

Helpful Hints

from Surviving, cover quote/picture to cheer you up or to pump you up every day before the school day starts.

4. Consider getting a magnetic storage cup for your locker for spare pencils, pens, paper clips, if you have some sort of storage bin of magnetic cup I recommend to keep any spare pencils, pens, paper clips etc.

5. Last but not least, find spare time before or after school to clean/tidy up your locker. Throw unnecessary papers away into recycling, if possible, and put your binders and folders away in the place you have set aside for them.

I've tried these tips in my own locker and they have really helped me stay organized. When you have an organized space of your own and are able to find things, you feel confident. You don't have to worry about being late to class because you know where things are and can grab them. That really helps you during the day because you feel like you are on top of things.

First Day Blues?

from Getting Through, cover people with whom to sit and talk. And, while finding my advisor in the cafeteria was a little bit confusing, I soon located her and successfully made my way to all my classes. Overall, while my first experience at Rosa did seem terrifying, I mostly was just overthinking everything and the day turned out to be easier than I thought. While the academics are a bit harder than elementary school, I shockingly did end up having some fun on my first day.

Goodbye Elementary, Hello Middle School!

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Wow, can you believe it? We have already started the school year. The summer ended and the responsibility started again. This year, for many of my peers and me, is a new beginning. We are the 6th graders at Rosa International Middle School. HOORAY!!!

As with any new beginning, it is scary at first, with so many new and exciting things. Remember, it will be ok. Some of the new things you will encounter at Rosa are lockers, clubs, new teachers and new friends. There are so many opportunities at Rosa, so many different activities and clubs in which to take part. There is a club, it seems, for every interest. For example, if you like to build, there is the Lego Club, if you like to act, there is the Drama Club and, if you like to sing, there is Chorus. I know I can't wait to be part of this school year!

Stepping Up To A New Journey

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Click! The locker had finally found a new owner in the 6th grade hallway of Rosa International Middle School. I, as a 6th grader, had trouble opening my locker but, after the first two weeks, I was starting to get the hang of it. So far, everything is falling into place. Many 6th grade students are ready to challenge themselves by attending clubs, sports, and more. The best part of the first days was to meet new faces and to see the familiar ones from before. There has been so much information lately that requires more management. Even though these big new changes are a little hard to get used to, I know that Rosa is an optimistic place in which to learn. As my sister (who graduated from Rosa) noted, "You'll have great memories that will last forever."

The 5 to 6 Transition

By Nysa Chawla
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Right before school starts, everyone is nervous and worried about everything. "What if I forgot a school supply? What if my teacher doesn't like me? What if I can't open my locker? What if I don't make any new friends? What if I don't make the club/team?"

On my first day of middle school, I was asking these same questions. Luckily, as far as I can tell, everyone on my LC was able to open his/her locker, make some new friends and get used to a new schedule.

At Rosa, everyone is openly welcoming

and super nice, which lets everyone have an easy transition from all 12+ elementary schools to one middle school. There are tons of clubs from which to choose. There really is a sport or a club for everyone.

On the first couple days of school, we went over the basic schedule, found our classes, made new friends and memorized our locker combinations. Around the third/fourth day, we all were buzzing through the halls just as we had through elementary school.

The students and staff at Rosa really helped all the sixth graders transition to this daily routine, and now we are all joining clubs, playing sports, getting educated and having FUN!