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Hallways are Packed On the First Day of School

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7th grade students posing for their first day, taken by Jacob Malone

We started this school year off with two new additions to Forest Heights Academy, classes 7 S and 7 M. The school reopened two years ago this week after being destroyed in Hurricane Dorian and has been working on building back their student body ever since. These two new, separate classes are needed because over thirty children were accepted into seventh grade, which means around 160 students fill the hallways now! Mr. Richard is most definitely going to have his hands full. Seven S' homeroom teacher, scratch that, *teacher**s***, are Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Sawyer, who reside in room 102. Last year, Mrs. Sawyer was the homeroom teacher for twelfth grade, but after bidding them farewell, she moved all the way down the line to seventh. Both teachers were loved last year by all their classes and are sure to be loved by their new one.

Seven M's homeroom teacher is a new teacher Mrs. Murphy, who has decked out her classroom with posters of Starbucks and teen slang to make her students feel more comfortable and accepted! She teaches health science, religion knowledge, social studies, and language to all of lower school. One student, Ava Higgs, says "She's a really good teacher and is very nice." The faculty also agrees that she is a great addition and seems to really care about her students. She demonstrated this by assigning a fun activity to her homeroom, decorating crocs, a popular shoe worn by many of the students outside of school, with the students favorite thing like french fries, ice cream or volleyball. Many of the twelfth graders must be jealous that they can not have a coloring project on their first day.

The new seventh graders are very excited and nervous to be starting highschool. One student Valentina Pinder says "I'm excited! But scared at how hard the work might be". The returning ninth graders are happy that the new students are joining them this year and for many more years to come. Two of them, Fina Prosa and Clara Wallce, share similar opinions on the new classes. Fina says, "I like all the new people here, I think they're really nice," and Clara says, "I'm happy to see my old friends and happy to make new ones."

This school year at Forest Heights Academy is sure to be filled with excitement, learning, laughs and new beginnings for all the students and teachers.