

Olivia Interview

- Freshman
- Umbrella club and united spectrum club
- Came to severn in 6th grade
- “Artsy” person
- In vocal ensemble
- Spend lots of time in art room
- Run cross country and track and field which she has done since 8th grade
- Moved from Baltimore
- Went to public school
 - Hamstead hill academy
 - Really great school
 - Hard to find a place where she can feel like she’d be part of a really great community - thinks Severn is this for her
- Severn lives up to the The way that everyone talks about it
- Everyone is so nice and accepting
- Everyone knows it’s not like other schools
- Teachers have helped her
- Doesn’t have a single teacher she doesn't like
- They are all always trying to be helpful and looking out for every single one of their students
- Got lost all of the time in middle school
 - Pretty sure every teacher knew her because she was the girl that was always asking where this teacher’s classroom is
 - All the teachers were so nice
- The tour helped her in the beginning of her
 - Figured out how to be prepared
- Severn’s transition helped
- Nervous about starting high school
- The focus on getting everyone to know each other was nice - thought it would be nice for the new Severn students
 - This focused on community
- Still hangs out with all of her middle school friends but her group has really expanded
- Doesn’t see anyone alone anymore, everyone has found their people/group
- Feels like she mostly sticks to the back
- Feels like every person has their own influence on the group as their own
- In united spectrum - very open community - thinks she’s had impact on that
- The cross country group was one of the best she’s been a part of at Severn
- The sens of comradery of that group and everyone had a say and that everyone was listened to was one of her favorite things this year

- Felt like she had an impact as a leader even if she didn't do anything
- The seniors and senior captains did a lot
- Such a friendly community
- No judgment
- Every person in the group was always so friendly and had this sense of that they wanted everyone to have a really great season
- It wasn't just about winning but almost more about the relationships with the people
- Always loved drawing and music
- Drew a lot as a kid bc she didn't have a lot of friends
- Always felt an attraction to music and arts
- Plans on auditioning for the musical
- Music + painting is a hobby and a form of stress relief
- Likes how you can get better and learn things as you see your art to progress
 - Nice to see that change
 - I put in that effort and i'm the reason why it looks better
- Not in any art classes but still loves to paint
 - Spends a lot of time in art room
- During lunch her friends do pottery and draw and just hang out
- One of her friends is really big on ceramics and started hanging out there, other friends started to join and it became the whole group
- Something unique is that everyone knows each other - names
 - Have had teachers said hi olivia how are you doing that she doesn't know her or they don't teach her
- Since everyone knows everyone's names is creates a sense of i can talk to you, engaging on a personal level not just academic which she thinks is very important
- Severn's values
 - Acceptance
 - Making everyone feel like they belong
 - Bringing out the best in every individual
 - They want to see that individuality and the character part
 - Just helping every student on their own excel and thrive in whatever they do
- Olivia's values
 - Judgment free person
 - Inclusion
 - Open minded
 - Love
 - Connecting with everyone she can
- Severn in one word
 - Always trying to be better

- She chose to be a part of this - volunteered
 - Not totally sure why she did it
 - Heard about the project and thought it was really cool
 - Wanted to see if she'd have anything to contribute