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Congratulations 8th Graders!!!

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A Last Goodbye

Congratulations to all eighth grade students: middle school graduation is an important event in your lives. Each of you has finished three years of middle school. For this, each one of you should feel the success that has been accomplished during your time as a middle school student. The entire Roosevelt community is very proud of what you have achieved and what has been completed here inside the walls of Roosevelt.

Personally, I feel a great deal of pride in the commitment you have shown in your middle school years. You participated in the Cultural Fair, the Immigration Assimilation, activity nights, "House", Service Learning, and Mentorship forums. You also have had the privilege to see and be a part of outstanding drama productions, choral, band, orchestra, and string concerts during these three years.

I strongly believe that Roosevelt has helped you prepare for the next steps in your lives. Your teachers have worked very hard to help, encourage and prepare you for challenges that you will face in the numerous months and years ahead. Many of you will be going to South Eugene High School or the International School at South while others of you will be attending other high schools in our area. There are some of you who will be moving to a new community. Your last days at Roosevelt are a time for you to celebrate, enjoy and say good-bye to a number of teachers, close friends and a school that has been a second home for three years.

On behalf of the entire Roosevelt staff and community, congratulations on a job well done! I hope each of you feel successful of your hard work and accomplishments here at Roosevelt Middle School. We will miss you, but we know that you are ready for the next steps in your lives, we send you with the best of wishes! Thanks for sharing your years that you have been with me as we have learned about Roosevelt together, I hope your memories will go on for many years to come. Good-bye and good luck.

Sincerely,
Dan Barnum, Principal



Priceless Moments

by Mark Litchman

Some of the greatest moments of our lives have been here at Roosevelt. We have all made new friends, had new experiences and learned new things. Hopefully when we have left Roosevelt we will have wonderful memories that will stay with us forever. *The Rough Rider* asked a wide variety of people what they will remember the best.

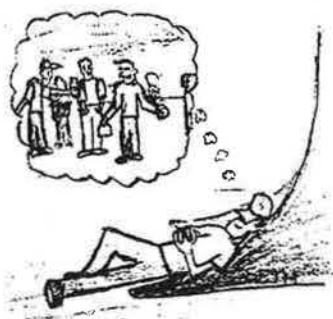
"I will always remember the funny moments at lunch," said Jay Rubenstein of his three years at Roosevelt. "Lunch was always a good time to socialize with friends," he added.

"Registration used to be so much fun, because I got to pick my own classes unlike other middle schools" Layne Wilson added. Roosevelt is one of the few schools in the state where students can pick their own classes.

"The great friends I spent most of my time with, will always be remembered." Alex Brink said about his past three years at Roosevelt.

"I think that what I will remember about Roosevelt were the great plays that Roosevelt put on each year," Jess Hock stated about the theater program at Roosevelt. She participated in many of the plays over her three year period here at Roosevelt.

Many of the eighth graders will have times that they wish to forget, but hopefully the good will wipe out the bad memories and we will all have memories that we will never forget.



How to Succeed at SEHS

by Jess Hock

The *Rough Rider* wanted to get the input of an elder high school student, so we interviewed two former Roosevelt students. Andy and Noah Hock, both seniors, were in the same spot as all you eighth graders, just four short years ago! They were asked the following questions about their experience at South Eugene.

What was it like when you first got to SEHS?

Andy: EXCITING!!

Noah: I was a little scared, but I was looking forward to moving on.

What are some things that you did that helped things run smoothly?

Andy: I got to know my teachers, I got involved in the departments that interested me. And I developed a strong group of friends!

Noah: I tried hard to keep up with my course work. And I relied heavily on the support of friends as they relied on me.

What are some things that you did that weren't too good?

Andy: I started off with a low GPA. I didn't apply myself significantly.

Noah: I wish that I would have trusted my abilities, and not been so worried!

Without an advisor, was it hard to know what to do?

Andy: Nope, South is a lot simpler than Roosevelt in that there are less choices.

Noah: Not particularly. All freshman teachers were understanding and helpful. It wasn't too hard to get started.

