



I think the hardest thing about being a kid is being told what you can and cannot do. People underestimate kids. Once my sister was juicing lemons with an electric juicer at my grandma's house, and I asked if I could do some and my grandma said, 'No, no, that's too hard and dangerous for you, you need something easier to do.' I was ten years old with two older sisters who influenced me on how to work. She underestimated me. I think at about eleven or twelve years old (which is my age) you start to mature more and know when to stop at certain points, but I think I am kind of still a kid. At thirteen is when you fully 'grow' out of being a kid.

Marina Mefrige '20

The hardest thing about being a kid is growing up. Why? Because we want the easier way of life when we were babies. Everything was done for us and now as a 6th grader we want to be babies because we have so many responsibilities that we just want to stop and let others do. And maturing because we learn about things we don't want to hear because our elders think we are 'mature' enough to learn or hear these things. I still consider myself as a kid because of the way I act, childish. "Childishly" to me means to be mature enough to be called a teen. I feel like I am still not a teen. I am in the process of getting braces like many preteens and teens do, but I don't feel that maturity coming yet even though I read Manga, which is more focused on teens, but I still love it. If I have that maturity of an older me, I still think and feel like a kid. I also don't like my being a teen because I am going to be sad and my imagination won't sprout like a kid's mind and I want to have that imagination of a kid forever.

To me, I think the hardest thing about being a kid is you have to do a lot of homework, go to school, and help out with chores. No, I don't consider myself as a kid because I can't eat off the KIDS meal anymore. Also whenever I go bowling I can't have the bumpers. I do consider myself as a preteen.

In my freshman year I would love to go back and have the mindset to be more focused, and take my grades more seriously. I wish I would've known just study for the SAT, and really take school seriously. I could've made more/better friends, and made better decisions. Mostly I just wish I would've taken school more seriously, so I wouldn't have to worry so much about colleges.

Aliana Castillo '20

Looking back to the past four years, I am happy to say that I have no regrets on anything I have done. I do wish I had done more though. Now as a senior, I know who my classmates are but I wish I had gotten to know these lovely ladies before our high school careers were coming to an end. No matter where we go and where each of our paths take us, I am happy to see each of these girls as lifelong sisters with an unbreakable bond. #sisterhood

Abella Alvarado '20

I wish I had known how quickly high school flies by, how dating freshman and sophomore year can mess up everything you've worked for if you get distracted and how truly valuable good friends are. I wish I had known the classes would be easy and the social aspect would be hard, but losing or forgetting who you are could be the biggest mistake you can make and to trust teachers and other adults who are trying to help you; they've been through it all before, They can help.

Mikayla Avila '20

One thing I would like to go back and change from my freshman year would be my priorities. I was definitely more focused on things that don't matter to me today rather than my actual school life. If I could go back and change that I would've probably had better grades, different friends, and gotten scholarships to colleges I wanted to go to.

Dezirae Peña '20

*If I could change something from freshman year, it would be to talk to more people. I would only have a certain number of friends and wouldn't talk to anybody else. Now as a senior I have made many more friends just by opening up more to people. And by talking to more people I have met some of my best friends and I'm very grateful.*

Olivia Martinez '20

I wish I had all the knowledge I have now as a senior, and I could apply it to my studies and problems from freshman year. I realize though that that is not how life works so I don't have any regrets!

Alessandra Marotta '20



Haley Pedraza '22

**Pineapple, one of my favorite fruits. It's acidic, sweet, juicy, and yummy. Although pineapple is available year-round, it's at its prime during March-July. MY FAVORITE WAY TO EAT PINEAPPLES IS IN A FRUIT CUP WITH CHILE, CHAMOY, AND LIME. HOW DO YOU EAT YOUR PINEAPPLE?**

Gabrielle Valdez '21

My favorite part of the senior retreat was when we walked to that beautiful part of the river and some of us hiked tot he very top of the hill. The view was unbelievable! After we hiked back down to the river, we got to swim. I wanted to stay there all day.

Victoria Abascal '21

As a college student, I would hopefully be living in a dorm. Obviously, I would be going to every gig and concert I can find, enjoying the music, building my lifetime playlist while also doing my homework. I am a good student after all. Living my life as I please would be the greatest achievement.

