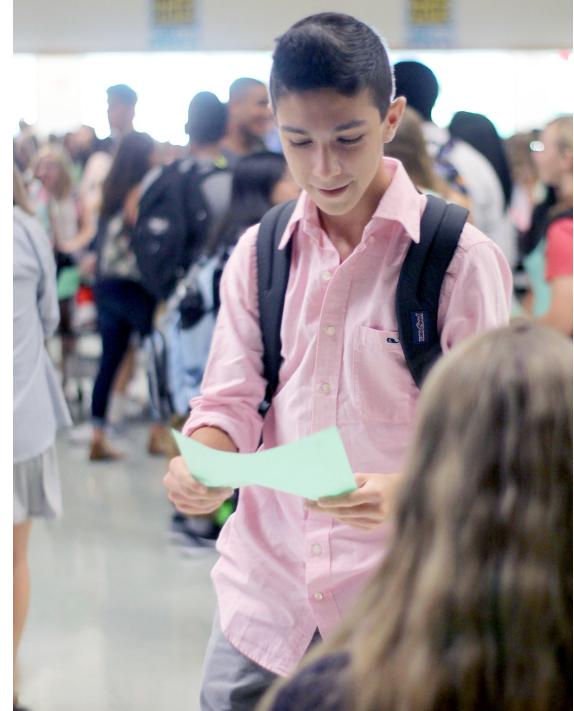


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LOOKING CLASSY /// Skimming his schedule, sophomore Jorge Martinez checks to see if he got all the classes he wanted on Aug. 24. Some of the classes he enrolled in were Pre-AP Spanish 3, Soccer and Art 1. "Compared to freshman year, I felt like I actually knew what I was doing," Martinez said. "Freshman year was the hardest. It just gets better from there." \\\ Photo by Macy Loyd

## first day of school with nerves, excitement

## Students TOUCH

For the first time in 78 days, the daily ding of the bell at 8:35 a.m. was met with a little less than 2,000 students streaming out of the cafeteria doors and into their first period classes.

The 2015-16 school year began on Aug. 24 and included many changes, such as DEN everyday, tiled floors and over thirty new staff members. However, new and returning students alike, maintained the status quo of first day feelings.

"I was nervous for the first day of my last year of high school," senior Heather Choi said. "Even though I've come to this school for four years, this was actually the last year that I would be a part of it and I would no longer return to it."

Meanwhile, sophomore Shiva Kumar had a different perspective.

"I felt really confident about how my school year would start," Kumar said. "Unlike freshman year, I realized it's just another day and another challenge. I was also more comfortable with my surroundings and knew a lot more upperclassmen."

Extracurricular activities, such as band and sports, that required practice over the summer, also played a role in how students felt about the first day of school.

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"I would definitely say that being in band helped me feel more comfortable," freshman Jacob Shackett said. "I knew more people and knew the school." Alongside Shackett, junior Elisabeth Ford also faced her

fears on the first

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day of junior vear. "I had heard juniors tell tales of academic horror," Ford said."It turns out, they are all true. It's really stressful to manage time between clubs and homework. I just try to take it all week





renewed effort to spread the word, seniors Connor Nesbitt and David Rocha explain the purpose of the Food Allergy Support Group at Club Fair. The cafeteria can't feed students with allergies because of contaminants. "Every year, I have asked if we could have a microwave for students with allergies, Nesbitt said. "I wanted to recruit more people for my cause and have a positive community for the minority." \\\ Photo by Savannah Lundin

MEET AND GREET /// With a smile and shake of the hand, freshman Christopher Jacobs meets principal John Sloan during Open House on Aug. 31. Jacobs had been to Open House with his older siblings before with older siblings, but it was his first time meeting Sloan. "At first, I didn't know what to think of Mr. Sloan," Jacobs said. "Since he [Sloan] was new, I was wondering what kind of changes he made, but he's a really nice guv." \\\ Photo by Macy Loyd



LET ME TAKE A SELFIE /// With a quick snap, junior Hanna Stapleton and sophomore Ryan Nesbitt take selfies to promote Photography Club at the Club Fair on Aug. 31. Stapleton is vice president of the club and took AP Photography this year. "I love the dark room," Stapleton said. "I joined Photo Club to get more experience with it because I am considering a major in photography. \\\\ Photo by Savannah Lundin

**KEY PLAYER** /// Gliding his fingers across the keyboard, senior Nataniel Carrasquillo-Medina plays music to attract potential members for National Art Honor Society on Aug. 31. The club handed out fliers and cookies and made their booth more decorative this year for the Club Fair. "We're trying to spread the word so we can do more art projects," Carrasquillo-Medina said. "We want to make something to last even after the seniors graduate." \\\ Photo by Macy Loyd

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