Did you feel like Roosevelt prepared you well for high school?

Andy: Oh yeah. If you have taken a well-rounded class load, you should be fine. High school is designed for you to succeed.

Noah: Yeah, I think so. Roosevelt's freedom in course work and its independent nature were very good preparation.

What are some good things about International High School(IHS)?

Andy: International focus, and projects period. You develop a sense of community with the others in IHS.

Noah: I like the consistent strive for excellence. From the beginning you're working towards something on an advanced level.

What are some bad things about IHS?

Andy: You get less electives. It is very demanding course work!

Noah: Less electives!!

Would you recommend IHS?

Andy: Depends on the kid.

Noah: It's a good experience and if you can handle it, it's worthwhile.

What are some fun things about high school?

Andy: Independence, some ability to specialize.

Noah: More freedom, and you are treated more and more like an adult.

What are things that aren't so good?

Andy: You're more of a number and less of a person.

Noah: Sometimes you feel like you are not so important individually. Classes are bigger and you can get overwhelmed. But if you hang in there you'll be fine.

Anything you'd like to add?

Andy: The best thing to do to set yourself up for PP is to do everything the teacher says! Do the work and I guarantee you'll get good grades.

Noah: Be confident in yourself. Work hard and keep up! Good luck!



Remembering the Many Memories of Staff and Students of
RMS, congratulations 8th graders!!



Rebirth of a Great Band

by Seth Horner

Throughout the years Roosevelt has developed an excellent band program. For years, Rick Wolfgang taught the bands here at Roosevelt. He trained us how to count, make good tone, even how to tap our feet. From the start, Rick trained us diligently. We worked our way through the different levels of band. Each year, we experienced concerts, festivals and other events. We played under many different student conductors. Some were students from the University of Oregon. One of these student teachers was Josh Mack. Working under these different directors was beneficial to both us and

the aspiring directors. We learned a lot about different styles of conducting and direction, while giving helpful tips to the student teachers on how to help us out.

After seventh grade, some of us graduated to Symphonic Winds, the top band at Roosevelt. With this new change came a new band director. Last year, Rick Wolfgang took a job in Ecuador. After graduating from the U of O, Josh Mack was appointed band teacher. This year we enjoyed many more concerts and festivals. Starting with Josh as the new band teacher was like a rebirth of our band program. Our band program is better than ever.

Choir Memories

by Alex Brink

Some of my greatest memories are from choir. The rehearsals, the concerts and the trips were always fun. The addition of the new room was great, the old room was just too small to sing in. The trip this year was a lot of fun. We sang at a lot of different places. I felt this year was very diverse, we sang a lot of great songs and went to a lot of great places. *The Rough Rider* asked a few kids what they thought about choir this year.

"Choir is really a lot of fun," said Christopher Barnes. Christopher is a seventh grader and it was his first year in the concert choir.

"The new room really helped the choir's sound," said eighth grader Joe Bailey.

"Choir is an experience I will never forget. We were so lucky to have a teacher like Sandra," said eighth grade soprano Kiki Veralrud. Kiki is an aspiring singer and is hoping to continue singing at South.

"Choir really uplifts me," said Evan Jones. Evan was part of the outstanding Baritone section Roosevelt had this year.

All these students said that choir will be one of the many experiences at Roosevelt they will never forget.

The Last Curtain Call

by Jess Hock

Anyone that has ever been any part of the Roosevelt Middle School fine arts program will agree with me when I say... "WOW"!! At least five plays a year are brought to life in that room called E-3. But E-3 is not an actual classroom, it's the theater. It's no Broadway stage, but it's enough for someone to walk on, look into the audience, and be terrified from pure fear!

"A little nerves are good for you," words of wisdom from Judy Wenger, Roosevelt's beloved drama teacher, "That gets the adrenalin going!"

Judy's right. As soon as the curtain opens, and you walk out, that small stage becomes huge. All the laughter, tears and applause coming from the audience makes any stage feel like Broadway. Whether you're Captain Hook, Petrucio, Ms. Shrivel, Ilka Weinershinzil, Romeo, or Puck, that stage becomes yours as soon as you enter it!

