

# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

## THE HOME EDITION — FINAL ISSUE



### Put the Pedal to the Asphalt

BY MS. REGAN

Because of boredom, necessity or novelty, many of us have busted out the bicycles we haven't used in years. Maybe they're a bit sad looking after their long sleep in the garage. But our bikes can be spiffy again with a few simple steps! And the best news is that your local bike shop, about to reopen, will really appreciate the business.

1. Clean it up and make it shine. Hot water, dish soap, an old tee shirt and some elbow grease will work wonders.
2. Speaking of grease: oil your chain.
3. Pump up tires and replace inner tubes if they don't stay hard.
4. Add a bike light if you don't have one. Safety first!
5. Add a bell. Also a safety feature, but can make you feel like one of the kids in any Stephen King novel.
6. So, if bells are too old school, add a phone mount (face it, you are going to bring your phone wherever you go) and a bike bell app.
7. Attach a water bottle holder. Stay hydrated on those long rides.



### D-Chat

By Mr. DiEugenio, School Principal

Jaguar students, I hope this final addition of the school year from the Jaguar Journal finds you well. This school year certainly didn't turn out the way we expected. I appreciate the patience and cooperation that was displayed by students and staff during our time of remote learning. I look forward to seeing everyone in September and will be keeping in touch with the student body and parents throughout the summer with updates. For now, know that our goal is to return to the wonderful in-person academic environment that is the trademark of our great school. Be well and stay safe Jaguars.

**Congratulations Class of 2020!**



## Good Luck Seniors

BY MR. APA

How have four years passed already? I had the pleasure of teaching some of you as freshmen, the pleasure to be a part of your first high school experiences. But, not only that, you were a part of my first high school teaching experiences. It wasn't an easy transition, I think on both sides, but we made it work, didn't we? Then, I was given the chance to come back to JMHS again the following school year. This time, I would be teaching sophomores, and a stream of familiar faces stepped into my classroom, and I didn't feel as nervous because, hey, we already knew each other.

For those who weren't in my class that second time around, I still got to see you in the hallways, and it always felt like greeting old friends. Is this getting a little sappy? A little sentimental? That's alright, because this is a sentimental sort of piece.

Before I came to JMHS and had the pleasure of teaching you, I questioned if teaching was what I really wanted to do, and, if we're being honest there were days where you pushed me to the

point where I still questioned, but those days were few.

I knew the day would come where I would no longer see you in the halls, where I knew you would no longer be in the school. I knew it was coming, but how did it get here so fast? I always enjoyed when you came back to my class to visit, and I hope, even though you are moving on to the next stages of your lives, that you decide to come visit again.

I had looked forward to seeing you off, to telling you how proud I was of the young adults you had become. Some of you impressed me greatly in my own classes, while others impressed me greatly into who you grew to be. It was an amazing experience watching you mature. So, if it wasn't made obvious already, I am proud of you all. Even those students who I didn't get the pleasure to teach.

I know we all wished we could say goodbye in person, and maybe that day will come. For now, I don't want to say goodbye, seniors, I want to say see you soon. No matter where you go from here, I know you are capable of big things. I know you will make us proud.



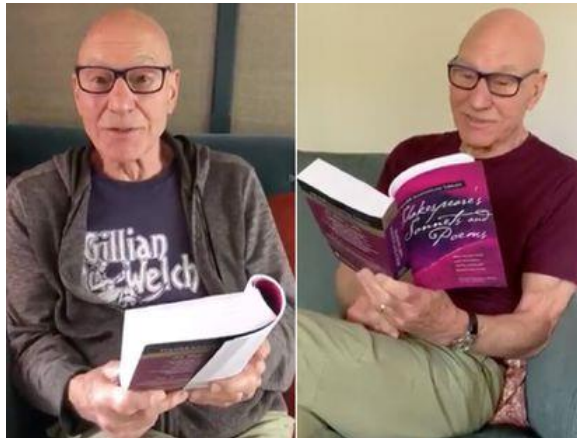
## Can I Compare Thee to a Wolverine?

BY MS. REGAN

You probably know him best as Professor Charles Xavier from the X-Men series, and perhaps you are also familiar with him as Captain Picard from Star Trek fame. But you may not know that Sir Patrick Stewart (his real name and yes, he's been knighted by the Queen of England for his contributions to the world of entertainment) is a classically trained actor from both screen and stage. You may be a giant fan. But are you also a fan of William Shakespeare? Well, Sir Patrick is hoping to make you one. During the quarantine, Stewart "decided to read one Shakespeare sonnet aloud each day in hopes of 'keeping the doctor away.'"

Shakespeare's Sonnets come alive when read by a phenomenal performer, and sound the best with a British accent.

Check out his [instagram account](#) and prepare to become a Shakespeare fan!



From Patrick Stewart's Instagram account.



Patrick Stewart as Professor Charles Xavier in the X-Men movie franchise.



**No Mandatory Summer Reading This Year (except for AP Students); [click to read more!](#)**

### Virtual Tour of the Statue of Liberty

Visiting the Statue of Liberty is an incredibly moving experience, and spring and summer are the best times to go. Unfortunately, the park is closed down for the time being due to the quarantine. But the National Park Service has created a virtual tour with 360 degree panoramic views from Lady Liberty's crown (a section that's not open even when the park is open)! It's really worth checking out.

Visit: <https://www.nps.gov/stli/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtour.htm> and click on "Take the Statue of Liberty Virtual Tour."



### You Should Stop Saying 'All Lives Matter' By Mr. Apa

When someone says "Black Lives Matter," and someone responds with "All Lives Matter," it is showing a misunderstanding of the movement. Some people interpret Black Lives Matter as "black lives matter more than other lives."

This, however, is not the case. The point of Black Lives Matter isn't to suggest that black lives matter more than others, but that black lives are not as valued as others in the US. They are also more likely to be targeted and come into conflict with the police. As a country, we need to recognize this and make a change.

Some people take the phrase to have an invisible "only" in front of it. For these people when someone says "Black Lives Matter," they hear "Only Black Lives Matter." But, the true meaning of the phrase does have an invisible word attached, and it comes at the end. That word is "too."

So, when you hear someone say the words "Black Lives Matter," remember that what they mean is "Black Lives Matter Too."

We are all in this together, let's create a change.

## Virtual Graduation

The Virtual Graduation Ceremony will be available to watch **Friday, June 19 at a time TBA.**

It will be broadcast simultaneously on our [JTV YouTube Channel](#) and on Cablevision Channel 77. You may watch on either platform.

The recording will also be available afterward on YouTube and will be rebroadcast on JTV.

Want to watch the YouTube stream on your big screen TV? [See this how-to article.](#) For updated information go to: [Senior Information Page](#)

From Mr. Kevin DiEugenio, School Principal: I was horrified and heartbroken at the recent events in Minneapolis and throughout the country. Again education, patience, training and understanding continue to be overlooked. Students at JMHS have strong faculty advocates and a LEAD club that encourages inclusive discussions and promotes student advocacy at all levels. I encourage all students to join and be part of the solution.

From Jayson Dixon, Student Outreach Representative: I am appalled. It's 2020 and I still have to fear for my black and brown brothers and sisters in our school and in our community. Hearing the horrific stories of the innocent lives of the BIPOC victims of police brutality makes me sick to my stomach. These events turn my constant worry of "When will it all stop?" to "When am I next?" No one should ever fear for the lives of themselves and their loved ones from the people who are supposed to protect us. We must unite to enforce a change that spreads safety amongst our peers and our future children.



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SEPTEMBER, **JAGS!**