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high horse now, and admit that I was a social media fiend for years. I am writing this so

that you can consider your use of social media. Without it, I now communicate a lot more

on an individual level, calling and texting friends, meeting up and hanging out more often.

I deleted nearly all of the nonessential apps from my phone—games, useless utilities.

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Lena, herself

What is something you do for fun or just as a hobby?
I really love painting. It’s my passion. I paint very seldom as I have no time for it but when I do it I give all my soul to the picture.

What does an average day look like for you?
I wake up at 7 o’clock, wash my face and teeth, eat cereal, go to the university, come home about at 5pm, do my homework and then sleep. You know I’m studying in technical university and we really have no time for entertainments. But on holidays: I wake up at 10 am, eat something that I find in the fridge, take a shower, go for a walk, or watch serials (I just started watching “Shameless”) or movies or just paint, then go to the bed at around 1am.

What is youth culture like in Russia and do you feel like you fit in it?
One of the most youth cultures is “rave Russia”. You already know about our “witchcult” parties and skotobolnya. I really love it and support this idea. But you know my parents, they don’t allow me to visit such events. If my parents were less strict I will perfectly fit in this culture.

What are some really cool local places that aren’t tourist spots?
Moscow is divided into tourist spots and domestic areas. So wherever you walk there are always tourists. But I know one cinema where you can watch pretty old movies like of the 50s-60s. I don’t think tourist have reached this place yet.

How do you feel about the current state of your government?
We waste a lot of money on the wrong things like churches and different parades. We should spend money on education, science, roads, weapon, etcetera.

Do you think American news sources accurately display Russia?
All news sources lie. I don’t trust to any news.

Do you trust the government?
The main rule: don’t trust anyone.

What is your philosophy on life?
Life is too short, so we should do what we pleased to and at the same time don’t hurt anybody.

**The main rule: Don’t trust anyone** - Lena

a Russian car decal that translates to “Obama is a schmuck”

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YOUR QUARTERLY HOROSCOPES

Aquarius Only on NBC

So, let me just level with you guys for a second: we were short staffed at the time of writing these, and honestly, at this point, none of us were able to decipher your horoscope. The Ouija board said one thing, but the tea leaves said another, and when you stay up for 70 hours straight doing nothing but paranormal readings to construct these horoscopes, it gets to you. For this, we apologize. Aquarius, you are on your own.

Pisces Likes: Fishsticks "Dislikes: Fishstick Puns"

I would tell you your future, but it is just too wet and nasty. Just stay hydrated and be smart is the best advice I can give you.

Aries Motor Trend Magazine Car of the Year 1981

All the gods, all the heavens, all the hells are within you. You gotta stop bottling it all up man. Let it out.

Taurus Bunch of Bull

The beginning of the year will be like a matador who just got gouged in the face by a bull’s horn. Bloody, painful, yet exhilarating. The crowd will go wild as they watch you suffer in front of them, and your popularity will sky rocket.

Gemini Double Trouble

Twice the fun and twice the trouble. You’re your own wingman; your own mentor; your multiple personality disorder is flaring up.

Cancer Crabby

You are in fact a Cancer, and you’re malignant too. On the bright side, some people would say that you’re growing on them.

Leo Rawr XD

For the next few weeks, you will be walking a tightrope. Be warned, Philippe Petit.

Virgo Stay Gold

If Welcome Freshmen was a test, you were the examinee. Next time, study up. It’s pass/fail.

Libra Judge, Jury, Executioner

Be sure to balance everything. Work life, family life, free time, kids, the books, politics, scandals, black market trades, deep web transactions, etc. Make sure they are all balanced.

Scorpio Pinch Pinch

Don’t stay up all night worrying about life’s daily problems, like remembering to plug in your phone at night, or race relations. There’s bigger fish to fry. Look out Pisces.

Sagittarius Two Halves Make a Whole

Sagittarius is tradition-ally known as a centaur, a half-man-half-horse. Now all you have to do is work on that beach bod. This is redeemable for one free pass on leg day.

Capricorn Sea-Goat

Firstly, sea-goat. Nice. Secondly, all of you were born around Christmas and New Years, so I want to sincerely apologize. My condolences.
Detention Slip-Up
a brief narrative by Breigh Rodriguez

The front door swung open and Liza dropped her bag in the middle of the hall, along with her house key and her productivity. Her snot gray cat perched on a table in the hallway, detached from the world, as he often was. “Get off you stupid cat,” she muttered as she passed by, waving her hand. The cat only answered with an uninterested purr, then followed her into the kitchen, tripping up her feet in the process. “Pepper! Stop it!” Liza finally yelled. She picked up the cat and dropped him outside on the porch where he probably would have a seizure. She went back into the kitchen and rummaged through the fridge, humming a song she’d heard in the hallway at school that day. Two weeks Liza Scott had been at school, and in two weeks she’d earned herself a Saturday detention. The little pink detention slip was somewhere in the recesses of her backpack, crumpled up with a biology assignment and a writing exercise from her English teacher. In Liza’s defense, she had done nothing to deserve a detention; she was Westfall simply not happy with the paint splatters on her denim shorts, but what was Liza supposed to do? It was the life of an artist! It wasn’t against dress regulation! At least she didn’t think it was. Liza had never bothered reading the student manual they had given her at orientation.

