

New kids on the block

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At the start of the second semester, many new students walked through the front doors. Some came from only a few miles away while some came from different states or even different countries. Now they add yet another piece to our school and lives.

Many struggles come from changing schools, whether the move is the students choice or the parents. Brian Richmond, a junior, and Grace Stephensen, a freshman, both think meeting new people is the hardest thing when it comes to moving to a new school. Richmond said, "People don't really try to talk to you ever." Leaving friends behind and trying to make new ones can be really hard especially when people have other friends in classes. One way this can be made easier is by joining sports and clubs.

Stephenson is part of FCA and the girl's basketball team. Stephensen said, "Regan Rice and Ella Bockenstead have been the most welcoming."

Moving is also not always a choice. Richmond moved here from the Clinton area because his mom got a job here. Stephensen, on the other hand, chose to come to Marion to be part of the girl's basketball program

and because she wanted a smaller school than her previous one, Linn-Mar. It's always hard to close an old chapter and start a new one, and many things can be missed. Richmond misses how his old school had a baked potato bar and had walking tacos all the time, and Stephenson misses all her old friends.

Marion is a growing school and more kids join every year. Our sports, academics, size, and other opportunities make Marion a great school to attend. All the great parts of Marion still doesn't make transitions from other schools or meeting new friends any easier. After all, it is still school. Richmond said, "I'm just looking forward to leaving this place and getting out of here." But while everyone is still stuck here, look for those new faces in the halls and start up a conversation.



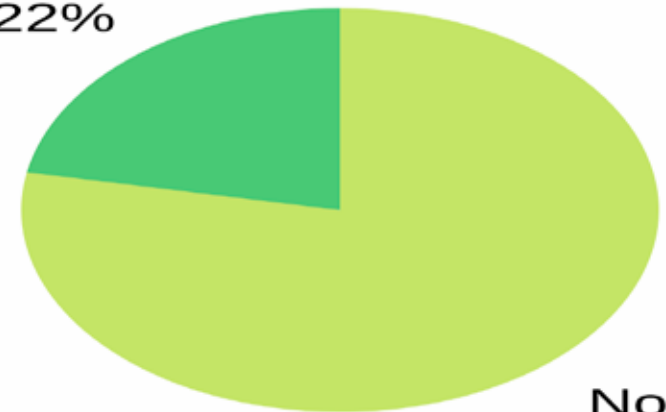
Grace Stephensen, freshman, plays basketball her first year in the Marion school district.

Preventing COVID-19

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ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE CORONA VIRUS?

Yes
22%



No
78%

WAYS TO PREVENT IT:



Do not touch others

Stay away from germs



Wash your hands

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