



Summer at the Lake



Happiest of Holidays from the Forests - Christmas 2021

We hope this finds you and yours happy and well and looking forward to a much brighter 2022.

We know it's been a tumultuous couple of years for so many - and we continue to look for any silver linings we can.

Luckily, Chloe Lynn and Jack's school continues to handle the pandemic well. They were able to be on campus almost all of last year, with the exception of a few weeks. And we're grateful that, although some precautions are still in place, they continue to be on campus this year. They're tested once a week and no longer need to quarantine if they've been identified as a close contact, and that one shift alone has made a huge difference for them in their mindset about the pandemic. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the school will be able to maintain this same protocol going forward.

As Chloe Lynn entered her junior year, she's continued with her Performing Arts Pathways program, including her Innovation Pursuit independent project, where she produced, sang and recorded an album of cover songs from various Broadway musicals. She's also continued with Chamber Chorus and acting in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* this fall, where she deftly handled multiple parts. It was amazing to see her and her castmates live and in-person again.



Innovation Pursuit Presentation ~ Arias, Artists and Albums of Musical Theater



18th Anniversary



Last Day of 10th and 7th Grade





Frozen Jr.



She was also able to participate in a summer theater program for their performance of *Frozen Jr.* It meant a 90-minute round trip drive for a few weeks, but it was worth it for her to be a part of a live performance again.

She's in the final trimester of training in an online performing arts program, *Hello Broadway*. She's had weekly lessons in dance, acting and voice, as well as mentoring and coaching from current Broadway performers, for the last three years in this amazing program, and it has given her so much more than just outstanding performance skills.

She still plays the piano, the ukulele and she's teaching herself the guitar, and apparently harmonica is up next. She's in her third year of private voice lessons too, and she was recently selected to receive a grant for them. She also auditioned for and was selected to perform in the Division 1 Honors Chorus.

We've started the college process with her this fall, with four campus visits so far and more to come in the spring. It's an exciting and busy time for her!

Jack's 7th grade year ended on a high note, with being elected as one of the 8th Grade Student Leaders, where he helps to organize and run a variety of activities and events for the Middle School. He's also been awarded two Heart of a Bulldog Awards in recognition of his good deeds at school. We couldn't be more proud of him!

He's still taking private cello lessons and plays in the orchestra at school, both of which he enjoys very much. He's doing an Innovation Pursuit this year on boat-building, and he's two belts away from testing for his Black Belt in karate. His YouTube and Twitch channels continue to grow, and he also does all the video editing for his school activities. And he's my video editor for the filming I do for my business too!

Academically, both kids are doing very well this year, with A averages. Chloe is taking honors and Pinnacle (AP) classes as well as working towards being inducted into the National Latin Honor Society.

Turning 14



Turning 16



First Day of 11th & 8th Grade



Grateful for friend dates again!



Day Trips



For the first half of the year, universities all around were closed due to the COVID pandemic, so James worked entirely from home, teaching courses via Zoom and Blackboard. The fall semester returned to some sense of normalcy, with on-campus classes and meetings, though masks are still required in all indoor spaces. At the moment, the plan is to be teaching on campus in the Spring at both the Fletcher School (Tufts University) and at UMass Lowell.

James' new book *Digital Influence Warfare in the Age of Social Media* was released in September, and another book - *Digital Influence Mercenaries: Power and Profit through Information Warfare* - will be released by the Naval Institute Press in Spring 2022.

He also published a few book chapters and a peer-reviewed article in the *Journal of Advanced Military Studies*, which can be found online at: <https://www.usmdu.edu/Outreach/Marine-Corps-University-Press/MCU-Journal/JAMS-Vol-12-No1/>.

And the journal *Perspectives on Terrorism* (<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/perspectives-on-terrorism>), which James co-edits along with Alex Schmid, just completed its 15th year in publication, and is ranked 3rd among the top international journals in this field.

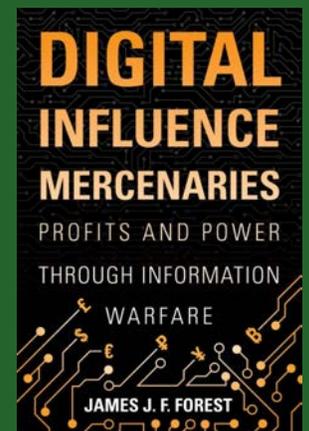
Beyond work, James is in his second year playing drums and keyboards in a local "dad's jam band" with a bassist and two guitarists/singers. They've been gathering a couple times a month to play outdoors in a driveway while observing all the usual COVID social distancing protocols.

And he has been teaching Chloe Lynn how to drive - she's very competent and comfortable now behind the wheel of his big Ram truck, so we're confident she'll be able to drive most anything in the future.

College Visits Begin...



James' latest books



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time



Thanksgiving



Our YouTuber/Gamer



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Despite the pandemic, my business has maintained pace this year while it's also given me time to re-evaluate where it's been and where I want it to go moving forward.

I started my coaching business over 20 years ago mostly so I could keep my family first - and I've done that. Now that Jack is almost in high school and Chloe Lynn will be heading off to college soon, it feels like it's time for a shift. In a way, I'm returning to the roots of what I taught when I first started my business, which is teaching new entrepreneurs how to get started online, and I'm excited about getting back to that piece. At the moment, I'm leading a membership as well as working with a group for 31 entrepreneurs in a long-term coaching and training program that's going very well.

We're starting to plan for Jack's 15th birthday trip next September to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, with a side trip to Star Wars at Disney so he can make his own light saber, for which he's been earning the money working in my business.

My mom is heading back to Arizona for the winter just after Christmas. She's looking forward to the warm weather and sunshine and to returning to some of her activities that were on pause last year.

As always, we're gratefully still spending summers at Lake Winnepesaukee and are looking forward to returning for our 17th summer this year. Summer of 2021 was more normal for us with guests visiting again, Chloe Lynn being able to be on stage for theater, and enjoying some of our day trips we did pre-pandemic - like take the Cog Railway to the top of Mount Washington, ziplining, and visiting our favorite restaurants. And of course we still enjoyed swimming, boating, kayaking, paddleboarding and lots of visits from my mom.

Cheers to a very happy and healthy 2022!!

love,
Alicia, James, Chloe Lynn & Jack

Mount Washington



Winter Concert



Halloween - Cornwallis the Lobster won best costume for her grade

