



MIDLOTHIAN HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

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Dear Midlothian High School Family,

The *Trojan* Yearbook staff prides itself on publishing an award-winning book year after year that covers the defining stories and people each school year. We would like to provide an update on the release of the 2020 *Trojan* Yearbook.

The COVID-19 school closure presented new challenges for the staff in completing the book and getting it to the publisher. When school went fully virtual, the work on the book came to a grinding halt. At a time when students were trying to finish pages, students struggled to get interviews, develop new content, and complete pages for production. Additionally, the Herff Jones plant where the yearbook is produced was shut down in late March and reopened in mid-May. Facing these circumstances, we decided to shift the book to a fall release as a spring release would not be possible.

Given the virtual start to the school year, several senior staff members and editors opted to graduate early and dropped the course. We had to rebuild our staff and leadership structure in order to complete the book. As some of these students withdrew from school, we lost access to some of the content they created as their student technology accounts were closed. Many new staffers unfamiliar with the work of last year had to jump in and help us create new content to fill the pages as best we could.

After a packed 1st quarter of concluding on the 2020 book while working on the 2021 book, the staff was able to complete the 2020 book, and it should arrive in December before the winter break. Once we the exact ship date, we will schedule a drive through distribution at the school.

We thank you for your patience during this time as things have not gone as anyone could have expected, and we thank you for your continued support of the Midlothian High School yearbook program.

Regards,

The 2020 Midlothian High School *Trojan* Yearbook staff