

ACTING OUT. Eighth graders Crew Wiseman, Jaran Zendejas, Keaton Riggs, and seventh grader Ben Byerrum perform a pantomime in their drama class. "We were working on our acting skills before we had a performance," said Byerrum. **PEACE & QUIET.** Leona Borenstein (7), Quinn Barry (7), and Emma Levy (7) read in Ms. Rovik's 1st period ELA class. "I like the trimester book projects because you get to display your own ideas and describe the book," Levy said.



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JUST A SEC

with 7th grader Adia Farling.

Q: What class do you have first period?

A: FACS.

Q: What do you like most about that class and why?

A: Mostly I really like how you do something new every day, and it's also a really unique experience.

Q: What do you like about Mrs. Herrin?

A: I really like Mrs. Herrin because she is nice and treats everyone equally.

Q: What's your favorite thing about that class?

A: Cooking and sewing.



-by Janessa Chidester

Snow and ice always made for slow traffic days.



RUNNING LATE. After the first bell, Larissa Bradford (8) gets out of her car in the hug and go zone, while saying goodbye to her mom. "I don't feel nervous when I'm late because I've never gotten in trouble," said Bradford. This was a particularly icy morning and the roads were slick.

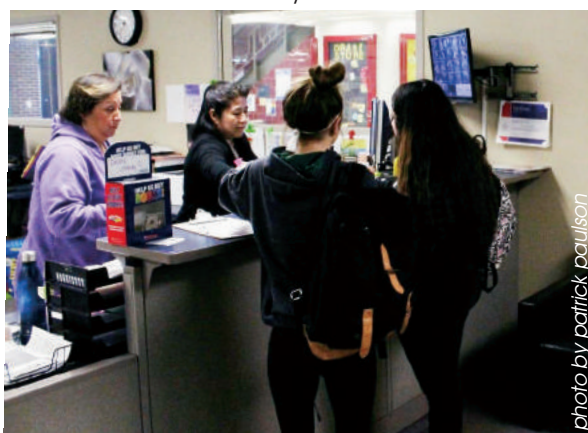


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LONG LINES. Students who are late go to the front office to collect a late pass. Cooper Greason (8) has been late 10 times this year but it's all for just one reason. "I'm late because of the line in the parking lot," he said. He wishes the school would fix the issue. **EXCUSES, EXCUSES.** Late for school, Trenton Lanckiewicz (8) heads to first period with a tardy pass. He isn't usually late, and it was a one time thing for him. He said, "My mom was just pregnant, so that's why I was late."





CATCH YOU LATE-ER*

New policies affect beginning of the day.

By Patrick Paulson

TARDIES!!! The effort to get to school was an ongoing struggle for all, --7:20 AM is early. "I have about 30 students every day tardy at the front office at the start of first period," said principal secretary Mrs. Morey. This makes 1st period stressful for everyone because teachers have to begin teaching and students need to be in class on time.

Adding to the stress was a massive change to first period this year. The school changed advisement from before first period to 4th period, and people have a lot to say about the big change. "I don't like the change because it used to be a nice way to start the day. Kids that were late to school didn't miss any of their core first period class," said social studies teacher Mrs. Lockwood. Some students don't like the change either. "I can't wake up in the morning before I have to start my first class of the day," said Anthony Grieve (8th). He felt that early advisement would give him a chance to do better in his first period class because he wouldn't be so tired.

Jeffco also added a new practice to deal with poor weather--a delayed start.

The school district used to just call snow days on particularly bad days, but now they have a two hour delay start, which pushes the first bell to 9:20 AM. Some students prefer late starts over snow days. "I would rather have late starts over snow days because then I won't have to make up days in the summer. Also it makes the day shorter," said Orin Edwards (6). However, the majority of students interviewed did not like the new delayed start policy.

The policy gives students an excused absence if they don't show up for any reason on that day, which is a positive for students but a negative for teachers. "Students are not working in the classes, and I can never give a proper lesson," said Mr. English. He doesn't like them, but he does enjoy getting to sleep in more than usual.

Overall, the school has lots of tardies every day, taking away from learning. Considering the issue of tardies, a solution is not very easy. Either parents start getting their kids to school on time or the school moves advisement back to the beginning of the day.



FIRST PERIOD FAVES

Dragons discuss their favorite parts of first period.

"MY HONORS SCIENCE CLASS IS VERY HANDS ON. WE GET TO DO STUFF WITHOUT HER TELLING US WHAT TO DO."

-DEZI NIRVELLI
(6)



"Mrs. Johnson makes fun of me. It's awesome. It's funny, and it make everyone laugh. Plus I can get her back sometimes."

-Wyatt Holtman
(7)



"MR. HACK IS FUNNY AND USES JOKES AND SARCASTM TO GET MORE LEARNING OUT."

-TATE WRIDE
(6)

