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This year's experience wasn't as big or grand as the last year but there were few experiences that stuck out. One big one was the many tech and engineering projects, like the egg drop. It gave me time to work with some of my friends and get to know them better. I also got to build a balsa wood tower, that one didn't work as well.

Being a sophomore means that English classes expect TOO much from you. That being said, English was a struggle for me, many times I had no idea what to do and getting it explained to me never clarified anything. There was also the fact that I don't know how to annotate articles properly leading to many struggles on that aspect of the work. But overall the work wasn't that bad to work on, it was just really difficult.

Math class wasn't a tough topic for me but it felt like the classes would never end when you wanted, then end as soon as you don't want it to. I could quickly finish the work and get it right consistently. Leading to the main cause of the class feeling too long because I was almost always done with the work ahead of everyone else.

History class was about as difficult as I thought it would be. It was mostly searching different articles for answers to questions then reviewing them with the class. Moving on to the last topic of the shop, It was as hard as it was last year just like history. But unlike history, shop was something that I thoroughly enjoyed and could constantly do without being bored.

Junior Year Reflection

Junior year was not much of a struggle for me. Starting with shop we learned a new coding language, Java, it was quite difficult. We also took up JavaFX for the Third term, which was more difficult than Java for me to learn. The last new thing we did in shop this year was Game design, we made three games total over the span of the whole year and helped me grow my preexisting knowledge of unity.

Academics were something that I either struggled or aced. Starting with math I had no problems learning the new material, I never had before. History was quite interesting to me as I got to learn more about present day topics than they used to teach about. Now for English we read 2 books and wrote a research paper over the span of term 2 into the middle of term 3. Those were much easier than I thought they would be. Lastly we have physics. The beginning of the year was quite simple with basic concepts that we already knew going into the year, however nearing the end of the second term into the third term we learned about quite difficult topics like nuclear science and static electricity, other than that however there were not many problems.

The one thing I did differently this year was take up E-Sports after school. We played smash bros with a new coach and previous graduate of the school. I got to meet new people as well as members of the shop that I would otherwise never get to see. We were taught how to play the game better and we competed against other schools to try and climb the ranks. Sadly neither of our teams placed high enough to qualify for finals but we tried our best to succeed and that's all that really matters.

Senior Year Reflection

This year was an interesting year for me to say the least. It was not as easy as last year but still did have some easier points for me. Starting out with my last year in the shop we had 2 major java projects which were a JavaFX Pharmacy Manager and a JavaFX Bank Account, we also had a few lesser projects later on. I had a big struggle remembering to fill out my daily logs when it came to shop but other than that It wasn't that bad this year.

Academics this year were, just like last year, super easy or really hard. Starting with my new math teacher I had little to no struggles thanks to her no homework policy allowing for more time to do other work. Next was History, this year we took up modern world history which wasn't the easiest but also wasn't too difficult to follow throughout the year. My second hardest academic this year was English. This year we studied a novel and have begun doing dystopian short stories. It's not very easy but it's also not the hardest academic I have done this year. The Hardest academic for me was Anatomy, I was great with getting my work turned in on time. However, when it came to the actual content of said work I struggled hard, I have made it through but with a lot of struggles.

This year I remained in ESports after school. Unlike last year we decided to change what game we would be playing to Mario Kart. This continued hobby lets me meet many of the new freshmen including some in computer science. We have yet to begin the ESports season at OC but I have high hopes for this year, if we try hard we may even make it to finals. Overall my years at Old Colony there were many ups and downs but I had a great time here and had lots of fun as well.