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As we go through our 13 years of schooling, we come to realize the fact that we really are in our own little world. It is the world of learning and growing, a place where we not only gain friends, but knowledge.

The one thing that we often fail to see is that as we live our life in this world, we are actually only preparing ourselves for the long journey ahead of us. It is the journey that we depart on after 13 years of preparing and building our minds.

"The most important thing that I learned is that being able to use words to express yourself is one of the most important skills you can have," stated **Kari Deming**, "because no matter what you plan to do with your life you are going to need to be able to explain yourself." Everybody has a subject that they excel in; whether it be in science, math, history, or English, they find a subject they are interested in and are good at, and they learn from it. Later on in life they will end up using the information they absorbed here.

Some people go beyond just learning the necessities and join groups that will help them to further excel, groups such

as the quiz team or National Honor Society. **Patrick Yelsik** stated, "NHS is a critical path for me to take to get to higher education, because when I apply for any of the colleges that I plan on applying for, I know that when they see that I was in NHS that it will better my chances of getting in. That's what colleges look for, motivated students that get involved, and that's what NHS does for me." The world beyond us revolves around everything that is taught to us here over this 13 year period.

Organizations are not the only way to learn here. There are many different classes offered. Science, math, technology, and sociology classes are only a few of the many different and interesting classes offered. "Sociology was a very interesting class, I really liked it," commented **Troy Adams**, "but my favorite part of the class was being a "dot" for a day." The "dots" for sociology were discriminated against for one whole day by the whole school.

Education is our main reason for being here, and we have to try our hardest to learn and absorb everything possible. It is our academic responsibility to respect what is being given to us here.

Amy Walter

"GO, MEI!" **Kari Bearden** gives herself a hand for answering a question right on the capitol trip as **Vicki Gilbert, Tara Thompson** and **Andrew Mills** look on.



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WORKING HARD OR HARDLY WORKING? **Ed Pingel** and **Burt Cummings** try to blow out a candle in tech class. "Eh, it wasn't as hard as it looks, really, or maybe I'm just good," commented Ed. "Tech is a fun class to take if you like to use power tools," Burt concluded.