The first time I walked onto the Roosevelt stage, (Beginning Drama, sixth grade, first term) I fell in love with the feeling of being up there. Since that day I haven't been able to stay off of it! I am not alone. So many kids are touched by the teachings of Judy Wenger. That simple feeling that makes you want to act. Roosevelt's drama program goes above and beyond any other middle schools. Why? Maybe because of our teacher's, maybe because of our support, but I think that it's the kids, and their incredible passion to ACT.

When I leave Roosevelt, the theater program is something that I will miss immensely. Sure I'll do it in high school, but Roosevelt is where I began. I look forward to all the drama classes I take. They're the best! The drama program at Roosevelt is something that I will never, ever forget.



Fond Memories of Roosevelt

by Jessica Jobanek

Many eighth-graders have been at Roosevelt for all three grades: sixth, seventh, and eighth. Over those three years, you can sink into a comfortable daily routine that you may miss when you get to high school. The *Rough Rider* asked several eighth graders what they will miss most about Roosevelt. Here is what they had to say:

"I'll miss being able to find my way around the school, and knowing where everything is."

-Sarah Cooper

"I'll miss not having much homework (usually)!"

-Seth Horner

"I'll miss my friend Michael Barnes."

-Layne Wilson

"I'm going to miss some nights without homework, when I can just relax."

-Sage Oaks

"I think I'm going to miss all my seventh-grade friends. Seventh-graders are cool, man!"

-Jennifer Kosydar

What are you going to miss about Roosevelt?



The entrance to D-Hall at Roosevelt

Teachers and Classes You Won't Forget

by Sarah Cooper

For the *Eighth Grade Edition*, the *Rough Rider* asked eighth graders who their favorite teachers were and what their favorite classes were during their time at Roosevelt.

What class will you remember best?

"Portraits of the Human Face, it was fun, I also like to draw. I also like Symphonic Winds."-Anonymous

"I liked Women's History because I learned a lot and I like Jan Sheredy."-Jade Brooks

"Newspaper is my favorite, it's the most interesting."-Nathan Imfeld

"Tennis! It's really fun."- Julia Bennet-Stroud

"Theater Arts was the best class ever."-Jess Hock

What teacher will you remember?

"Judith Fernandes, she's really fun."-Anonymous

"Mizer was my favorite teacher."- Jade Brooks

"Donley was my favorite because she was the best teacher."-Nathan Imfeld

"Marna Belcher, she's hilarious."-Mark Litchman

"Judy Wenger, because she's just the best."-Jess Hock



"High school is designed for you to succeed."

-Andy Hock

"There are a lot of people at South ... I haven't met too many people I don't like."

-Leah Gordon, Sophomore

Quotes From People Who've Been There

compiled by Jessica Jobanek

As you prepare to venture into the unknown land of high school (whichever high school you might be going to), who better to talk to than people who've been there? The *Rough-Rider* asked three students at South (Noah and Andy Hock, both seniors, and Leah Gordon, a sophomore) their thoughts on the transition to high school. Here is what they said:

"I was a little scared, but I was looking forward to moving on."

-Noah Hock, on how he felt when he first got to SEHS.

"More freedom, and you are treated more like an adult."

-Noah Hock, on some fun things in high school.

"If you have taken a well-rounded class load, you should be fine."

-Andy Hock, on whether Roosevelt prepared him for high school.

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-Leah Gordon

8th Graders Going to South: Some Things You Need to Know

by Jay Rubenstein

As this year's 8th grade class prepares to go to High School, we decided to set out to find some of the most important and useful advice that you can follow as a 9th grader. First of all, one of the most important thing to keep in mind is not to over-extend yourself. Going from middle school to High school is a big transition that you shouldn't take lightly. Taking a free period is a way that some people relieve the stress of a new school environment. If you are set on taking a full schedule, the counselors are always there if you need to talk to them.

