

Sean Ward Interview

- Junior
- Going to Severn for 5 years
- Vice president of Student Council
- Baseball
- Acapella
- Leads civil discourse club
- Do the musicals
- Main thing is baseball
 - Really enjoys it
 - Possibly in college
- Favorite subjects are English and History
- Prefer to go to a good academic school than baseball, not sure where he'll be
 - Would like to
 - But will see how it is
- Brother who is a rapper
 - Freshman in college
- Younger brother in 8th grade
- Middle child
- Likes being both older and younger brother
- Parents get on him because of middle child
- Went to St. Mary's from kindergarten to 5th grade
- Whole family left
 - Better academics and school
 - Never very good
- Parents were looking for a good academic school
- Mom went to Severn in middle school
- Him and younger brother got in, YD didn't
- A girl dropped out first day of school and then ryan got in
- Sense of togetherness here that's really important
- Lot of academic competition
 - Manifests itself in a positive way
 - Competitive is more negative
 - But everyone pushes each other here to perform their best with academics
- Always wanted to be in student council since middle school but never did until sophomore
- Felt like he is a good voice for his grade
- Has a good footing with established friend groups - can represent issues, wants and grade well
 - Many different groups
- We aren't perfect
- Some of the less popular sports could have a bigger presence at Severn - wrestling, tennis

- We have good teams that aren't represented
- We all know what makes severn different but its hard to say
- There's a moral code that goes beyond the honor code that everyone adheres to and knows to
- You can't just leave anything around at other schools - this kind of stuff that makes us so special
 - The small things like that that contribute to the bigger picture
- Showed some of his friends to this school and they were like this is so much different
- Doesn't realize how special severn is unless we don't go here/compare it to other schools
- Severns value
 - Trust
 - Being there
 - Everyone's there for each other
 - Having each other of each other
 - Support
 - Teachers have very strong support here of students
 - Integrity
- Core values
 - Honesty
 - Empathy
 - Strong ability to recognize what's going on
 - And tries to be open minded to help people
 - Love
- Severn has had the biggest impact on him and older brother
- A place where you can explore any interest you want to
 - Really formed him and brother - especially him
- A place where he can make music
- Does so many different things
- Can't go to lots of schools and take any extracurricular
- A place where you can balance your time
- Have the time to do anything you want and can explore anything
 - Forms you as a person
- An environment where it's not just school or sports, you can balance the two and even more
- Parents inspire him
 - Very inspiration
- Dad breadwinner, authorial guy
 - Diligence and ability to balance things
- Mom is one of the nicest people he's ever met
- Severn's one word

- Cohesion
 - Goes back to how everyone is together
 - Togetherness
 - One of the best way you can articulate having each others back
 - The size of severn helps with this
 - Doesn't get that safety and support