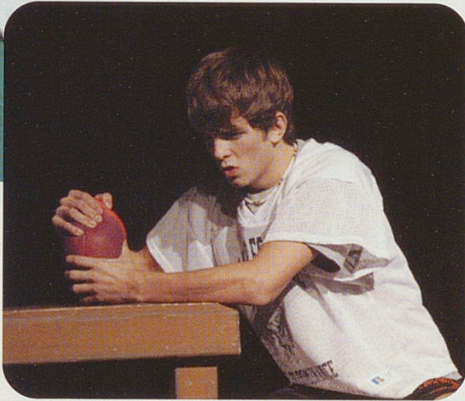




Starting fresh? **Katie Van Heidrich, 9**, moved to Cincinnati from Atlanta, Georgia. "I was in a new city, with new people, and I didn't want to get used to it. I hated the cold weather, and I thought places like LaRosa's and Skyline just tasted weird. But I got over that," said **Van Heidrich**. She got involved with Black Student Union and cheerleading to help her get used to her new school. Katie easily made new friends and by the end of the year, she chalked it up as a "great one."



Gettin' in on the drama. **David Morton, 12**, transferred from Ryle High School in Kentucky. He immediately became involved in drama, singing and acting in many plays, and also joined the track team in the spring.

☺ Sycamore receives about 110-130 new students every year!
☺ About the same number move away each year, which allows for an equal ratio.

[people we love] new students

By: Kelli Rogers

A long way from home. **Peter Lukasek, 12**, transferred to Cincinnati with a foreign exchange student program to stay with the Luken family. **Lukasek** grew up in Slovakia, and he found many differences when he got here. "The number of students is much higher here than it was back home, but the biggest difference is that there are no high school sports in Slovakia," said **Lukasek**. He had a successful year playing hockey for the school. "I would just like to say that this year was a fun experience and I met a lot of great people."



New place, new school, new people. Everything was new for new students. Kids of all ages came from all over the world to join the high school. Transitions were always hard, but the newcomers threw themselves into sports and clubs to make the change easier.

"The staff was really friendly and were ready to help. The new student picnic helped me to get an idea of how school would be," said **Feana Krimerman, 11**.

"I love meeting new people, so whenever a new student comes, I make sure to make them feel welcome," said **Sarah Ash, 12**.

"It's fun to get to know someone who comes from a completely different place," said **Joe O'Toole, 11**.

Although it may have taken a while to adapt to new surroundings, everyone found their place and group. With transfers from Slovakia to Georgia, the end-of-the-year feeling was the same: it was a good one.

Getting involved. **Katherine Wolfe, 10**, (far right) joined the tennis team her first year at the school after transferring from Mount Notre Dame. She quickly bonded with her Varsity Gold teammates, **Jenny Belsky, 12**, **Caitlyn Bokulic, 12**, **Kritikka Barvar, 12**, **Maggie Brown, 11**, **Laura Ebetino, 12**, and **Janice Ahn, 12**. The team made her feel welcome and helped her meet new people.

