

# New Beginnings

## HOPE IN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

### Letter from the Editor

By: Emma Mowat

With a new school year comes a new newspaper team. This year, we've taken a novel approach. Each team member got to pick the topic of their columns, and we're focusing more on interviewing the school family. This will allow readers to get to know the students and teachers of FVAA in a personal way. I hope the Royal Review



Grades 9-12 pictured on September 22.

brings you joy and a deeper understanding of the students and teachers that make our school so unique. I'm excited to see what the future holds for the Royal Review and its writers. If you have any recommendations, feel free to email me at emma-mowat@fvaa.net.

### Science With Sam Dafydd

By: Dafydd

Researchers around the world are working very hard to try and find a vaccine for Covid-19. Some people are waiting for a vaccine to come out that could possibly do them more harm than good. The best thing for people to do right now is to build a strong immune system by eating healthy food and exercising. This "new norma" for us has changed our daily lives greatly. Even though this has happened to us, it does not change the fact that God loves us and has a plan for everyone.

## RECONNECTING...

By: Chelsea & Kelsey

This year's theme is called Reconnecting. During this pandemic we've all been in our separate homes trying to get used to this new type of lifestyle. Because of Covid-19, churches have been closed for the whole pandemic, may mean that many people have drifted away from God. The theme "reconnecting" could mean we are reconnecting with God, or reconnecting with people from school we haven't seen in a while.

For this school year we are going to be asking students what reconnecting means to them.

Interview with Elementary and High School Students  
Questions:

How has COVID-19 affected your relationship with God?  
Did you grow closer or further from God?

Did you feel connected when you first came back to school?  
How did this long break affect your friendships? Did you grow closer with them or did you guys drift apart?

Answers:

Avery Grade 5-

She doesn't go to church.

"Yes"

"I think I grew farther away from my friends because I haven't seen them in a long time."

Ravejot Grade 6-

She has maintained her religious growth.

"Yes, I did feel connected when I first came back to school. I have learned more about different cultures."

"My friends and I grew closer by FaceTime or group messaging each other."

Gracie Grade 12-

"I have questioned God why this pandemic is happening. But I still have faith and believe that this whole thing will end soon. I do have questions but it doesn't affect my relationship with God."

"Yes, I felt connected when I came back to school. It was good seeing my friends again."

"I missed my friends but we are living in the 21st century where technology has

## Cancelled

By: Avreen Brar

Let's address the real issue. Celebrities. During this pandemic many true colors have appeared through media, whether it's them out-lashing on their personal opinion about quarantine or them completely ignoring the fact that millions are suffering from this virus.

Here are some celebrities who've caused controversy during this pandemic:

Ellen DeGeneres,

The American comedian reportedly behaved and lashed out badly. She not only lashed out, but Ellen kept her crew silent about the pay. Ellen kept her crew clueless about the pay and working hours until the crew finally had enough and spoke.

Bryce Hall/Blake Grey,

TikTok stars, Bryce Hall and Blake Grey hosted big house parties during the pandemic. These parties had hundreds of people attending. They were charged with misdemeanors after hosting two large house parties in defiance of the local health orders. This was announced by Mike Feuer, an attorney of Los Angeles. The stars could face up to a year of jail and a fine up to \$2,000 says Feuer.

Elon Musk,

Elon Musk simply made a joke about those worried during this COVID-19 pandemic. He tweeted saying "the coronavirus panic is dumb".

Evangeline Lilly,

The Canadian actress told people she valued her "freedom" over saving lives while also stating her decision not to social distance.

Chase Rice,

The country singer hosted an 800-person concert while the spike in COVID-19 cases had just risen. This concert took place in Tennessee a day after the state had just reported the highest single-day increase in cases.

## Current Events

By: Ansh

Well, now that school is starting, we are saying that we are entering a new school life because of Covid-19 restrictions. While schools have restarted and school became the new topic stuck in our mind we might not have been paying attention to the new problems that have started around the world.

California Wildfires in Canada?

All due to a gender reveal party. No, that is not even a joke as they have become the worst fires in the world! California residents are in big trouble as going outside is very dangerous; as breathing the air is a problem that can damage your lungs. It has gotten so bad that on Friday smoke from California has come to Canada! Now B.C. officials are saying to stay inside and not going outside as it is that dangerous.

**At Home with Stephany**

By: Stephany

Home Activities

Sleeping all day- This is a great pastime because not only does your body regain its energy but sleeping kills a lot of time, time that you didn't know what to do with anyways. Sleeping is my personal suggestion.

Playing sports- Playing sports can be a great way to exercise and have more fun with friends, practice your skills, make new improvements and just do better.

Eating lots of food- Eating lots of your favorite food can be very good and yummy but don't forget to eat healthy food also, guys!

Calling your friends- This would be very fun, calling your friends for hours and telling them everything you've done for the summer and on your break. It would be very funny and talking about lots of drama.

Watch the same movie or show (even though you've seen it 36 times already)- Watching your favorite series again and again is just way more fun because you get to watch your favorite parts as many times as you like.

Play video games- Do I have to even explain?

What activities did you do during these 6 months?

## @thebookofbenjamin

By: Khushi & Tahzeeb

Interview with Pastor Ben

**I heard you recently got married, how did covid affect that?**

Covid really changed plans for the wedding. We were supposed to get married in August but because of covid we got married earlier in July. The people who were present were only 10 percent of the guests that were originally supposed to come. My direct family couldn't come because they were in Ghana and New Zealand.

**How has covid affected your role at Church in the Valley?**

Covid has affected the sermons because they are all online now. We talk to a camera rather than to the audience. The connection isn't there. While doing Bible study the focus wasn't there because it was all getting done electronically over zoom instead of person to person.

**Tell us more about your podcasts and if any new, big things are coming up?**

Merch drop October, fall 2020. It's gonna be fire! And we are starting season 3 podcast in November and that's gonna be even more fire! You can catch up or re-listen to old episodes on Apple Music and Spotify and wherever you listen to podcasts.

**Has covid affected any future plans you had?**

Just like visiting family. My whole family has been separated in the parts of the world. \*Trembling voice\* \*Laughing\*

**Who are you?**

To answer that question, whoever is reading this would know the answer. I am a guy that's trying to do his absolute best by trying to share the Lord's love with everyone here at FVAA.