

NIGHTHAWKS UNITE

OPEN ARMS

Dr. Wicks welcomes Anyoh Mancho (8) to another school year with the Night-hawks, Aug. 9. Every year Wicks gets the first look at the new class. "I love the new sixth graders this year they are so adorable and such a nice group of students," Wicks said.

EMOTIONAL ROLLER COASTER

Elizabeth Lemeshefsky (6), takes her first look at the school, Aug. 9. The first day, everybody gets used to their new school and meets new friends. "I was really excited and I really love this school," Lemeshefsky said.

PIXIE PRIDE

Jonah Collis (6) shows off his 6th grade pride, Aug. 9. The word 'pixie' is normally a negative connotation, but Collis looked on the bright side and made it positive. "The first day of school is fun. I wore the shirt because I thought it would be funny," Collis said.

A DIFFERENT START

Lana Chiu (6)(left), Ella Heimer (6)(center), and Riley Chiu (6)(right) walk into the start of the next three years of their life, Aug. 9. It wasn't only a new year, but it was also a whole new school for the 6th graders. After spending six years in a classroom with the same people all day, changing classes and having so many new classmates could be scary. "I felt really nervous and confused. I also felt out of place," Chiu said.



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Students featured: Leo Bell, Joshua Rausch, Holden Keck, Reagan Kerstiens, Emma Hostetler, Kaderia Barela, Faith Geiger, Selina Patel, Sofia Dellano, Ty Anderson, Jake Botdorf, Riley Lanziner, Paige Behrens, Alexis Stolley, Eunji Lee, Samantha Sloan, Kalee Larson, Owen Olds

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"We share interests and we all have a compatible sense of humor which helps us bond." - Paige Behrens



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MYSTERY MASCOT

Students Join the Nighthawks Tradition of Excellence

There are many traditions on the first day of school, one of them being the nighthawk mascot. Many people wonder, who's behind the nighthawk mask? The nighthawk mascot welcomes back students on the first day of school, Aug. 9. "I think it is Mr. Brown," Ben Zabelin (8) said. "I think it is Ms. Haney," Brooklyn Todd (8) said. But, Ms. Carter still keeps the secret safe of who is behind the mask. "My favorite part of being the nighthawk was that I got to pretend to fly," Ms. Carter said. "I also like that I am free to express myself and show my school spirit."



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FIRST DAY WELCOME

Ms. Clay and the rest of the Sources of Strength Peer Leaders write messages to the new incoming students on the sidewalk in front of the school, Aug. 9. "Sources of Strength is all about promoting Hope, Help and Strength. We want every student to know they are welcome and connected at Rocky Heights." Clay said.

LAUGHING OFF NERVES

Genevieve Goblirsch (6) shakes away the first day jitters by hanging out with her friends, Aug. 9. New sixth graders lined up outside before getting the first look at their new school. "I was happy but nervous about homework" Goblirsch said.

"I enjoy being able to have the opportunity to collaborate and work with my friends."
- Jake Botdorf

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