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Ben Fleishman

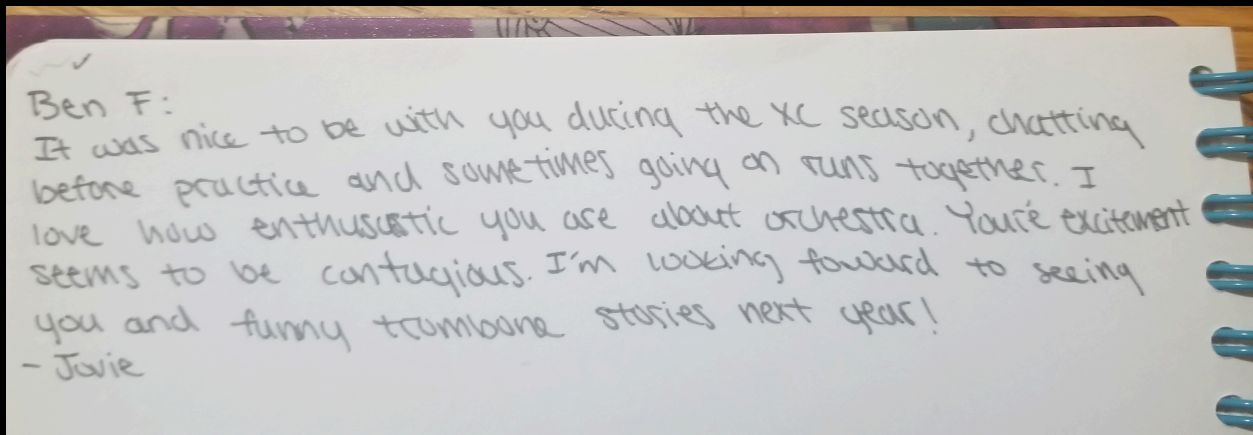
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Ben!! You are super smart and kind and I have really enjoyed getting to know you over the past couple of years! Hopefully when school starts existing again we will have classes together :)

-Ceci 😊

Ben! You are so kind and talented. I wish we had more classes together, but math has been fun. Keep it up with band, you're going places! --Teja



I love me some 12 point [Times New Roman font](#).

Anyway, hey, Ben! Ann here. This is gonna be a little long. :)

I first want to thank you for sticking with band while doing jazz *and* orchestra, like damn, the dedication! I also want to congratulate you on being placed in Symphonic Band as well as Jazz Band 1! That's great! *And* you won't have to deal with Watson lol.

Honestly, a lot of what I want to say was in the TBH way back then, but it doesn't hurt to repeat some of it. You're an amazing musician and you continue to work hard. You inspire me to practice (even though as of typing this, I haven't touched my instrument in a month, but we don't talk about that. It's the thought that counts lol jkjk).

I remember you said you want to become a band director, and I'm 100% sure you can make it! I remember your first time conducting the band through your original piece, and I know it's difficult. But I'll say this again: You did the best you could with the resources you had. My first time conducting the band was last year at an assembly. I barely practiced conducting the night

before, and on a whim, I decided to be visible to hundreds of students. To this day, I beat myself over my conducting technique (even though I had a depersonalization experience and the memory is blurry), but it was an experience that helped me decide that I want to become a band director.

On another topic, you initiate conversations with me during lunch and class, and I truly appreciate it. You helped make me feel included, and it's kind of you to do so. You're very knowledgeable and understanding.

I hope you have an amazing summer that's within social distancing guidelines, a bullet-free school year (and hopefully, school physically opens), and can attend the Basketball State Championships! I swear to you, they are fun if you like pep band even if it's a little bit. If not, you get to walk around, hang out with your friends, and buy overpriced Dippin' Dots. I will try to attend one concert, one football game, one basketball game, and State if possible (let's be honest, we're going to state).

