep hole in the middle on either side. Then dig one block further one block deep.

3. Place a redstone torch on the one block deep hole dug previously.

4. Wire redstone (with redstone dust) all along the bottom of the hole connecting to the redstone torches.

5. Place a block on top of each redstone torch with a piece of redstone on it.

6. Place a piston facing inward coming off of both blocks. Then place a second piston facing inwards on top of the first piston. Both pistons on both sides should activate.

7. Place blocks in between the two sets of pistons.

8. Fill in the hole on the top block and place pressure plates on either side of the blocks and cover up the redstone and you are finished. Now when you step on the pressure plates, the door will open!

**How To Shoot Lightning Out of a Crossbow**

(With command blocks)

This will work for any version of Minecraft.

1. Get a crossbow and enchant it with Quick Charge and Multishot.

2. Put fireworks of any color in your off hand.

3. Place a command block down. (To get a command block, type: ’execute @p command_block’ in the chat)

4. Set it to repeat and always active.

5. Go into the input section and type: ‘execute @e[type=fireworks_rocket] ~ ~ summon lightning_bolt ~ ~’ You’re done! Now when you shoot your crossbow with fireworks in your off hand, lightning will appear wherever the fireworks are.
Public Defenders in the American Legal System

BY BENJAMIN REMLE–NOUGAYRÈDE 20

As you enter the office of the Legal Aid Society in Queens, the first impression is that it is similar to any other office. People are working quietly in front of their computers. The atmosphere is serene and cordial. The seemingly normal office is intriguing not because of its layout, therefore, but because of the substance of the work that occurs there. The Legal Aid Society was created in 1876 and allows attorneys to be fully dedicated and remunerated for their public interest work. Funded by public authorities, particularly for penal work, but also by private donations, it supports Legal Aid for civil law cases. Its employees are public attorneys who work for the non-profit NGO, the Legal Aid Society. Their job is to provide legal assistance to defendants who could not afford it otherwise. Their importance in the criminal justice systems of urban areas where many people are in this situation cannot be overstated. The people they serve are the most vulnerable in society and are underserved by the American economic structure. Many clients have debilitating mental conditions, crippling drug addiction histories, tragic family histories, difficulties in speaking, English or are simply unemployed and lack basic resources. An unjust conviction for them might result in devastating effects not only in the present but for the future. Even seemingly lenient sentences, such as fines, can have harsh effects on defendants’ lives. During my time at the Legal Aid Society, I encountered countless examples of former clients struggling to pay fines, and subsequently being dragged down back into the court system; a quite disheartening and humiliating situation for citizens who are attempting to move on.

This is why the task of public attorneys – to combat potential injustice and to call for leniency whenever possible – is so crucial in maintaining the social order of American urban centers. However, it seems to me that their resources are often insufficient for the immensity of their task. Attorneys are often crushed by a workload which they struggle to sustain – and they must toil hard to provide defendants with adequate representation. The attorneys’ task for every case is daunting but crucial – attorneys must interact with the complex bureaucratic process of acquiring information on the supposed offense, analyze video and other data provided to them by the District Attorneys (the prosecution,) spend time with the defendants themselves either at court or on the phone, and finally, of course, participate in arraignments, hearings and trials at court. Cases tend to last for weeks, at the very least, and once settled do not necessarily disappear. Attorneys can have dozens of active cases at once. Authorities are not necessarily entirely cooperative, either. Recently, the state of New York passed a criminal code reform which imposed upon attorneys the additional burdens of filtering important files for their cases rather than having the police or the District Attorney’s office do so.

Beyond occasionally absurd workloads, public defenders often have to face the distrust of defendants vis-à-vis the criminal justice system. Many defendants refuse to interact with attorneys or do not show up to court hearings due to potential issues which could arise, such as being detained by immigration authorities. For some clients, communication is also hindered by the language barrier. Attorneys often rely on translators to be able to have crucial discussions with defendants, and yet the supply of translators can be awfully thin at times. Other defendants are so dismayed by the very existence of the case that they are unwilling to engage with the legal process as a whole. The combination of these different factors make the job of attorneys quite difficult at times.

