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Welcome back, Mustangs! It's been some time since our last newsletter. Here is our latest edition with highlights from the previous year.

Capuchino High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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A Summary of Capuchino's Year 2020

The Class of 2020

March & April

Stay at Home orders were issued due to the pandemic and this was the start of Distance Learning.

May

The PTO organized a Families in Need Gift Card distribution; there were many who contributed to help our financially struggling families.

Unfortunately, we had to have a virtual Graduation (students were in their caps and gowns), a virtual Senior Awards Night and no Grad Night celebration. Also, there was a Credit/No Credit semester grade mark policy. This did not affect student GPAs.

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July

Families were notified of fall Distance Learning via Zoom. Food service for brunch and lunch was available to go. Google hot spots for internet connection will be made available.

August

School started with Distance Learning and very good attendance.

September

Congratulation to the Class of 2020; notification was received that they earned 74 Cal Grant Awards. Construction of the Stadium Field was progressing with the redesign of the Softball, Baseball and Practice Fields to follow.

December

Principal Boise and the Alumni Association wrote a grant to the San Bruno Community Foundation and CHS was awarded a \$24,000 grant for an Equity Summit to train staff; the SMUHSD will match these funds. An equity staff retreat will provide an opportunity to reflect, examine implicit bias, learn more about anti-racism, situate our work within IB's approaches to teaching and learning, and to create a set of equity goals for the years to come. It is our belief that such an action will accelerate more equitable outcomes, but this will be enduring and ongoing work.

Due to Zoom meetings, our parent participation is up and so is their fundraising.

On-Campus Learning Pods were created; these are spaces available for students to come on-campus if it is too challenging to work from home. Our current learning location is situated within the upper gym, allowing desks to be spread in excess of county health guidelines, with appropriate ventilation. In addition, brunch and lunch are provided to all those who participate.

The Drama production was a virtual radio show with paper cut out silhouettes for screen changes featuring the play Frankenstein.

The Winter Music Concert was a real challenge to make individual screen shots play together and there were some great individual performances.

On a sad note, our student Simon Enario Salera passed away after a brief illness. Principal Boise said, "He was one of the nicest young people I ever had the opportunity to meet, and I know others felt the same." Our condolences to Simon's family.

Our Cap community also lost a retired Social Science teacher Hershel Herzberg, who even after he retired continued to substitute at Cap for an additional 15 years.