



### BACK-TO-SCHOOL ISSUE!

**Welcome Back!** So many feelings, questions, exciting things about coming back to school. Check out this Back-To-School issue for all the details.

**Drama Club Presents Annie!**  
Go to page 4 for information.

**Puzzles, Games, Brain Teasers, Cartoons** Look inside the pages of every issue for fun activities

**Rosa Activities and Clubs,** On page 6 you can explore all that Rosa has to offer outside the classroom

**Dear Rosie** is back to answer all your questions. Page 4 will reveal the first dilemma of the year.

# Getting Through The First Day

Abigail Durbin  
Grade 6

Going to Rosa...being a new Raptor...In the beginning, going to Rosa as a new sixth grader sounded like the newest synonym for the word – petrifying. After hearing tons of horror stories about starting middle school, I was left with multiple questions and big knot in my stomach. At my old elementary school, I stayed in the same class all day except for gym, lunch and other specials. And, of course, we were escorted to every destination instead of just being thrown into the water and told, “Go find your classes.”

And it didn't help that my sister, a high school junior, didn't remember a single thing that would be helpful to a new middle schooler. When it came to back-to-school shopping, my sister was no help in terms of advising me about what was absolutely necessary and what was optional for the first day.

For elementary school, I woke up at 7 a.m. and left for school at 8:30. During the summer, I was able to sleep in. Now I would have to wake up at 6:30, which I did. Unfortunately, the only bathroom in the house that I could use on the first day of school was occupied by my sister, whose morning shower

left me with about 90 seconds to fully get ready.

I also was worried about getting lost at Rosa, which is a two-story building unlike my one-level elementary school. Apparently, I must have tuned out during the Rosa 6th Grade Orientation because I couldn't even remember the location of the main office. The lockers also concerned me, especially the locks. My older sister tried to explain how to unlock the kind of locks they had at Rosa, but she gave up when I kept asking questions about which way to twist it and how the lock knows which number it needs.

When the time came to get on the bus, I had *see p. 2*

# Tips For Surviving Middle School

By Kyleigh Rutecki  
Grade 6

When you start middle school, one of the many difficulties is lockers. They get jammed and broken, and students forget their combinations and all sorts of things. When I first tried my combo for my locker, I got really frustrated. I didn't know

what I was doing wrong. Finally, after the first two days of school I got used to it.

However, I still got frustrated because I couldn't find anything or had nowhere to put anything. I have a solution for all of these problems. **KEEP READING TO FIND OUT!**

1. For each class, keep your binders/ folders in order for that day, so you don't get

confused and have to keep looking at you schedule every day.

2. Keep a to-do list or homework list on a note pad as well as a record of things to do after school, such as an extracurricular activity.

Ex: Sport, Newspaper, Clubs...

3. Decorate the inside of your locker with some sort of motivational *see p. 2*



### INDEX

Cartoons . . . . . 7  
Dear Rosie . . . . . 4  
Puzzles and Games . . . . . 5  
Raptor's Roar Staff . . . . . 8  
Upcoming Events . . . . . 8