DIRECTIONS: READ THE SAMPLE STORY BELOW. EDIT OR REWRITE IT TO ELIMINATE:

* FIRST-PERSON POINT OF VIEW (*I, we, you*, etc.)
* BOOK REPORT-STYLE WRITING (Announcements like, “In this article, I’m going to write about…”)
* Q & A-STYLE WRITING (Instead, write a sentence that *summarizes* each question and answer in an interesting way. These sentences also may be used to introduce a quote.)
* OPINION (You’re a reporter. Stick to the facts.)
* ANYTHING OFF-TOPIC

**BY SAMANTHA SNODGRASS**

Today, I am going to tell you about our new student. His name is Hank Hamburger. He is 10 and in the fifth grade. He is in Ms. Venditto’s class. He is really nice and funny. He has a sister named Mara who is 3 years old.

I interviewed Hank recently and asked him many questions. He gave me many answers. Listed below are the questions I asked and the answers he gave me. I hope you enjoy reading them.

**How long have you been at St. Mary?**I came here last February. I used to go to public school in California. We came to Michigan because of the frog infestation and also because I got fired from my job as a Disney actor. Now we live in Clinton Township.

**How do you like St. Mary?**

It’s cool. I like the uniforms. In my other school, you were judged based on your clothes. If you didn’t have expensive shoes or a North Face coat, you weren’t one of the cool kids. One of my friends would get teased a lot because his family couldn’t afford nice stuff. Here, everybody dresses the same, so there isn’t all that drama.

**Do you play any sports?**Yes. Football is my favorite. I won the Punt, Pass & Kick contest for the entire city of Los Angeles and got to compete at Oakland Coliseum in the state finals. I also do judo, archery, bowling and competitive hog wrestling.