



# Freshman Retreat

**Discover Your Story.** The Junie B. Jones group of senior Freshman Retreat leaders Lucy Grant and Muriel Neary, freshmen Becca Vining, Kenzie Schumacher, Alyssa Gebhart, Toni Ptacek, Mia Hopkins, Meghan Langdon, Megan Troia and Gabby Armendariz engage in a retreat activity on Friday, Nov. 5. This year's theme was "Discover Your Story." Every room of two leaders and about eight freshmen had an individual story book for their small group theme.



**Today Is Where Your Book Begins.** Freshmen Mackenzie Wenck, Monica Spence, Kate Livinghouse and junior leader Carolyn Wolfe share a smile at the Freshman Retreat Mass. After all of the activities of the day, the girls celebrated liturgy together. Father Tom Fangman from Sacred Heart presided at the Mass. At the conclusion of the celebration, he gave the seniors a chance to talk about their Marian experiences as well as give any advice to the freshmen. For the closing, the leaders, shadow crew members and freshmen sang the Class of 2014 song "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield. "It was one of the most rewarding experiences and the best bonding with both my group and other retreat leaders I've ever had," Wolfe said.

**You Are Beautiful.** Motivational speaker Eartha Jones spoke to the freshmen Friday night. Jones has spoken at Freshman Retreat for the past seven years. Her message to the girls is that everyone is beautiful inside and out. "I liked how she was funny and kept telling us over and over again that we are beautiful, and that we have a lot in our lives to look forward to as we get older," freshman Morgan Froydma said.



**Dance Party Extravaganza.** Freshmen Carly Novacek, Emily Rakoczy and Sydney Wolf dance during the pizza dinner in the cafeteria. Sophomore shadow crew members provided the decorations, food, drinks and music for the night. The behind-the-scenes group assisted in making the retreat run smoothly from early Friday to Saturday morning.

**Ships and Sailors.** Freshmen Janae Heaney, Courtney Boler, Jill Salerno and Rachel Ervin battle it out in a game of Ships and Sailors. The four were the last ones standing until three men rowing was called. After dinner, the girls played games in the east gym, followed by another dance party in the west gym. The overnight retreat was filled with many activities that helped the freshmen focus on discovering themselves.



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