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verybody said the same thing — the first day was too crowded.

All of the students started off the school day in homeroom, which was extended as usual for the announcements to be given.

With the new dress code, skirts/dresses could not exceed the length of the arm. "It kept up standards but took into consideration the changing styles," said Spanish teacher Mrs. Joan O'Briant.

Students made many visits to the guidance office when they were not pleased with their new teachers or classmates.

Many of the freshmen found it new and exciting to finally be one of the "big dogs." "I liked it because there were a lot of pretty girls," said Fred Fishburne.

Most of the sophomores and juniors had no special feelings toward the first day. According to Chris Collins, "It was boring."

"It was funny to look at the freshmen and think that's how we used to be," said senior Damon Ford.

"It was extremely "phat," said another senior, Cedric Jones AKA "Shoebaby." "I was sporting my new gear, and not trying to say I'm all that, but the girls thought I was cute. So it was pretty cool."

Many were happy to catch up on old times after reuniting with old friends they had not seen since the June before.

- Mikelle Thomas

Mrs. Janis Blocker discusses her expectations for her new journalism class as they listen intently. The journalism class was responsible for the school yearbook and newspapers.