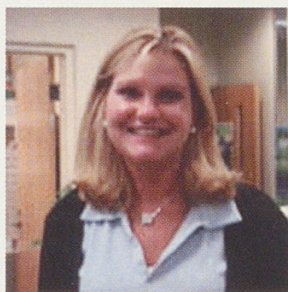


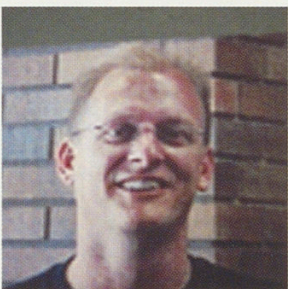
"Sycamore is wonderful! But if there were a couple things I would change it would have to be all the paper work and the traffic. I hate it!"

> **Mrs. Michelle Wheeler,**
Guidance Counselor



"The Phys. Ed department here has so many different classes you can take. There is one perfect for every student."

> **Dr. Dan Carl,**
Gym Teacher



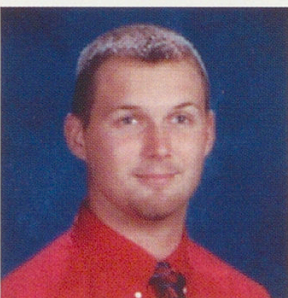
"This is my 24th year teaching and I have taught all levels from seventh to twelfth grade. The experience so far has been excellent and my department is amazing. They would drop anything to help me out."

> **Mrs. Jacqueline Wyatt,**
French Teacher



"Compared to the school I student taught at, Sycamore seems much more organized and the other staff members are more friendly."

> **Mr. Chuck Ogden,**
Social Studies Teacher



"One hard thing has got to be the traveling between each bell to different rooms. It can be tiresome at times but I have fantastic kids so they make it easier."

> **Ms. Katrina Cordova,**
Math Teacher



"So far my experience at Sycamore has been very positive. I have enjoyed the teaching and the staff has been most welcoming."

> **Mr. Ciaran Prendergast,**
History Teacher



A WELCOMING CAKE FOR THE NEW STUDENTS.

Breakfast was more than cake. Other food was provided for the students like bagels and orange juice. The new students socialized amongst themselves as well as with student mentors, teachers, principals, and counselors.

"Overall the breakfast turned out very successful. We had the most people attend by far this year," said **Mrs. Sue Koehler,** guidance counselor.

Insight from fresh faces.

New

By: **Lindsay Crum & Ashley Austin**

WE ALL KNOW HOW FRUSTRATING IT CAN BE WALKING THROUGH THE CLUTTERED HALLS. But imagine if you did not have a single clue who anybody was! To

help the new students adjust, the annual "new student breakfast" was held during first bell on September 4 in the IMC. This was a way for them to meet people and feel more comfortable about their new school environment. It was sponsored by the parent group S.H.A.P.E who invited the parents of the new students to attend as well.

During the breakfast students engaged in games and were introduced to many opportunities. They learned about the various courses, clubs, sports, and organizations that they can partake in and it really seemed to help the students get an idea just how much more there is to Sycamore. One of the most difficult aspects of being the "new kid" is probably trying to find your way around without getting lost. The packed hallways do not help much either when late and rushing to a class.

"Make sure if you ask for directions somewhere, that you ask a teacher or an administrator. Sometimes upperclassmen find it amusing to send you the totally opposite way of where you want to go," said **Anthony Huron, 9.**

Once they found their way around the building, the new bodies noted the differences from their previous, school, city, or even country. **Mr. Ciaran Prendergast** came from Espom, England. He exchanged History class teaching positions with **Mrs. Marilyn Ray** as a part of the Fulbright Exchange. This fifty-seven year old program trades American administrators and teachers with others around the world. There are about 200 participants annually.

Prendergast looked most forward to, "meeting new people and experiencing a new culture and society, the challenge of teaching different materials in different ways to different students, the chance to visit those parts of the USA that I only know from the movies."

There were 17 new teachers, and 87 new students, which only added to the diversity of the school. This allowed for all different types of cultures to interact and blend in together.

"It was a bittersweet moment, Mrs. Ray leaving because I was sad to see her go, but I knew she was going to have a great experience in England." **Corrie van Amerongen, 12**