

Mentor Changes

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Going from a class with kids you have known since kindergarten to a class of freshmen through seniors is a big change that was made to mentor this year. Mentor is a place to get closer to kids in the school that you don't normally talk to and to get a chance to form a better connection with a teacher. Mentor is also a great place to come together to talk about non-academics.

One big change this year that was made to mentor that students and teachers have varying opinions on is that teachers can only request two students each day. Nathaniel Golay, sophomore doesn't like this change. Golay thinks that it can be unfair to students who need extra help because teachers will favor which two they choose each day. He also doesn't like the grades being mixed because it's harder to connect to students in other grades, because they are going through different things and having different experiences. Golay really likes the Wednesday teachings, choose love. "The whole school is

getting thought the same thing and we can all apply it to our lives," said Golay. All in all, Golay likes some of the changes made to this year's mentor but also prefers some of the ways mentor was used last year.

Teaching for 14 years means that Mrs. Henkel has had a lot of years with mentor time and has had many different changes along the way. Henkel said the teachers had some meetings about the mentor changes at the end of the year last year where they talked about the pros and cons of the changes, but the teachers had mixed feedback so the administration did the best of compromising. Henkel has seen interacting between the grades in her mentor class and some new friendships being made that would not have if mentor didn't change. Henkel actually is liking only being able to request two students day, "there is not as much chaos in the room and the two students get my undivided attention for 30 minutes."

One thing Henkel would change about the Wednesday teaching, Choose Love, is that everybody should give it a fair chance and that the attitude of teachers and students could be positive and open-minded. Wednesday's are a time that everyone in the school gets an impactful reminder to choose love!

There are many different things people use mentor time for each day. Golay uses it mostly for homework and with any extra free time will then go on his phone. Henkel has a very strong opinion on mentor, "Marion has a family feel and the students are good and care about each other. Mentor helps keep the family feel and is a safe place for students to truly express themselves," said Henkel. So even if you don't like the mentor changes made this year you can still have an open mind.



Ms. Henkel, helps Jordyn Dunn, 21' in her mentor class.

Couch to Classroom

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When the average person thinks of school they may think of public schools. With classrooms filled with people around the same age range and an instructor teaching them new subjects. Most of the time students work with others to help better their understanding of new concepts.

Being taught by your parents has been in human history ever since we were able to comprehend ideas. But now being taught by your parents any other way where someone isn't taught at a public school is called being 'homeschooled'. There are many reasons why people may be homeschooled, from religious reasons, mental or physical conditions, or their parents would just prefer to teach them. For Elizabeth Andreasen, Junior, she chose to be homeschooled because of her anxiety. "I wanted to be homeschooled because I couldn't go a day without having a panic attack, but when sophomore year came around it got easier to handle. So this year I decided to come back full time," she said. Andreasen has been in the Marion school district her whole school career, taking a break from eighth grade up until Junior year. There were some perks in getting in at home education. Like waking up at whatever time you want, eating whenever you want, and not as much supervision. However, being homeschooled is



Gentry Gibbs, '22, works on math during his third block class with Mr. Martin.

not for everyone. "I feel like if a person was dedicated enough then maybe they could take advantage in being homeschooled. But that's not me," she said. Gentry Gibbs, sophomore, has the same philosophy as Andreasen. Gibbs has been homeschooled on and off for a couple years. He has some of the same advantages, like being mainly self taught with the help of his parents and having more free time than a public school student. At first he was nervous to come to Marion, "I really thought that it would be a lot worse, I thought I was going to be a stereotype. But the students have been very welcoming and the teachers are fun because they're all unique," he said. Getting the proper education is important, no matter how one gets it.

