

Accompanied by her parents, senior Emily Turner walked down the field to meet up with the rest of the nominees. While the Homecoming ceremony looked a little different than most years, with limited game attendance and multiple health regulations, much of it could be considered normal according to Student Council sponsor Kayte Cormack.

“Queen nominations, voting and coronation all took place typically—just online nominations and voting,” Cormack said. “We had an incredibly high voter turnout this year, and we believe it’s because Canvas has the ability to post announcements that students see more than their Skyward emails.”

Despite this sense of normalcy, other traditional aspects tied to Homecoming nominations were cancelled— including the parade and assembly. In hopes of recreating a safer version of the infamous week, student body president Miles Cole led the setup.

“The students that put together Homecoming had to think of ways to try and allow as much involvement as possible while following safety guidelines our school has put in place,” Cole said. “We did so by recreating our Homecoming parade, where we usually have different clubs make floats to go on our parade route. We wanted to keep this tradition the best we could and did so by making miniature decorative posters. We hung them on our tennis court so that students could come and take pictures while following safety guidelines.”

Even though there was a short planning period, the overall reaction was well received with several students taking pictures and posting them on social media.

“Though there were some things that could have gone better for our homecoming,” Cole said. “I believe that with the current situations that our group of students did a good job with what they were presented with.

Even though circumstances changed what Homecoming normally looks like, Turner said she remembers the small moments that made it special in the first place.

“My main memory of the ceremony was how cold I was,” she said. “I remember huddling up with my parents and trying to get warm before we walked across the field. Once we were all standing up there, I knew that the outcome didn't really matter to me, I was just very happy to be a part of such an amazing group of girls.” story by matthew cunningham and madison elmer.