



WELCOME BACK ISSUE!

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Oh No!!! School...

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It's fall now and that means a new school year has crept up on us all. This new school year means new teachers, classes, and lockers. What else has changed from last year? New 6th graders have arrived. The 6th graders from last year have become the new 7th graders and, of course, we have a new group of 8th graders who are looking forward to high school!

Now it's time to meet new people, join clubs, and experience the new adventures that middle school will bring. Not everyone is

happy, though. After all, summer's over! No more sleeping in until 10 a.m. or later. No more "summer vibes" and being able to relax with nothing important to do for two-three months.

But the end of summer is the start of something new. Shout out to Mrs. Barry, my Language and Literature teacher this year. She quoted this on the first day of school: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Don't feel down. In the end, you have those summer 2016 memories. And remember one thing: things will be awesome this year as long as you stay optimistic.

Returning to Rosa For The Last Time

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Coming back to school after a long summer can be very tiring. With the never-ending assignments, the terrible schedule change and just focusing in general, going back to school can be pretty tough. But there are all the little things that make Rosa exciting no matter your grade level.

Let's start with walking into Rosa first thing in the morning. You may be groggy and irritated from being shaken from your slumber so early, but the smiling

faces of teachers and peers will change your mood in a second. With so many dances, spirit days, and instrumental/vocal concerts to look forward to, the atmosphere at Rosa is always positive.

I, as an 8th grader, have to savor my last year at Rosa as much as possible. I want to leave behind a positive legacy; I want to be remembered as a leader in the school.

My advice to a sixth grader would be to join lots of clubs until you find something that sticks. There is also no harm in having more than one friend group - never limit that.

My advice to a seventh grader is to just go with the flow this year. You will really find out who you are and who you want to be, at least, that's what happened to me.

And my advice to an 8th grader is to worry about your grades and nothing else. Some colleges may look back to eighth grade, how unlikely it may seem. You might want to consider letting some clubs go this year because you will have a lot on your plate. Keep your friends close because this might be the last year you have with them. And that is all. As for me, I am working on being remembered and keeping my head up even when it seems easier to just swim down. I believe everyone has the ability to change the world. Some just have more dedication than others. In the words of Lin Manuel-Miranda, creator of the musical, *Hamilton*: "I am not throwin' away my shot."

