

Leaving a Legacy

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Back to school; it's the time of year that students across America dread. The beginning of September signifies the end of the summer, and the beginning of another school year. For millions across the country, last week was their first week. It's a rough time to be a kid for sure. It seems like ages since the last time the inside of a classroom was seen. Every important lesson on math, history, or science has seemingly disappeared from almost every adolescent brain. And so, the daily grind begins again.

The last week of summer is spent frantically trying to complete work that probably should have been done long ago. September means stressing about who will be in one's math class, or lunch, or study hall. It means wondering whether the workload of the year will be too much. It means praying that one's teachers are not too strict, and don't give too much homework.

However, the beginning of the school year means more than just education. Returning to school provides the opportunity to rekindle friendships with peers that haven't talked in months. There are new clubs to be joined, and sports teams to try out for. There are dances and fundraisers and many school run activities to attend. Yes, school is not all about learning and books. It's a time to make and maintain friendships, and to make plans for the weekends. It's a time to laugh and a time to talk. It's all of these things, and that's why school is such an important, if hated, place for kids. Because while the future holds many things, it is all built off of our time right here, right now, in Marblehead High School.

When we eventually leave college, and look back on these years, we'll fondly remember them as our golden era. As adults, we'll forget the stress and hard work that we put into algebra and biology, and just remember the fun times, the times with friends, and not with teachers. That's why we all, as we return to school, need to make the most of our time here. So that we can leave a legacy to be proud of. So that we can gain the skills we need to succeed in the future. But most of all, so that when we are 30, looking back on our years of high school, we'll be proud, and remember these years as the best of our entire lives.