

## Students come, students go

Kids from all over, travel all over

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All year, students come and students go. The student body was constantly changing with added faces and the echoes of those students out exploring the world. The school year opened with the regular flow of new students coming from other districts and different states and countries.

These students were welcomed to the school with the New Student Orientation in August and the New Student Breakfast that was held in September for families new to the district. The Student Assistance Counselors, **Mrs. Koehler** and **Mrs. Warm** also opened up support groups for kids that were new to the district so that they had somewhere to talk about starting at a new school.

"Sycamore had a bunch of programs that made me feel more welcome and less nervous because I knew I had someone to go to if I needed anything," said **Sarah Perlman, 9**.

In August the new student population increased due to the hurricanes in the southern region of the country that caused hundreds of families to move north. The district acted as a safe haven to many of these families and many programs and fundraisers were held to raise money to help these families get on their feet.

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Sammy Zola and I were on a camel in Israel and almost fell off of a mountain.

- **Carly Mandel, 12**

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Many other students were actively involved in the many out of country field trips during the week long spring vacation. The trips were offered through different courses and elective classes.

**Mrs. Marilyn Ray's** Advanced Placement European History class took their annual trip to Europe visiting London, Paris, Rome, Florence, and Assisi.

"I am really excited to see the Palace of Versailles in Paris and especially the colosseum in Rome," said **Eric Stoltz, 10**.

While **Mrs. Marni May** headed an open admission trip to Greece along with the help of **Mr. Antonio Shelton** and **Mr. Greg Cole**. **Mrs. Judi Miller** escorted her

Hebrew classes on a week long trip to Israel.

"Out of all my trips to Israel I probably learned the most on this one," said **Adam Birkan, 9**.

Finally, **Mrs. Heike Schade** led a group of students from her German language classes to four cities in Germany. Students also visited Austria, Lichtenstein and Switzerland. With so many students, in so many countries learning about so many different cultures, it was no wonder that everyone came home happy and full of new found knowledge and memorable first hand experience.



Coming to a new district can be very intimidating. The new students and their families enjoyed a breakfast in late August that welcomed them into the district. They were introduced to all of the counselors, principals, and some of the faculty while enjoying pastries and juice.



Get ready to mingle. The New Student breakfast was great for the new students because it gave them a chance to meet other people that were in the same position they were. Group mixers were led by a group of senior students and it really helped break the ice. "It was really great to see the friendships forming during the breakfast. It's pretty cool when you see these kids walking together in the hallways still because you really feel like you made a difference in their school year," said **Kim Standen, 12**.