Another way that people adjust to South is Peer Group, a gathering of 10 or 12 freshman headed by an upperclassman. These groups allow freshman to meet upperclassmen and they learn to speak openly about certain issues. South administrators also encourage people to join athletic teams or clubs. Many sports are offered for both boys and girls such as basketball, track, cross country and soccer, as well as many others. Clubs are a great opportunity for students to meet other people who share their same interests. Debate, Chess, Mountaineering, Photography, Star Trek, Yoga and Foreign Language Clubs are some of the most popular ones.

Finally, one of the biggest shocks for Roosevelt students who go to South is the fact that there are no advisors there. Many Roosevelt students don't realize how valuable the continuity their advisor provides for them is until they have left Roosevelt. At South, each student has to develop their own "support system" of friends and teachers they can rely on when they have a problem. Good luck to all Roosevelt students at South or elsewhere where they continue their studies.

"Going from middle school to high school is a big transition and shouldn't be taken lightly."

-Jay Rubenstein

A Mentor, Leader, and Friend: Your Advisor

by Jade Brooks

Throughout your career at Roosevelt there was one person who you saw three times a week. This person was a mentor, a leader, and a friend: your advisor. Advisors have one of the toughest jobs of all. They try their hardest to help you succeed in middle school.

When asked what she thinks her duties as an adviser are, teacher Nancy Newman says, "One of our jobs is registration, but we're there to help kids with other things too. We try to help kids stay on track, and enjoy middle school."

Unfortunately, when you get to high school, advisors are history. If you need help you can talk to the school counselor, or you can attend a Peer Guide session, which is an informal discussion led by seniors or juniors.

As your middle school career draws to a close, don't forget to thank the person who has helped you through these three years.

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-Jade Brooks

What Was Your Favorite Grade?

by Nick Leonard and Coleman Dow

Being the curious eighth-grade newspaper writers we are, we decided to take a survey. Polling only eighth-graders, we asked 100 students which grade was their favorite one. 74 kids said eighth grade was their favorite year. 18 chose seventh, and eight thought that sixth grade was better than the other two.

As you can tell, most eighth-graders said that this was their most enjoyable year, but a few said otherwise. What was your favorite grade at Roosevelt?

A High School Book List

by Sarah Cooper

I asked a high school literature teacher what eighth graders could read over the summer to get ready for next year. Here is what they said:

Dune
by Frank Herbert



The Illiad
by Homer



A Separate Peace
by John Knowles

To Kill a Mocking Bird
by Harper Lee

Anne of Green Gables
by L.M. Montgomery

This is not summer homework, but reading these books will give students an idea about what will be read in high school, and this list should help you get ready.

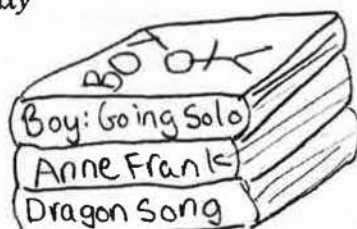
Carol Stein also suggested a list of books and authors people should read if they haven't already. This is more of a free read list than a list to get you ready for high school:

A Girl from Yamhill
by Beverly Cleary



Boy-Going Solo
by Roald Dahl

The Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy
by Michael Douglas



Anne Frank; Remembered
by Miep Gies

The Dragon Song
series by Anne McCaffrey

You may also want to read some books by these authors: Susan Cooper, Madeline L'Engle, Anne McCaffrey, Joan Lowry Nixon, Anne Rinaldi, and Gary Soto.

What Do You Like About Being An Eighth Grader?

by Emma Katz

- "I like being an eighth grader because I'm big!"
-Liisa Heinonen
- "I like being in the eighth grade, because everybody is positive toward you,"
-Caitlin Terborg
- "Eighth graders are cool!!"
-Mary Woodruff
- "I like being in eighth grade because everybody looks up to you,"
-Heron Calisch-Dolen
- "We're in charge,"
-Jesse Buckingham and Andy Caragol
- "I'm the oldest in the school,"
-Nate Segall
- "I like being in eighth grade because I made a lot of new friends this year,"
-Jennifer Kosydar
- "Good times, good times!"
-Layne Wilson
- "Next year means South!!"
-Jennifer Eschelbach
- "I like being an eighth grader because you're really self confident,"
-Jade Brooks
- "You get more freedom and it's fun being oldest,"
-Julia Bennett-Stroud
- "Eighth grade is the best!"
-Bethany Watson
- "I've made a lot of great new friends,"
-Emma Katz

As you can see, people's thoughts on what they like best as an eighth-grader are as diverse as the people who said them. What do *you* like best about being an eighth-grader?