For three years now, I have spent time shadowing attorneys in their work, performing simple and basic tasks such as printing and sorting files and analyzing video data. Seeing how attorneys work day to day has taught me a valuable lesson – sometimes simple things make a significant difference.

Meme Review 4

BY ADRIEN COLOMBRE 25

Google compared to Bing meme:

This is a meme created to make a funny comparison between the web browsers Google and Bing. It normally ends up with Google giving a normal answer to a query and Bing saying something unexpected. Here is the meme:

Me: How to earn money
Google: 5 honorable jobs
Bing: "Free Hugs"

The Girl Yelling at the Cat Meme:

This meme is about two girls yelling at a cat. I don’t know why this is a thing, but it’s funny, so here are some examples.

8/10

Well Boys, We Did It meme:

This is a meme from the movie Madagascar when the penguins say, “Well boys, we did it”, and it quickly caught on as a meme. 9/10

America after abolishing slavery
**Community Service Ideas to do during Quarantine**

**By Jade Morissette**

During quarantine, it can be hard to find activities to do. A great way to use your time is to do community service. Not only are there a lot of fun activities you can do, but during times like these, it’s always rewarding to do something nice. However, I’m betting a lot of people are wondering how to do community service while stuck at home. There are actually plenty of things you can do to help people from the comfort of your own home.

One of my favorite things to do is to make sandwiches for the homeless of New York. You can make them at home (while wearing gloves and a mask, of course) and give them to an association such as “Le programme des brown bags des scouts de New York.” If you want more information on what to do exactly and who to contact please email me jade.morissette@fanyv.org

Another fun thing you can do is to take one of your childhood books, or take a book from a younger sibling (if possible) and take a video of yourself reading the book. After that is done, email the video to Mrs. Giordano (gioirdano@fanyv.org) who will give it to younger FANSY students.

Additionally, another very popular idea that has been going around is to write cards. There is nothing more simple then writing a short card, or making a drawing. And whether you choose to send it to the local police department, a nearby hospital, or a retirement home, the recipient will be filled with joy. You can write to the Sara Neuman Nursing Home in Westchester, or Family Services in Westchester, two retirement homes. You can also write cards through the Smile foundation or the operation gratitudes. All the links and addresses will be in the link at the end of this article.

Finally you can teach through a yahoo channel, or zoom class doing whatever you would like to teach. You can do art, sports, cooking classes, and the list goes on. If this is an idea that interests you, reach out to your parents and/or to Mrs. Giordano for help.

There are even more ideas on the portal under the community service page which you can access through this link. If you want any extra information on anything on this link please contact me or Mrs. Giordano.

**Interview with Ms. Culhane, English Teacher**

**By Nia Corranisse and Sophie Duclair**

*We know you worked as a journalist sometime before coming to FANSY. What’s the most interesting story you worked on?*

The most interesting story I worked on was when I went to Moscow. It’s going to take me, however, I went to Moscow in 1987 for the Reagan-Gorbachev interview. It was really fascinating because the Soviet Union was still the Soviet Union. You still had people following you. If you went out to take a walk there was someone following you. We had to surrender our passports every day to the hotel. In the hotel, we had glorious food, but you would often wonder, the people outside of Moscow, what are they eating? We were absolutely treated like royalty. It was so interesting to see “R” and “G” together. They really got along; they really liked each other. It was a really fascinating time to be in that foreign country. Somebody would call you up in the morning and say we’re doing a story on unemployment, so you need to find someone. You never knew what was going to happen that day, so it’s a little like being a teacher.

*What gave you the idea for the London trip?*

I went to London in 2014. I was a British University Scholar, and I spent a month in London studying at the Globe, and I saw a lot of theater and met many actors. They have an incredible outreach program where they want teachers to come to students. I spent a month there going to class learning Shakespeare. I saw students there as I went to class everyday, and I thought why can’t FANSY students go there? I picked 9th grade because 9th graders don’t study Shakespeare at FANSY.

I picked the play (Henry V) because the French are involved; Henry goes to France to reclaim his throne. There is more French in that play than in any other play in English. It’s about the relationship between the French and the English. It’s also a history play, and we usually don’t study history plays. It’s only in England because it’s their history.

