

The Senior Hike. Kicking off their final year of high school, seniors participated in a longstanding tradition: the senior hike. Most seniors had not thought about the fact that this was their final year. **Aleya Beimers** felt that the hike brought on "a crazy realization because I think that all of the seniors always talked about it because it's the first thing you get to do as seniors, which makes you realize it's kind of the beginning of the end." **John Sanborn, Dustin Reidy, Payton Stevens,** and **Cody Boone** were a few of the students who woke up at the crack of dawn to see the first sunrise of their senior year. **Shaelee Torres** and **Sarah Welsch** also celebrated the start of their last year in high school with the sunrise.



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Back to School. As the summer comes to a close the Jaguars come back ready to start off the new school year. "I can imagine that the half day was as refreshing for everyone as it was for me, especially because most of us are getting into a routine. Being able to calmly get settled into the school year is something that made the day a success," **Cameron Burris** said. For freshman like **Trevor Nichols, Holly Hartmann, Abby Renner,** and **Lily Rawlins** the first day was nerve racking but exciting. As the first day began, students dove deep into new experiences and enjoyed the first half day of school.



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To be able to watch the sunrise, the seniors had to wake up around two in the morning. Three of these early risers were **Valera Noland, Rebecca Reisdorf,** and **Anna Brenneman.** "I really liked driving up to the hike since it was eerie. Then running up the mountain with Anna and her mom was really fun, and we took pictures together at the top since the sun created a really pretty glowing effect," Rebecca said.



A Senior Tradition. One of many rite of passages of senior year is personalizing a parking spot. "My inspiration was the movie *Tangled* because it was one of my favorite movies as a kid and it always really inspired me to try new things. I think it represents me because I am a pretty outgoing person and I'm always willing to try things and explore new opportunities and I think Rapunzel is an icon for that. The last step was instead of my hand prints I did footprints because Rapunzel is always barefoot and so am I. So I dipped my feet in paint and walked all over my parking spot!" **Mia Kelso** said.



During the first day of school assembly, the seniors and the incoming seventh graders were celebrated. However, this new tradition was not welcomed by all. "In past assemblies, the seniors were more celebrated, but for this assembly, it was more geared towards the seventh graders," **Madisyn Dechant** said.



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Club Fair. Back to School Night was very successful, as clubs shared what they're all about. Students like **Eva Richling** and **Valyn Highley** promoted their clubs, Key Club and the Student Library Advisory Board. Accompanied by their parents, new students explored to find where they belong at JA.

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