Liza heard a door slam outside, followed by her mother’s keys jingling as she walked. The front door squeaked on its hinges when her mom came inside to eat in the gym. I silently sat on the floor, carefully eating my food to avoid making a noise that would alert the school of my presence. It was my day of school: and I was fixing to go in blind. Here are 5 things I wished someone had told me on my first day of school.

1. The Honor Code isn’t that scary, but it is taken seriously! So even though your first teacher in your first class on your first day will give you a D on your first assignment because he can tell that your answers came straight from Wikipedia, don’t mean that the honor code isn’t scary! Going to a school with a golf team isn’t weird! I’m not sure why I thought that this was the strangest thing about ESA because a lot of schools have golf teams. In fact, there’s a lot stranger things, like a lack of a girls basketball team. Just to put that one out there.

2. No one’s skirt is less than 5 inches above the knee. In fact, go ahead and get it hemmed that extra inch before school starts. If you can see your Nike shorts poking out from under your skirt, you’re definitely doing things right.

3. Get used to eating on the gym floor. On my first day of school, torrential rain required for the whole student body to pack up their lunches and to move inside to eat in the gym. I silently sat on the floor, carefully eating my food to make sure that none of it touched the ground and wondered what I had done to deserve to go from eating lunch in a cafeteria to eating lunch on a dusty gym floor. But when lunch was moved the next two days, I realized this was a common occurrence and it required a little bit of washing— it up.

4. Invest in rain boots. It’ll save you schools days filled with cold and wet feet, and wondering why you ever thought that you could keep your feet dry just by walking on the walkways.

5. The Art of Mastering ESA

advice and anecdotes from Libby Menard

It was a balmy and humid January morning, which seemed contradictory and to me it was. Having just moved from the Netherlands, South Louisiana was a whole new world. My mom pulled up to the summer camp looking campus, parked the car, and walked me and my sister towards the administration building. “This place is weirder than I remember,” I thought over and over again in my head. My mom flashed me a smile and I replied with a scowl, wondering why my parents ever thought it would be a good idea to send me to an outdoor campus when they knew I straightened my hair everyday! As I was handed my schedule, locker assignment, why my parents ever thought it would be a good idea to send me to an outdoor campus when they knew I straightened my hair everyday! As I was handed my schedule, locker assignment, and I was fixing to go in blind. Here are 5 things I wished someone had told me on my first day of school:

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7 new species discovered

Local Taxonomist Binominally Nomenclates ESA’s Own

My exploration team and I arrived here at ESA via Coulee LaSalle several years ago. We decided to settle on these grounds and study the fauna that populated the region. After years of cogitation, toil, and discovery, we now proudly release this publication detailing our findings of the organisms that inhabit this place.

The number of Spiritedus extracurricular per grade typically amounts to no less than six and no more than eleven. The S. extracurricular loves to get involved in every school related activity that is outside of the classroom. This species always takes leadership of discussions concerning the activity of student body, and S. extracurricular thrives on opportunities to lead their peers and get involved with their community. College admissions officers must brace themselves when they receive a college request for such a student. Every S. extracurricular section is twelve pages long at the very least. S. extracurricular are found either on the deck, the quad, or in Mrs. Bush’s office.

Only one Class mascot exists per grade. Every grade universally loves their C. mascot, and this species possesses the ability to unite their class. The one matter their peers often overlook this.

The Lego room species has incredible computer and video gaming skills. Often found in Mr. Lego’s room, the L. room constantly types and clicks away on a laptop or some other device. Mr. Lego sits quietly at his desk having no other knowledge of the L. room nor Mr. Lego seems to mind each other’s presence or lack of acknowledgment.

The Libertarianus crowdshifter is an extremely rare and elusive species. My team and I hypothesize that only one to three L. crowdshifter inhabit ESA. One must use caution when encountering L. crowdshifter as the species can be quite aggressive. The most common way a L. crowdshifter marks its territory is to place a note of noble documents that anger hoards of people. Because of its aggressive nature, people often overlook the benevolent, loyal, and caring disposition of the L. crowdshifter.

I. procrastinata

Species: Intellectuallia

Family: Nerd

Class: Ofi ana

Phylum: Schoolivia

Kingdom: Episcopalia

Genus: Intellectuallia

Species: Intellectuallia procrastinata

This species procrastinates forever, and I. procrastinata often proves to have the most inherent intelligence of any species inhabiting ESA. This species does everything in its power to perform the absolute minimum work required to succeed academically, yet I. procrastinata usually exudes more knowledgeability, intellectual prowess, and genuine interest in learning than any other species. One can ordinarily find I. procrastinata in common areas such as the deck frantically attempting to complete homework due the next period.

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