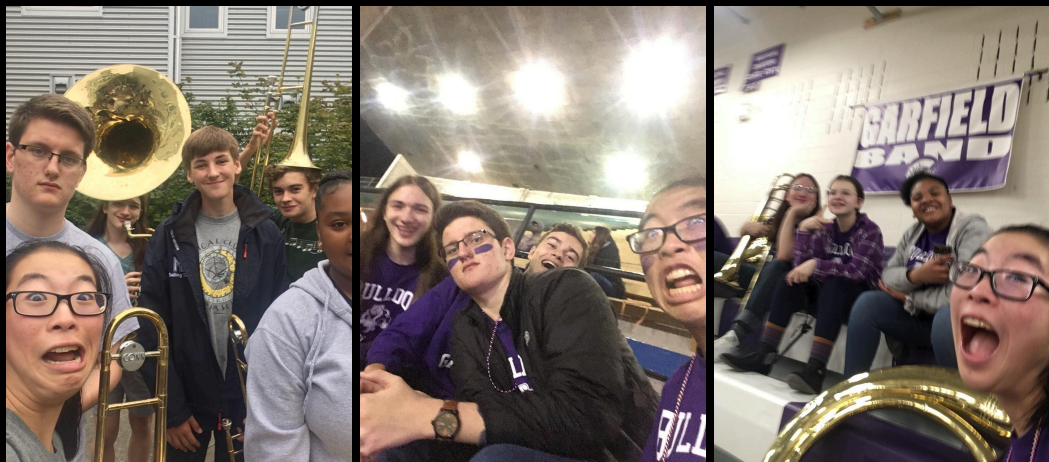
When you visit Ellensburg, I can give you a more in-depth, personalized tour of the campus (or of certain buildings) and the town, if you want. Hopefully, by then, I'd actually have been outside for more than going to class (I mean, it won't be hard bc it's not the size of Seattle lol). I'm gonna miss you a lot. I wish you the best of luck with everything! :)

— Ann

Ben! My favorite music man and runner! You always have a really cool music fact to share with me and I love hearing them from you. You always seem to be in a positive mood (even after doing the worst XC workouts) which always makes me feel better. I'm so glad we get to finish highschool together, and I hope you have an amazing summer filled with biking, running, trombone, piccolo, and all the other instruments you play but I can never remember.

-Cecilia

BEN!! What an absolute megablast it is to be around you! I must admit you intimidate me tho... not with your personality (could you get any nicer??) but with your raw musical skillz. You're gonna kill it in whichever combo of music classes you're in next year... honestly I can't keep track, but major congrats on Jazz 1 and I guess I'll be seeing you in *regular* band too! That'll be fun. Anyway. I really appreciate the encouragement always, it makes me feel like perhaps I know at least a sliver of what I'm doing! Right now I'm listening to Stardust with Johnny Hodges in it and there's a bass trombone playing which just reminds me how good you are! Welp... I'll see you next year so I'll save the goodbyes. Try to have a tolerable summer bro!! See ya -Amanda K.



Ben! I've practically known you my whole life but I feel like we got to know each other a lot better this year. It amazes me how committed you are to the things you do. Band, orchestra, and cross country is a handful! I'm so glad we can geek out about music on bus rides back from XC meets or on 6 am drives to XC meets (haha). Thanks for being such a kind friend over the past few years, I can't wait to go on more runs, bike rides and musical adventures with you this summer (hopefully).

Lydia :)

Hey Ben! Thanks for being an absolute memer all year long, and that's one of the highest compliments I can give. Your dedication to the music program is something I aspire to and admire greatly. Huge props on Jazz 1 BTW. I'm super excited to see you again next year and maybe this summer, if social distancing allows it. Thanks for being an incredibly kind and thoughtful person. -Imants

Hii Ben!

It was too bad that I didn't see you much this year, though I do remember seeing you at the occasional before-school band-room... hangout? jam session? (That could be a bit of a stretch.) You know what I'm talking about though, right? Anyway, I think you're a great person and a great musician, and I'm excited to see you in jazz next year!

-Clio

Ben! I loved meeting you online through the Band Lad chat this year :). Your contributions to the memes are powerful and hilarious! Also your musical knowledge is just *chef's kiss*. I wish I got to meet you in person this year, but maybe we will in the future on a Band Lads field trip or smth :D. See you soon!

- Sophia Hashbrown ;)

Hey Ben! Congrats on making it into Jazz I! You're an amazing trombonist, and Jazz I will be blessed to have your presence.. Thanks for keeping Jazz III sane (no one wants to wake up at 5 AM tbh) and fun. You're a very kind and positive person! I think it's great that you're always

able to have such a positive attitude towards things :D I'm really glad we got to get to know each other more through Sessinkolk memes and the AP Chem group chat as well. Have a fun (and safe) summer!

-Julien L.

Hi ben!!!

We've known each other so long I'm surprised we don't know each other better! You are very cool and funny and I'd love to get to know you better. Congrats on getting through AP Chem this year, and from what I hear you do the instrument. I know nothing of the instruments. But good job with those. I hope we have more classes with you next year!

