

Student Life

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this model is the next best thing. Both Whitehead and this person like this year better than last year's online experience because the teachers are better prepared, and it's easier to be in touch with them. This student is also a part of an after school activity; they say it's much more unpredictable because if one person tests positive than the whole thing shuts down. But this person is also grateful that this activity is still going under the circumstances.

It's no question that the students have it rough, but what about the teachers point of view? I interviewed Lisa Malcomb, art teacher at William Kelley High School, about this subject, as well. Here are her responses: She says the best part of this year's teaching is that teachers had more time to plan and make sure they were ready. The lessons have gotten better to fit the situation. The worst part is that it's stressful when the internet doesn't work, and the teachers definitely miss the students. Malcomb likes the new schedule because she feels that as long as we get good quality time spent with students it's a good day. Eight classes a day is too chaotic. She also thinks that this year's online experience is better

than last year's. She says the teachers and students are better at it. Because organization is better all around, it's easier to help. Additionally, GoGuardian has helped. (Side note: I will second that last statement.) Malcomb says that teachers find it harder to teach online because they can't interact with students, so when teachers do have kids in the room, they make the most of their in-class time.

On November 30th, all of us went online due to the increase in COVID cases. Now all of us are in the same situation as Shadae Whitehead. They say that we may be able to go back to school in January, (Side note: I certainly hope it will be safer by then). Even though our school situation has gotten worse, our teachers have been so supportive and very helpful. I, as a student, couldn't ask for better teachers.

The students and teachers of William Kelley High School are going through a tough time that will be remembered for a long time. We could focus on the bad things like, not being in person, after school activities being cancelled, or not being allowed to leave the house because we had close contact

with someone who tested positive. We can dwell on those things, or we can strive for excellence in spite of them. I believe that we will rise from this challenging time better than ever. I also believe that we will learn more from this experience and tell the next generation all about how we got through this trying time by striving to be our very best and sticking close to our friends and family even if we have to be 6 feet apart.

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