Jenna Diaz '22

If my life were a TV show it would be *Friends*. I would be Rachel Green because I am a diva and very emotional and I can be clueless at times.

Emmanuelle Mefrige '23

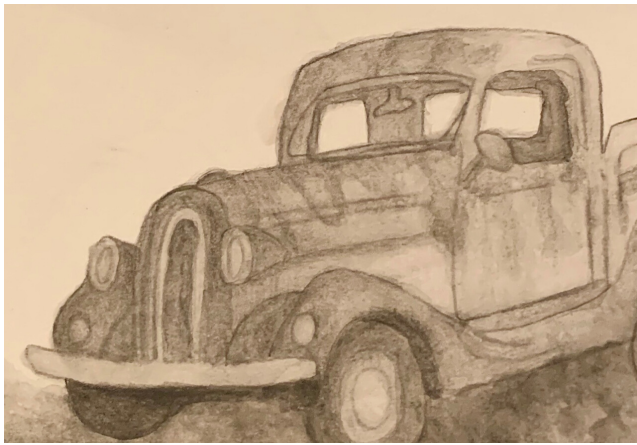
If I ever drive, and pass my test, my driving playlist will be a mix consisting of throwbacks, Dan + Shay, and sing-along songs. Of course, it would depend on how the drive is.

Racine Martinez '22



Ivanna Gutierrez  
Justice, Word Cloud  
Digital





Megan Rocha '21

## Truck

watercolor and graphite



Megan Rocha '21

## Wheelbarrow

watercolor and graphite

Juliana Almanza '21

## Seasons

digital

My favorite part of senior retreat was when I stargazed with my friends at night. We set out a blanket and talked about our future while watching for shooting stars. It was only about an hour and a half, but the experience brought us all a lot closer.

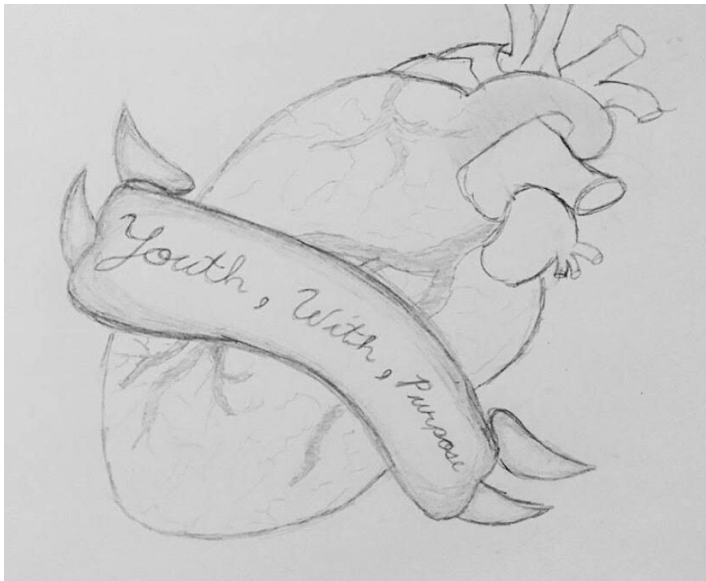
Bailey Aguilar '20

My favorite part of the senior retreat was definitely the part where I jumped off the cliff into the lake. Even though it took me like 30 minutes to convince myself I wasn't going to die I finally did it. I over thought it too long while I was up there. But seeing all the support from my classmates at the bottom and I knew I was going to be just fine. Seeing all my classmates at the bottom of the cliff along with teachers it just felt right it was a foreshadow how strong the providence sister hood is. I was emerging right into the love of god, bond or faith and friends.

Sherisa Orozco '20







Natalia Cardenas '21

### **Youth, With, Purpose**

graphite

### **Footsteps**

Clare Eastman '21

*Inspired by E. E. Cummings*

My footsteps moved in silence of love  
Softly padding up and down  
We pace together, you and I  
Taking turns  
Spinning lies  
The floor boards fade  
Green carpet worn to threads  
In webs through my mind  
Footsteps still tread  
Whole worlds inside my head  
There is no place I'd rather live  
In the dark  
Chasing light  
Before it fades away

# STRESS

Junior year is like the movie *Endgame*. Getting As in all your classes is like the Avengers trying to collect the Infinity Stones before Thanos gets to them. It is very challenging; sacrifices have to be made, but it is possible.

