

School of chaos

Despite Marion High school growing and improving, there are still some things to fix.

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Marion High School is a lovely school. We have amazing teachers, and we have a good teaching curriculum. We have a crazy amount of talented students and great athletics. The way Marion carries themselves is amazing, but every school is going to have some complications. Of course, Marion is going to have problems from time to time, but the amount of problems that we have with the school itself is not okay. We need to fix it.

Back in 2020, we had a horrible hurricane called a derecho. All the schools shut down for a little bit while the destruction from the hurricane was being repaired. After a couple of weeks, we finally went back to school. Even back in school, some of the damage wasn't fixed. During the first two quarters of school, there were people on the roof trying to restore everything. They eventually fixed it and left, but the problems came back. It can't be derecho because even after 8 months, the school

is still having trouble. The people that were on the roof are back, and now there are noises every 10 minutes. The noises depend on the classroom you are in, and it could interfere with some students' learning time.

When it comes to problems with the school, the roof is not the only issue. There are a couple problems inside the building also. In the school there are leaks. The leaks are coming from the ceiling. There was one time when they took most of the tiles down and a lot of the tiles were getting cracked. They were getting old, and they needed new ones. They eventually fixed it, but there were still some areas where it was wet on the floor. There was one time when the water fountains were a problem. The water fountains were oozing black onto the floor, so nobody could drink from them, and that was a problem for people with no water bottles. The odor of the ooze was also very disgusting.

We also had numerous trash bags hanging from the ceilings dripping into trashcans to funnel leaks from getting water on the floor. They aren't up there everyday, but they get put back up every once a while. This isn't a huge problem, but it could make us look bad. If students from another school were to come into our school, it could potentially make us



The school "fixes" the leaks coming from the ceiling with trash bags and cans.

look tacky. So we need to repair the leaks and make sure they are permanently fixed. We don't want any more problems with the school because it makes us look bad in the eyes of others.

Marion High School is an amazing school. We have a great sports team, and we even have a great school curriculum that fits everyone. But we have to fix the problems coming from the school in order for us to be complete.

Keep teachers responsible

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Teachers are often thought of as leaders, wizened scholars that bestow the knowledge they've accrued over the years to the new, younger students. Students can often forget that these are not servants, these are real people with lives and personalities and were not put on this Earth with the sole purpose of servicing their students. In fact, teaching is seen as a "plan B" or a last resort for some people. Not every teacher has the same sense of responsibility their peers might have. Especially now in such a hostile and politically charged atmosphere, teachers can struggle to separate their personal lives from their professional lives. Teachers that take their personal beliefs and force them on to their students should not be in an environment with impressionable young adults that are struggling to find their true selves.

The United States is in an endless civil war, but instead of fighting with muskets and scruffy beards like in 1867, our divided nation today fights with fake news, buzz words, and Twitter. Social media has become our battlefield, and as silly as that may seem, a battlefield is the only fitting description of the cesspit that is modern day Amer-

ican politics. People are dying everyday from people who refuse to wear masks because their party told them to do so. We're in a constant, endless loop of ignorance and apathy, both sides of the political spectrum being too proud to admit when they're wrong or that their affiliated party isn't 100% right all the time. This becomes especially damning in a school environment, as the only way to fight ignorance is through knowledge. Unfortunately, as mentioned before, people in modern day America have a hard time swallowing their pride. Ignorance kills, and that has become all too clear in wake of the pandemic.

Separating and acknowledging personal political biases is what a professional teacher should do, but every now and again sometimes the responsible adults at this school can be a little unprofessional. Not to say that's always a bad thing, students learn better if their teacher can make connections with them and treat them as a human being instead of viewing them as a snot nosed brat. But, sometimes the joking between master and disciple can go a little too far and what was supposed to be a funny joke can make the student uncomfortable. It's even more damaging to learning if the teacher doesn't treat every student the same. Everyone knows that one gym teacher that only talks to the athlete or the english teacher that only talks to bookish girls. Even if a teacher is friends

with a student, they should treat everyone equally and extend that same friendship to those students who are more on the shy side. Let's say a teacher goes a little too far joking with a student; now the students who aren't the best of buds with them are scared to ask questions or talk to them cause they don't want to get ridiculed or made fun of.

Every staff member needs to know the difference between light hearted joking and just being mean to get a laugh out of teenagers.



Mr. Mitchell, a good example of a responsible rolemodel, laughs with his students in government class.