The populace at the time couldn’t read, so they go to the Globe and learn history through Shakespeare’s plays or at the church.

*What is your favorite book?*

The Great Gatsby, short book.


Each chapter of Moby Dick can be its own little novella, its own short story, and with the Great Gatsby, it’s the pure elegance of the writing.

*Favorite childhood memory?*

“le gasy” I grew up in Alexandria, Virginia, a suburb of Washington DC.

My mother would always take us out of school and take us to Washington if something big was happening.

She took us to see the 1st man to orbit the Earth.

I saw John Kennedy and John Glenn riding in open cars and just seeing these 2 incredible figures in a motor car... it was a glorious day, and after that I kept a space scrapbook.

*Favorite teaching memory?*

It happens every spring when I do Shakespeare and I have the kids read monologues or do a walk on punctuation, and I get to stand on a chair and

[Link to more information]
What is the Snyder Cut?

By Auguste Lapomme '21

On November 17, 2017, the movie Justice League came out. The movie was quickly deemed a failure from a creative standpoint. Then, with a box office take of 657,000,000 dollars internationally, it was deemed a disappointment financially. While its box office take may appear high, it was nowhere near what Warner Brothers Studio wished to earn from such a big movie.

However, this movie felt doomed early on. With the mixed reviews of Batman V. Superman, director Zack Snyder was put in a tough spot, and then misfortune struck the movie. During its post-production, Snyder left the project because of a family tragedy. Due to this, Warner Brothers replaced Snyder with Joss Whedon, the man who directed The Avengers. Whedon, however, did not like the movie Snyder had made, and thus decided to re-shoot a large part of the movie, leading Snyder to comment recently that fans had only seen “a fourth of what he did.” When the movie was released, fans were disappointed as this was not the movie they had been promised by Zack Snyder. Instead, fans saw a movie that was very lackluster, missing major character arcs and even major characters.

Trouble dissociatif de l’identité

Par Jenna Mazza '21

Le trouble dissociatif de l’identité est caractérisé par la présence de deux ou plusieurs identités chez un même sujet. Ces dernières sont appelées alternes, identités du moi ou encore états automnes. Il existe deux formes de troubles dissociatifs de l’identité : une forme avec possession et une forme sans possession.

Dans la première forme par exemple, la personne atteinte parle et se comporte de façons différentes, comme si quelqu’un avait pris possession d’elle. Ainsi, la présence de différentes identités est assez apparente pour les membres de la famille et les proches du sujet.

Dans le cas de la forme sans possession, la personne affectée se sent détachée de certains aspects d’elle-même (dépersonnalisation). Elle peut se comporter d’une manière qui ne lui ressemble pas et agir sans pouvoir se contrôler. Son attitude et ses opinions (quant à la nourriture, les vêtements, les loisirs, etc) peuvent changer soudainement et revenir à ce qu’elles étaient tout aussi soudainement. L’individu peut également parler de lui-même à la première personne du pluriel ou à la troisième personne du singulier.

Dans cette forme, on peut observer un dédoublement de la personnalité, ou le fait que certaines personnalités de l’individu souffrant de ce trouble se connaissent et interagissent avec les unes avec les autres dans une sorte de dialogue intérieur. Par conséquent, il se peut que certaines personnalités aient conscience d’informations personnelles et/ou importantes que les autres personnalités du sujet ne connaissent pas.

On comprend facilement combien ces changements de personnalité rendent la vie de l’individu chaotique. Les personnes atteintes de troubles dissociatifs de l’identité peuvent par exemple être parfois incapables de se rappeler de certains événements du quotidien, d’informations personnelles ou importantes, ou bien encore d’événements traumatisants et stressants. De plus, l’individu peut avoir l’impression d’avoir été “absent” pendant un certain temps. Par exemple, il se peut qu’il ne se souvienne plus de certains moments de son enfance, de même qu’il peut (temporairement) oublier comment se servir de son téléphone.