Remember when everyone would write HAGS in people's yearbooks in middle school? I'm so glad we've progressed past that. But have a great summer!

-sidonie

Hi Ben!!

I truly wish I could be in band with you everyday, that would be awesome, alas we must deal. You're a brilliant musician and a great friend, and someday I hope to stand within five feet of each other. (I know, scandalous). The Band Lads are an important part of how I stay mentally stable, and of course you are an important part of that. Overall, you're just a wholesome presence and your meme game is on point. I hope we can play in the same vicinity someday soon, and go on one of the fifty million band lads field trips we've partially planned.

- carmen :))

Ben!

It was fun getting to know you a little and hanging out in chemistry! Sorry the in person RS class didn't work out, but I hope we see more of each other anyways - you seem pretty fun! Good luck next year and have a good summer!

-Isaac

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-mayaaa



Hiya Ben! It's really unfortunate that we didn't have any classes together this past year! This meant that I didn't get to see you as often as I would have liked... However, what I gather from seeing you in the band room nearly every time I go there and in the halls every so often, you are still very passionate about music, and that's awesome! Keep at it! I remember in middle school you talked about becoming a music teacher or perhaps opening a music store (or doing both!) in the future. Whatever it is you do, I am super excited for you because music is super cool and so are you! Also, the photo on the left was a failed attempt of me trying to take a photo of you and Ahana but then Ahana left and Tenu barged in and dabbed XD I hope to see you next year!

-Kai ^ _ ^

P.S.: I love your email address! :-)

Ben- You mean the world to me. I love your personality, your grit, and your determination to succeed. You drive to move forwards reminds me of Genghis Khan, and your charisma is on par with Leopold the 2nd of Belgium. Your passion reminds me of Albert Lemaitre, your easy smile reminiscent of Ted Bundy. In my mind, you are someone who is helpful, kind, and responsible. You are a legend and a man to be reckoned with. Your kindness, like that of the kindness between Jeffery Dahmer and Tracy Edwards. Your love towards your dog, like that of Dennis Nilsen is so profound it puts other pet owners to shame. I leave you with a quote from my personal idol Ian McKellen. "Try and understand what part you have to play in the world in which you live. There's more to life than you know and it's all happening out there. Discover what part you can play and then go for it." When you're unsure about something, always remember that Ian McKellen wants you to go for it.

-Nathan

First time typing with white font. It sure switches some things up. It most certainly changes what I was going to say (I was planning on writing something, and now I plan on writing something else. I have no idea what the something and the something else is though. I'll figure out what to say as I write. If not, then I guess this is the end :P). It's a real good thing you exist. Without you, the whole universe would be thrown out of balance and would just go up in flames (space burning, that sounds cool. You know, if it was possible :D). But who cares about the universe. Anyway, it's been something real (cause god forbid if it was something fake). It was so fulfilling to determine the nonsense that makes up the world while running to the ends of the world (of course that means Madison and Trader Joes). Now I feel all wisdomy (totally a word). It's a real sadness that ACB didn't happen this summer (I wonder what fake sadness feels like), but I'm sure I will be able to make up the time next summer. I wouldn't miss harassing you in ACB for the world :D (I might miss it for the galaxy though). See you at some point in our lives (seeing you outside of my life also works for me. I don't have any plans during that time). If you were expecting a picture, you might get one. I just have to go digging around my computer for a while (If you look at all the other yearbooks I signed, I got real creative with my picture :P).



This is the closest thing to what you might remember, you know, if you were there. Plus considering this is a yearbook signing for junior year, this is probably not what you should expect. If you can remember, I say good job to me. Otherwise, I guess I'll just have to joke about it next time around (or simply hope you never ever read this since I'm writing this in the beginning of July).

-**Colby** (Saying my name with a yoshi voice sounds cool. Assuming I'm doing it right in my head of course)

Hey Ben! I really enjoyed getting to talk to you a bit this year in band, and play with you at the games. Congrats on making it into Jazz 1! I hope you keep doing band, and keep having fun with it.

Have a great summer! -Ainsley

Ben!!! I missed having classes with you this year, and I'm so excited to get to do music with you again next year. Fingers crossed that we actually get to do anything, though. :| Our high school music careers are so screwed up from lack of teachers and viruses lmao. What can you do.

Anyway, you're a really great friend and a super inspiring musician, and I can't wait to get to see you again in person! -Ember