

D211 POST: COUGAR PERK RETURNS IN A MODIFIED WAY



For more than a decade, one thing staff at James B. Conant High School could count on was the presence of the student run bakery Cougar Perk during the spring semester. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 season of the café was cut short.

In early February, instructors of Conant's Practices in Entrepreneurship announced that Cougar Perk would be returning in a modified capacity.

"We are pick-up only," said Conant High School Family and Consumer Science teacher Jackie Brown. "We don't have our normal cafeteria set-up."



Brown added that due to reduced class sizes to accommodate hybrid learning, Cougar Perk is currently offering a smaller selection.

Senior Elizabeth Gonzalez, who has been a part of Cougar Perk for the past three years said the different set-up has had an impact, but she still enjoys it.

“It’s been a little bit slower for our business,” she said. “We usually have people lined up out the door. It may be slower now, but I still really enjoy it.”



Brown said that one aspect of the new set-up did not require any adjustments.

“We typically follow very strict sanitation guidelines regularly,” she said. “Because we have always done that, we were already used to the new rules.”

The response to Cougar Perk’s return in the halls of CHS has been overwhelmingly positive.

“People are so happy to have us back,” Brown said. “While we may not be completely back to normal, everyone has been glad to have something from a normal school year back.”