"I like being in eighth grade because I made a lot of new friends this year."

-Jennifer Kosydar

"I like being in eighth grade because everybody looks up to you."

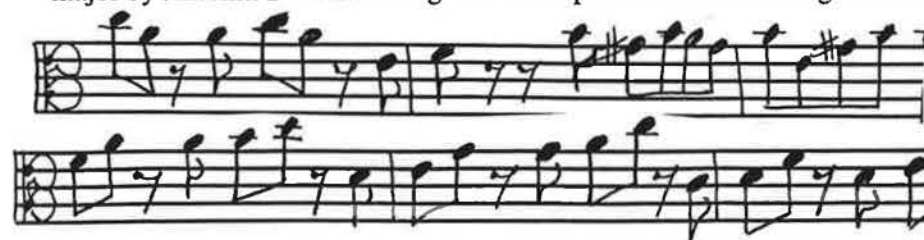
-Heron Calish-Dolen

Favorite Orchestra Memories

by Joe Bailey

The two orchestras at Roosevelt have had wonderful experiences this year. The Chamber Strings group, which mostly consists of 6th and 7th graders, played many concerts. One of them was the UNICEF concert, which was a fund raiser for a non-profit organization that helps children across the globe.

String Ensemble also had a very successful year. The orchestra, which consists mostly of eighth graders, participated in the Northwest Middle School Orchestra Competition, held at Mount Hood Community College, which host about 30 orchestras. String Ensemble played Benjamin Britten's Frolicsome Finale, the last movement in his Simple Symphony, Vivaldi's Concertino in D minor (featuring soloists Julia Franz on first violin, Gwyneth Haydock on second violin, Jenny Nissle on cello, and Alison Gary bass), and Symphony #8 in G major by Antonin Dvorak.

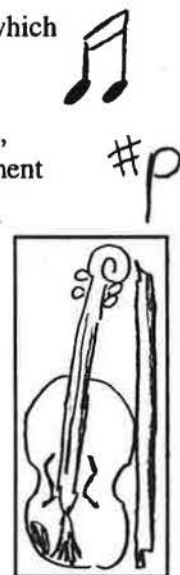


When the judges announced first place, the orchestra broke in to cheers and screams then ran up the steps of the amphitheater, wearing their tie-died shirts with pride and joy. For the eighth-graders, this was the most memorable time

of the year. "I loved being part of this great orchestra that won the award. I hope that next year's String Ensemble will continue the tradition," said Jessica Jobanek, an eighth grade violist.

"Eighth grade is the best!"

-Bethany Watson



Love in High School

by Jade Brooks



Next year all eighth graders will be entering high school, and some may think the social scene changes. For most students, when you've been a nobody all your life it's hard to morph into the coolest person in school. But for Josie Gellar (Drew Barrymore) it's almost easy as pie. Josie is twenty-five and a copy editor at the *Chicago Sun-Times*. She really wants to be an eye witness reporter, so when her boss gives her the chance she doesn't care what the story is, she's ready for anything. Until she finds out she has to go back to high school.

Josie's high school experience was less than perfect — a lot less. She was brainy, a geek to the core, and was called "Josie Grossie." What Josie discovers when she goes back to high school is that not much has changed. The same cliques, nerds and dreamy guys are present.

Unfortunately, Josie is stuck for ideas when it comes to a story to write. She can't think of a topic, and what's worse, her boss tells her that if she can't think of a good story she and her editor will be fired. What Josie writes about and how this changes her life, makes *Never Been Kissed* a great movie.

