

# Learning from the new, cherishing the old

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Thinking of teachers actually learning from you does not enter your mind much, right? The truth is, teachers did homework just along with you and went through the same experiences as you in the classroom, even if not to the same extent.

Learning in a comfortable environment is less intimidating than one that has never been seen before. So for the new teachers, their job in the classroom was similar, but their environment changed when they came here.

"The first year is definitely about learning how things work, what's expected, and what the atmosphere is like. It's a chance to really understand how I fit in, which is good for everyone to go through at some point," said **Mrs. Emily Sweeney**.

**Mrs. Sweeney** used to teach seventh grade English and a computer class. She transitioned into teaching English 10.

As much as the change was significant from teaching junior high to teaching high school students, **Mrs. Sweeney** was not exactly a newcomer. She coached here, and had acquaintances to help her feel more comfortable. She is a Sycamore grad.

In terms of the impression that the high school had on the teachers, it was certainly a larger school than they were used to, but that did not take away its individual qualities.

"This is an outstanding school. I am continually impressed with the level of talent in every area," said **Patcine Carlisle**, a vocal

music teacher.

**Mrs. Carlisle** felt that she has grown not only as a teacher, but also as a musician from her experience here. Even if change can be good, it was fairly drastic for many of the new teachers.

"I taught at the E.H. Greene School for seven years before I came here, so it was a big change! High school kids are lots of fun and so independent! It's been interesting to see how kids that I knew from E.H. Greene have grown and changed over the years!" said **AnnMarie Brubaker**, a special education teacher.

**Mrs. Brubaker** was one of those new teachers who learned change could be beneficial.

"It's given me a chance to see how the kids change and progress over the years after they leave the elementaries! It's also helped me remember a lot of things that I haven't thought about since I was in high school! I've made many new friends as well!" said **Mrs. Brubaker**.

Whether the teachers welcomed changing to a new school or not, it seemed the change did more good than harm.

Meeting new people and finding new places may have been a frightful experience at first, but it is part of life. Luckily, the journey continued well for this group of teachers.



**Mr. Joe Villari taught World History in style**. He stood up at his lectern, and when he spoke he had the class's full attention. No wonder such a skilled teacher was so successful in teaching his students. **Mr. Villari** has been at the school for quite some time and has been looked upon as a role model to new teachers.

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