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## Freshmen and Sophomores invade Senior High

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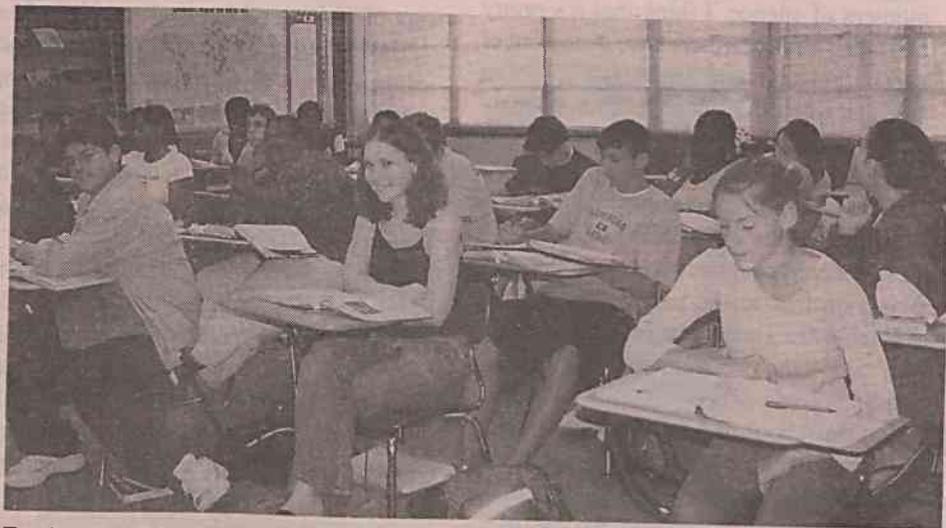
On the first day of school, students flooded the streets and waited at bus stops to catch the bus back to school. For the first time, Nash-Rocky Mount schools have gone to the middle school/high school format. Schools that were previously junior highs are now middle schools with grades 6-8 and high schools now house grades 9-12. Because of a grandfather clause, the new high school, Nash Central High, is half empty with only 750 students in grades nine and ten, while the other high schools are filled beyond capacity.

Expectations of the freshman class were varied as to what high school life would be like. Amanda Johnson thought that it would be fun. Others, such as Sam Morrison and Antonio Moore, were only looking for the girls. Many freshmen like this school better than their previous school, but they would still like to change some parts of the school. "I wish it was not so trashy in some places," says freshman

Sally Cavalieri. Overall, most freshmen enjoy being at RMSH.

Freshmen are not the only new students here. Sophomores are also new to the school. "I was expecting nothing but homework, and maybe not knowing anybody," says sophomore Adrienne Mitchell. "I was expecting to get a higher education," says Emily Lester.

Juniors and seniors had a lot to say about the freshmen coming to this school. "I don't really like them being here, 'cause it's so crowded, but it's okay," say seniors Sabrina Floyd, Cassie Lower, Emily O'Connor, Emily Horton and juniors, Shaquanna Little, Janee' Avent, Kelli Wideman, and Cassie Barnes. "They have nowhere else to go, so they can't really help it," says junior Mark Tracey. Still, some seniors and juniors put aside their rivalry and still helped the lost freshman and sophomores to find their way around the school.



Freshman in Mrs. Nancy Mooring's second period class work after finishing their tests. For teacher and class, this is their first year at RMSH. -Photo by Justin Oswald

## Going Too Far

Justin Oswald

Students and teachers filed out of the RMSH building at approximately 8:10am on Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone figured it was the required monthly fire drill. When the alarm went off at 9:35am and 1:05pm on the same day, however, everyone knew that something was not right.

Reportedly, the first fire alarm was a legitimate alarm, after a fire was found in a trash can in the 200-hall restroom, filling part of the 200-hall with smoke. The second and third alarms were pranks, as no fires were found. A student suspect was apprehended by several student/teacher eyewitnesses and the school's video security footage.

After the third fire drill of the day, Principal Judy Bradshaw acted to keep the prank pulls from occurring. In a brief

statement over the intercom, Mrs. Bradshaw stated that the school would place an award for the apprehension of the culprits who pulled the alarms. She then activated a lock-down scenario by keeping, "all students in the room except for emergencies." Teachers have since begun to let more students out, while some are still tightly bound by the words of the principal. Hall passes are now a must to keep the hall traffic down.

The school is charged a fee for each trip the fire department makes to the school, including hoaxes such as these. Any students who intentionally pull a fire alarm for a prank are guilty of committing a felony, and face suspension and/or expulsion by the Rocky Mount Senior High administration and the Nash-Rocky Mount School Board.



## Ooh! Who are you?

Brooke Smith

The ninth and tenth graders are not the only new faces you will see at RMSH this year. The school has a new principal and thirty-three new teachers.

Some of the new faces may look familiar. Carrying the family tradition, Eddie Doll, son of former principal Wayne Doll, has transferred from Southern Nash to teach math. Other transferees are Leila Lou Baldwin, Bill Bourne, Marie Bridgers, Terri Buckner, Thelma Cotton, Debra Heck, Diane Jones, Christine Keller, Deborah Kropp, Evelyn Lawrence, Chris Lee, Elizabeth Moore, Nancy Mooring, Janet Nelms, Clark Phillips, Ben Richardson, Erin Smith, Pam Smith, and Kathy Stallings.

Some of the new teachers are not just new to RMSH; they are new to the area

as well. Art teacher Paisley Cloyd, originally from Wilson, has moved home to North Carolina after many years in Atlanta. Mark and Jennifer Hoover are married and moved here from Pennsylvania. Other new teachers include Ronnie Beasley, Lou Buck, Matt Gilisen, Emily Haggerty, Laurie Oswald, Patrick Smith, Scott Thompson, and Hitesh Palmer.

The Gryphon wanted to talk with Mrs. Bradshaw and get her first impressions of RMSH. She is very dedicated to the school. Unfortunately, her schedule has been extremely hectic, and she was not available for comment.

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