



## **Tigard High School – Metro West**

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#### **How Are You Focusing on Fun in 2023?**

How will I focus on fun in the year of 2023? Well, one thing is for sure when I say that my life is so much different than any other years. Suddenly I am able to vote, I am my own legal guardian, I'm a senior in high school and everyone is looking up to me. I'm suddenly expected to be responsible, a role model, and a person of significance in all of my extracurricular activities. I will have a year full of firsts and lasts and I plan to live up to those expectations of leadership, with the expectation of fun always on the front burner for every first and every last.

In 2022, I had my last first day of high school, and I remember thinking that I had so much time left. I feel like it is almost bittersweet to think that now there are mere weeks left in my high school experience, with so much of it taken away by COVID-19 my freshman and sophomore years. Although I am looking forward to my graduation and the 'lasts' of my school activities, the summertime is where I thrive.

As an avid 4-Her, the county fairs, summer camps, and state fair are all things that I look forward to every year. In years past I have worked hard to win top awards, only to try even harder to better myself the next year. In 4-H we make the best better, and I took that to heart as I grew and learned. But now this year, I don't have a next year to strive towards. This will be my last year of showing off animals I have spent years learning about and how to handle. My sewing, cooking, photography, and other home economics projects will be all but forgotten by next year as I get my final blue and hopefully, champion ribbons; but I can tell you all one thing: it will be fun!

I will have my first tears of leaving my 4-H family and my regular family, when I move thousands of miles away to Alabama to go to college. I will meet new people, and go through the ups and downs of being so far away from home but I will have fun. Instead of this being an end to everything, this year is partially an end to an era and the beginning of another. I cannot wait to laugh until my abs hurt, and smile until my cheeks get that little twitch of 'nope, we got to stop, this is too much!' Fun for me in 2023 will be everywhere, when every day, I will take on a new adventure.