

## Unity during the Pandemic

March 12, 2020 this was the day that the Capitol had been shut down because of COVID-19. This order from the President of the United States had sent many people into a panic because none of them had ever experienced a pandemic before. Since many students were on Spring Break schools had pushed the returning back a week for safety precautions. The public was only told what the officials had told them, which at the time wasn't much information at all. Looking back at it now I understand why they didn't want to let all of the information out at one time since it would be too much for the public to handle all at once.

The President made sure to address the nation when new information was presented to him. Everyone knew what they had to do, which was stay at home if possible and wear a mask. The pandemic has lasted for over a year now and some people are finally starting to get used to their new lifestyle for as long as it has to last. Many people had to graduate from home last year and many people were in their freshman year of highschool. Domestic abuse and child abuse numbers had risen signifanctly within this past year when we've all been in our homes. One statistic that had surprisingly not risen a lot was suicide numbers which was extremely surprising.

A lot of states had been put into lockdown per request of their Governor. Texas was on lockdown for 2 weeks. Life was crazy, one minute we are laughing with our friends telling them we will see them after break and then the next minute we are seeing them over a computer screen for the rest of the school year. Everyone in the world had been affected by the pandemic. The United States had the most cases for a long time and hospitals had been overflowing with patients. We can all hope that the pandemic will be over soon. No one had ever thought we would have to wear a mask everywhere we go for over a year.

Once the pandemic had started communities were trying to come together and help with food. Food drives were giving out food a lot more than usual since stores were out of food and necessary supplies. Throughout the year people came together to fight for rights and to spread awareness. People had come together for months to spread awareness on ongoing issues that people had overlooked. Everyone gathered to fight for rights and to express their concerns about the inequality for some racial groups and sexual orientation groups. Many people came together to help donate supplies to frontline workers once the pandemic had started.

