

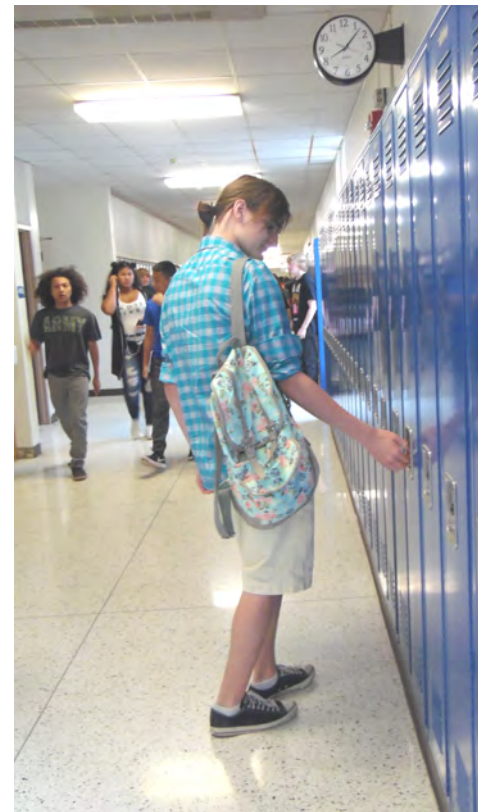


Early into morning, seniors decorate the west Wildcat sidewalks to claim their territory on August 24th, the first day of school. Photo by Danni Krum

Ready to learn, senior Brett Schneckloth heads across the main hallway for his first class with his schedule for the new school year. "Being a senior on the first day back to the school year I experienced a special feeling of pride and excitement as I realized senior year was finally a reality," said Schneckloth. Photo by Danni Krum



Three minutes before first block class time, junior Chase Creviston unloads his backpack to his locker in compliance with the backpack rule. "Despite my reservations about returning to the daily grind of classes, I was excited to see my friends from sophomore year again," said Creviston. Photos by Emily Jones



Back to books, bells

Bell tones puzzle students' ears



In a college

credit science class, junior Karlenia Hildebrant double teams research between textbook and Chromebook during a lab testing porosity of different types of soils. "Compared to the freedom I had in the summer, the school year is much more stressful and work-centered," said Hildebrant.

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"What's THAT sound?" inquired hundreds of students as the new bell signals rang in the school year

"It sounds like the beeping of a truck backing up," said several others in the main hall way.

Then another tone hit the air waves that reminded one of a doorbell ring.

"I wish it were the regular bell sound," said freshman Jenna Dau who expressed the opinion of 87 percent of students surveyed the first week of school.

On the flipside, xxxxxx Latisha Luafalemana said, "I like the new bell

sounds because they are really quite peaceful."

Other students did not agree about their sound being peaceful.

In partial agreement, junior Thomas Garcia said, "I hated the bell change sounds, but they are more calm at the same time."

Besides the new bell tones there was the new classroom phone sound that students experienced.

"It sounded like God was coming to rise you up," said Garcia.

Overall, responses to new sounds ranged from weird to annoying to peaceful as students adjusted to them.

~ Jaye Katz

Hugs, rides, buddies team it up on first day



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Before the bell rings, family and friends gather in front of school on the first day. 1) #15 freshman football player, Henry Rush says goodbye to his family and offers his brother a hug before going to school for the first day. Photo by Phyllis Debates

2) Ready to park his ride, junior Tylor Hughes arrives. Photo by Danni Krum 3) Walking toward the main entrance, sophomores Ciarra Hasdindra and Lauren Hamma walk towards the school building ready to rock the school year as they say goodbye to summer. Photo by Danni Krum