Everyone wants to find love in high school, and some do. Next year remember that popularity is not everything it's more important to be happy with who you are.

What High School Are You Going To?

by Jennifer Eschelbach

Have you ever wondered what high school everyone is going to? The *Rough Rider* asked 110 eighth graders about what high school they're going to. The results are:

International High School at South Eugene: 55 people
South Eugene High School: 46
Marist: 4
Churchill: 2
Don't know: 2
Sheldon: 1

The *Rough Rider* hopes everyone has a great time at whatever high school they go to, and we would like to wish you all good luck!



What Eighth Graders are Looking Forward to in High School

by Jessica Jobanek

Along with the transition to high school comes many new experiences. For many eighth graders this is a frightening, yet very exciting time. The *Rough Rider* asked several eighth graders what they were looking forward to in high school. Here is what we found out:

"I'm looking forward to seeing some of my older friends,"
-Sarah Cooper

"I'm looking to being in a bigger school,"
-Joe Bailey

"I'm looking forward to being in harder classes,"
-Jade Brooks

"I'm looking forward to playing the tuba in wind ensemble,"
-Seth Horner

"I'm looking forward to getting away from middle school,"
-Nathan Imfeld

"I'm looking forward to playing sports,"
-Mark Litchman

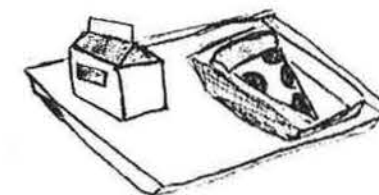
As you can see, everybody is looking forward to some thing different. What are you looking forward to in high school?

Do the Styles Change?

by Layne Wilson

The years come and go but, what about hang-out spots? Do they change as well? The *Roosevelt Rough Rider* took a poll of 80 eighth graders. The eighth graders were asked to pick their favorite hang-out spots from the following list:

Hang-out spots	Number of students
The Commons	25
The Halls	20
Jamie's	10
Outside	9
Cafeteria	7
other	9



It is clear from the above information you can tell that the Commons is one of the most popular spots to hang out at Roosevelt.

Why are the Commons so popular? Perhaps it is the location, being near the entrance of the school. Also the reason would be food. The lunch cart is parked in the center of the Commons during lunches and break. This attracts many students.

Regardless of the reasons the Commons being a popular choice it has continued to be a favorite spot during the three years of these eighth graders have been at Roosevelt.

"We try to help kids stay on track and enjoy middle school"

-Nancy Newman (on being an advisor)

From Eighth Grade to High School

As an eighth grader, I was very apprehensive about the transition to high school. So was everyone else, which instead of easing my mind, only served to make me more nervous. For the first week or so I was still nervous, everything seemed so different, even the system for the numbering of the halls. Pretty soon, though I got used to it, just like I did to Roosevelt as a sixth grader. Going into my freshman year, I had heard horror stories about hours upon hours of homework, and while there was quite a bit, it wasn't nearly as bad as I expected it to be. I still had time to play basketball and sing in choir, and it was through these activities that I met people and built stronger ties with friends from middle school. There are a lot of people at South, I'm sure you've heard that before. This can be intimidating, but I haven't met too many people that I don't like.

High school is something that everyone will try to tell you about. Your grandparents, your teachers, even your older siblings, they will all try to describe what their personal experience was like. While their intentions are usually good-hearted, and sometimes helpful, you won't really know what it's like until you're there. So far, I'm having a great time, so my best advice would be to try not to worry too much, and enjoy your last days at Roosevelt.

Leah M. Gordon

Leah Gordon, Sophomore, South Eugene High School

Favorite Subjects

by Joey Bailey

The *Rough Rider Newspaper* staff took a poll on eighth grader's favorite subjects. The results are as follows:

Social Science: 10 votes
Physical Education: 9
Arts: 6
Science: 5
Health: 3
Mathematics: 2

As you can see most of the eighth graders enjoyed Social Science classes the best. The *Rough Rider* staff apologizes if we didn't have time to poll you. What is your favorite subject?