Andrea Alanis '21

I am least looking forward to this stress about school work projects and deadlines. I've already experienced some of this in some classes and I am not really looking forward to another three years of it. Of course I make do and get everything done but there's still always something. I am also not looking forward to the end of high school where I have to go to college and possibly not be friends with all the people I am friends with. I am also going to have to stress over college and acceptance/projections.

Sarah Franzoni '23

The most important thing I learned from high school was that knowledge could be gained from almost anything. As an avid reader, of course I gained plenty of knowledge from books, however I also gained knowledge from the teachers at school and obstacles I came across through my high school years. From my widespread knowledge, I've come to know what to keep and what to discard. High school has been the most informative period of my life so far.

Amanda Gutierrez '20

**Providence**, to me, was an acquired taste. I was a freshman and I had absolutely no desire to come here. Everyone from my middle school was going to a different high school with people they knew, yet I would be the only one without any idea who I would meet. But as I look back on my years at Providence, there is truly no place I'd rather be. There have been many lessons I've learned and people I admire, but the most important thing I'm taking with me is knowing the importance of being aware and spreading that awareness. Many people today are apathetic towards injustices throughout the world and I feel it's my purpose to fight indifference. Providence has taught me the most important thing in my life and because of that, I will be doing my part to make the world a better place.

Elizabeth Jimenez '20

If I went in time to change my freshman year it would be to choose my set of friends wisely. I love my friends to the moon and back. If only they would've seen everything differently. We have a lot of laughs. When we were at senior retreat, we were writing letters and I slipped on a rock and almost fell in the lake. Just letting y'all know, I CAN'T swim. My friends just laughed at me. We have a lot of good memories and I'll never forget them.

Diandra Soriano '20

Senior retreat was very meaningful and deep, more than I expected or was prepared for. As someone who isn't very religious, it was a good experience to see the love shared through God and one another. My favorite part was the night where I and several others brought blankets and snacks and laid under the stars. People who wouldn't normally talk to each other laughed as if we'd been best friends our entire high school careers. We made jokes and wished on shooting stars and I showed them as many constellations as I remembered. I loved the entire retreat. I loved exploring and connecting with them and disconnecting from the world. That moment felt like a real combination of all.

Gwen Kalinowski '20



Faith Hernandez '22  
Faith, word cloud  
digital

## Homecoming

Maria-Salomé Gonzales '22

John, Beck, and Aaron were deep in conversation after their soccer game last Friday. They discussed the epic goal that was made of an assist by Aaron. John said to Aaron, as Beck observed the conversation, "That goal was crazy! Thanks for that assist."

"No problem, but did you happen to look at who was up in the stands watching our game?"

"I didn't. Who was it?"

"Take a guess," said Aaron.

"Was it Emily? April?"

"No guess again."

"Come on, man, I have no idea! Who was it?"

"Your mom, John, turn around!"

John turned around and was elated to see his mom standing right in front of him. She had been stationed in Iraq and was not scheduled to make the trip home till a few weeks later. John immediately grabbed her and swung her around as if he a kid who just won the ultimate prize at the claw machine. John's mom spoke in a kind yet firm voice, reminding him, "I promised you I wouldn't miss your last game."

## Calm

Be still, breathe in, out  
Slower and slower and lull  
Wait, the storm will pass

Lily Fernandez '20

## Spaghetti Bridge

Thought so long and hard  
This won't do. Try again  
Fragile, hard to do,  
steady now don't get burned.  
Ow, ow! Let's try again

Vanessa Benavides '21

## My Too Large Shoe

Poof poof poof poof  
It's the little spew of air coming from my too large shoe  
You'll never guess where I bought my too large shoe  
"It's from the shoe store!" you presume  
Poof poof poof poof  
And you'd be right  
It's too bad they didn't have my perfect shoe size  
Poof poof poof poof  
I guess my too large shoe and I will just have to survive

Marissa Escamilla '22