Dans la plupart des cas, ces troubles de personnalités multiples s’expliquent par un traumatisme important qui s’est produit pendant l’enfance. En effet, de nombreux patients mentionnent avoir été maltraités lorsqu’ils étaient jeunes. Ils rapportent avoir été physiquement agressés, parfois sexuellement, avoir subi un stress de manière intense, ou n’avoir pas été nourris insuffisamment.

Le traitement des troubles de l’identité peut se faire sur le long terme au moyen d’une psychothérapie associée éventuellement à un traitement médicamenteux.

This made the movie a general disappointment, yet after the movie was released, fans wanted to see Snyder’s original version of the film. This is what got the hashtag releasethesnydercut going. Snyder himself supported this by creating a charity with the same name, and releasing teasers of his original movie on twitter.

Then came the acquisition of Warner Brothers by AT&T. This new company wanted to launch a streaming service, HBOMax, but they did not have a lot of content on it, so the idea was to put the original Justice League movie on there. November 17, 2019, the two year anniversary of the original release of the movie, was a fateful day. That day, fans needed to tweet or post #Releasethesnydercut. This was important because AT&T wanted to see if there was still fan interest. Not only the fans, but actors such as Gal Gadot, Ben Affleck, and Ray Fisher tweeted this too. AT&T saw that there was still demand, so they decided to negotiate with Zack Snyder to release the movie on HBOMax.

Then on May 1st 2020, Zack Snyder gave a live commentary on his Superman movie, Man of Steel. At the end of this, he revealed that his version of Justice League would be available on the new streaming service in 2021. Now, what does this mean exactly? Well, Zack Snyder has been given a budget of 20-30 million dollars to finish VFX and add new scenes. These scenes are said to include cameos, and to provide a deepening of characters. All in all, it is very exciting for people who wish to see Zack Snyder’s vision come to life. It also shows how fan support can actually change things in Hollywood.

What To Do Once Confinement Ends

By Jade Morisseau ‘25

For many, confinement has been a pretty scary and uncertain time, but as quarantine is coming to an end, people are starting to wonder what comes next. I thought it might be helpful to talk about what will happen and what we need to remember as society restarts. First off, I would like to remind everyone that although quarantine is officially over, this does not mean that you should attend big parties or other crowded venues. The Coronavirus is still here, and there are still people who are in grave danger because of it. That being said, we will have to adapt to this new reality, just as we did to strict quarantine, so it is okay to maybe see a few friends (with the permission of your parents), just try to see a limited number of people, and remember to be very careful. First off, wear a mask. It might be annoying, but think of it as the easiest, quickest, and kindest thing you can do right now. Remember to keep washing your hands and to not touch your face while being outside. Another thing to remember is that things will not go back to normal right away and to be patient when it comes to engaging again in your extracurriculars and other formerly normal aspects of life. Overall, just try to stay hopeful, positive, not Corona positive though, and have a great, safe, and fun summer.
GAMES

QUARANTINE CROSSWORD
BY Sam Berg ’25

DOWN:
1) Name of the pandemic that is the reason we are staying at home.
3) Reason we are staying home.
6) Another word for quarantine.

ACROSS:
2) Original name of the answer to number 1.
4) App FASNY uses for distance learning.
5) This should be avoided these days.

Answer Key will be in the next issue of The Messenger: Quarantine Edition.

CROSSWORDS

Minecraft Crossword
By Sam Berg ’25

DOWN:
1) The most useless tool in Minecraft.
3) The most used object to carry water.
5) The iconic Minecraft skin.

ACROSS:
2) The most annoying mob in Minecraft.
4) .... and steel.
6) The first resource you should collect in Minecraft survival.
**Crosswords (page 7)**  
*Answers By Samuel Berg '25*

**Minecraft Crossword**

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**Snow Sports Crossword (Issue 3)**  
*Answers By Samuel Berg '25*

**Down:**
1: Long narrow pieces of diverse materials that allow you to glide over snow: SKIS
3: Buoy you ride on snow: SNOWTUBE
4: How you get up slopes: CHAIR LIFT

**Across:**
2: Board you ride on snow: SNOWBOARD
5: Sticks skiers use to help them ski better.