

# STARTING it out FRESH

The first day of school was full of activities for people to get to know the school and each other.

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In anticipation of the first day of school, eager students attended the open house where they explored the newly painted school and received their schedules. As the students returned to another year of school, they saw new and old faces.

"I was excited to see all of my friends from last year, and make new ones," Abby Stewart (8) said.

At the beginning of the year, many new students didn't know anybody at the school. For students to learn more about their classmates, teachers used "All About Me" slideshows. The students got to present their projects to the class, which helped them get to know their peers.

"I thought the slides were interesting because you got to learn about other people and it was cool how other people got

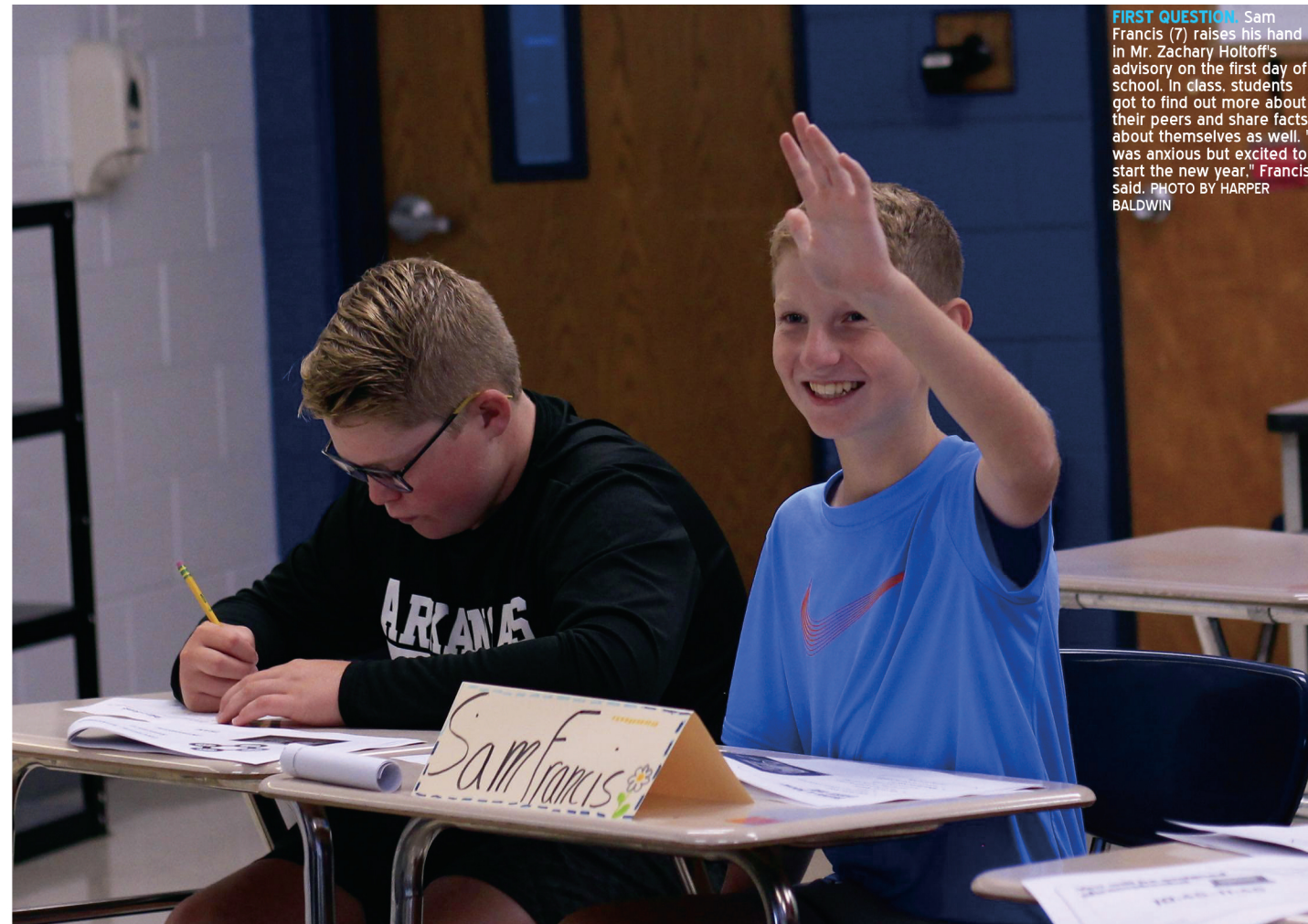
to learn about me," Heidi McHan (7) said.

The Blue Crew also played a role in helping the students feel comfortable on the first day of school. The team led the students tours around the school. They talked about each area and answered any questions the students might have. This allowed the students to learn more about the school as well as where their classes were located.

"I liked touring around the school because it showed me where my classes were and I got to learn more about the school," Beckham McCarthy (7) said.

With the help of Blue Crew and faculty, students received a warm welcome coming into the new year.

"I was pretty confident on the first day and I met all of my friends I have today," Andro Tsikarishvili (8) said.



**FIRST QUESTION:** Sam Francis (7) raises his hand in Mr. Zachary Holtoff's advisory on the first day of school. In class, students got to find out more about their peers and share facts about themselves as well. "I was anxious but excited to start the new year," Francis said. PHOTO BY HARPER BALDWIN



**CHIT CHAT:** In Mr. Ely Yale's advisory class, Sarah Gurrrola (7) turns around to talk to her friends and share her feelings about the first day of school. Connecting with your classmates was a positive way to start the year. "I thought the first day of school was fun but it was very chaotic," Gurrrola said. PHOTO BY REBEKAH HALE



**DROP OFF:** Getting out of her car, Ayantu Bowles (8) walks into school on the first day. Many people have grown their relationship with their classmates and teachers since the beginning of the year. "I was nervous because I didn't know anybody here but I like it now," Bowles said. PHOTO BY HARPER BALDWIN

## out with the old in with the blue

Blue Crew team shares how they guide students on the first day and pep rally.

**LEAD THE WAY.** While Harper Myers (8) reads from her paper, she explains to the students the rules and procedures of the library on the first day of the new school year. The Blue Crew team was a big help in keeping the first day of school organized. "It was fun to talk students through things because I knew what they were going through," Myers said. PHOTO BY WHITLEY BOOTH



**LOUD AND PROUD.** As she was standing in front of the crowd, Ellie Henderson (8) speaks at the pep rally held on Oct. 28 as a part of Blue Crew. The blue crew also put on games after cheer and dance performed. "It was kind of scary to speak in front of everyone but it was really fun," Henderson said. PHOTO BY CARSYN WILLIAMS



**PLANNING AHEAD.** Studying his schedule, Jackson Fry (7) and Levi Tackett (7) tries to find his way to his classes on the first day. Counselors handed out schedules to every student when they walked in. "I was kind of nervous on the first day of school and I thought I would get lost," Fry said. PHOTO BY GRACIE EPPS

