

There are so many changes: braces, first crushes, new friends, lockers that are always getting jammed, learning how to deal with six teachers at one time, homework that just gets harder, approaching that dreamed-of-but-uncertain future. My mind is crazy and cluttered constantly with things like, "Does my outfit look off? I hope that person likes me. I'm so hungry I could eat a cow! That was due today?!" ...Jeesh, it's too much! I need a nap. I always have so much to do, and my thoughts are always racing. MIDDLE SCHOOL! A crazy, weird time that rushes past in the blink of an eye. How do you capture it, summarize it, and make sense of it? Especially when you're in the middle of it? I can't tell you what it means to grow up...I'm still doing it. I can just tell you what we're doing right now and how we feel about it.



That's right...

WE'RE



GIRL POWER! Goofing around during the annual Hoops 4 Heart Basketball Tournament, the eighth grade girl's team, made up of Riley Kline, Sophia Sabus, Brooke Benedict, Taryn Messingham, Kalli Ross, and Paige Brickle, laughs together. This friend group made great memories during their last year. "I would describe my school as a place where I met some of my favorite people that made my days a lot more fun and the best teachers that made learning more enjoyable," said Ross (8). Added Sophia Sabus, "I'll miss my teachers joking around with me in the mornings and laughing until my stomach hurts with my friends."



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CHEERED UP. Seventh grader Oliver Hagans whoops it up during the annual basketball tournament. Of the event he said, "It was full of energy with everyone cheering on their favorite team when they scored." Overall, this year was positive because, "I made new friends and kept my old ones, and it has been fun to play ultimate frisbee at recess."

SPREADING POSITIVITY. A member of the first sources of strength class, Morgan Farr (6) draws a poster to promote the class' purpose. The class "is all about positivity and how we work through difficulties," said Farr. Her first year of middle school was much better than she expected. "I heard it was going to be so bad, but I really like middle school. The teachers are super supportive and compassionate and open to help."

IT'S NOT ALL WORK AROUND HERE. Messing around in yearbook, eighth grader Ava Salz gives a photographer something to shoot. Thanks to COVID-19 and it's affect on the world, Ava described her year as "different." But she did have a favorite memory that she would take with her. She said, "My favorite memory is taking pictures of the contents of the time capsule from 1999 and seeing what was inside."

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