

How to Document History Through Your Yearbook During A Pandemic

- **Capture the First Day of School:** Compile students' photos on their first day back to school, whether it's in-person or remote! Take pictures of the student with and without their mask—document their study space and how they are virtually learning.
- **Snatch Class Pages Over Zoom:** Include images of your teachers' virtual classroom and screenshots of your class time.
- **Include Community Connections:** Feature photos of various drive-bys, socially distant home visits, posters in windows, thank you signs.
- **Showcase the Humorous Side of the Situation:** Collect stories for your yearbook includes things such as favorite quarantine outfits, funny Zoom moments, social media trends, and hilarious COVID-themed memes.
- **Mask Fashion Trends:** Show off your students' wearing their favorite mask. Some might include sports teams, animated characters, and seasonal style.
- **School Spirit:** Create a printable version of your school mascot and ask students' to send in photos showcasing their school pride with their mascot.
- **Virtual Spirit Week:** Pajama Day, Wacky Socks Day, Favorite Book Day are just a few ideas to get you started. Things shared separately can still be celebrated together!
- **Sports Spread When the Season is Canceled:** Create athlete profiles and interview them about their favorite player, healthy snack and how they are staying in shape.
- **Conduct Interviews:** Take a deep dive and ask questions that reveal the impact of the crisis, not just on day-to-day routines, but on how the COVID crisis has changed our way of living.

- **Distribute Surveys:** Short survey questions are a great way to gather interesting responses for feature layouts in your yearbook.
 - Top Ten lists (ten ways to survive spending 24/7 with your family)
 - By the Numbers (numbers of athletes affected by the shutdown)
 - Six Words or Less (feelings the pandemic brought out)
 - Quarantine Must-Haves (things you couldn't have lived without during quarantine)
 - Best/Worst (things about distance learning)
- **Teacher's Pet:** If you are learning from home, show off your pets in the yearbook. Showcase everyone's furry friends as more families have rescued and adopted pets
- **Uncover Lessons Learned:** Despite the challenges, many people have gained a bit of wisdom from the situation. Spotlight their revelations in a special section. Some examples may include:
 - "I learned I retain information so much better when I read at my own pace."
 - "I realize how much I like collaborating on problem-solving with my classmates."
 - "It's important to be flexible and optimistic when I experience changes."
- **Record the New Lexicon:** This year, student slang isn't the only thing to become part of your school's current lexicon. Along with the worldwide crisis has come a unique new list of related words and phrases. Record the terms that have become part of your school's everyday language. Some examples may include; social distancing, flatten the curve, pandemic, shelter in place, safer at home, etc.
- **How Students Are Adapting to Life During a Pandemic:** Netflix, yoga, family game night marathons, along with mindfulness meditations are the new normal. Ask your students to send in photos of the new ways their life has changed during a pandemic.
- **Pandemic Buying & the Price of Goods:** What is the cost of school supplies? What about gas prices and food? What items are now in demand? Create a list of the top items that are now hard to find.
- **Create a Chronological Yearbook:** Start at the beginning of the school year and document the first day of school. Record how your school opened? Did you have to move to virtually learning? Document each month on how the school year is progressing. How did you account for Fall Sports, Halloween, Veterans Day?