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My life has changed quite a bit since March when this Covid-19 had spread into Ontario. First, it didn’t change a lot, because I still had classes to go to other than school, and my mom had to drive me there. Then more cases were confirmed, and that’s when I (we) started staying home and having online classes like art and piano.

I tried to make it feel like it’s just a little break from school, but with homework to finish every day. Staying at home makes me homesick, especially for three months. That’s why I started jogging in the morning at six in the morning. It lets me have a breath of fresh air every single morning, and jogging can keep my body in good shape. I don’t really notice any changes in my community, but something keeps bothering me, my neighbours’ lawn mowing sounds. I don’t know how grass grows that fast, or how they can possibly be that tall but almost every day, there would be one person lawn mowing. (I can hear someone lawn mowing right now). What my family does instead of lawn mowing, is gardening and planting. We never knew that if you just take the stem or seed of a fresh fruit or vegetable, it can grow in to even more of its own kind! We grew cabbage, pepper, carrot, lettuce, strawberry, and tomatoes, and so far, they turned out awesome.

When life was still normal, and I was still at school, I was always surrounded by friends. It made me really happy to be with them because they keep me in company, and especially one of my friend who has a lot of humour, (but not many people know that because she doesn’t talk much),

and this is actually the first time I have ever wanted to go to school! Now that I'm home stuck in quarantine, there's literally nothing to do. This is how my routine goes every single day, wake up at 6 to go jogging, come home and finish all the homework that's due, read an ebook, lunch, watch T.V., play the piano for one hour, free time, dinner, and lastly, finish digital art from art class. It's really repetitive, but once I did try to change the schedule up a bit, but it didn't really work out because I guess I am used to the way it goes.

Some things that I may do when I go back to school would be to wash my hands and wipe my body with a tissue after gym class. The reason why I would wipe my body after gym class is because I believe that the gym has the most germs and bacteria due to everyone in the school using it. Everyone steps on the floor and sweat, so it's best for me to at least wash my hands after. I would also keep at least one hand sanitizer now in my backpack, lunch bag, or my locker, to sanitize my hand before eating, I've never really used hand sanitizer much, but in a situation like this, I would take one just in case.

Changing the way of my life is challenging, from staying at home, having online classes, and not able to go outside and play or hang out with friends, but when this crazy year turns back to normal, I'm sure our lives will too!