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20 Tips for Success in High School

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Your high school years should be filled with learning and growth. Increasingly, students are finding that high school is also a time of stress and anxiety. It seems that students are feeling more pressure than ever before when it comes to performing well.

There are some things you can do to make sure your high school experience is enjoyable and successful.

Embrace a Healthy Life Balance

Don't stress about your grades so much that you forget to have fun. This is supposed to be an exciting time in your life. On the other hand, don't let too much fun get in the way of your study time. Establish a healthy balance, and don't let yourself go overboard either way.

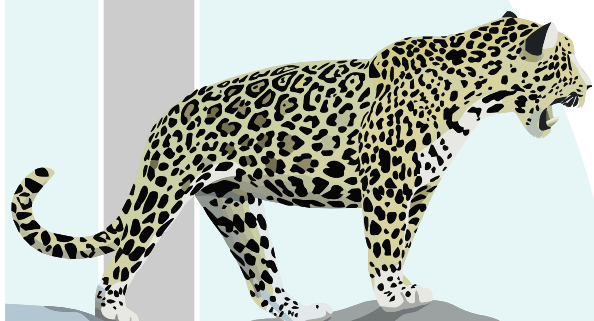
Understand What Time Management Really Means

Sometimes, students assume there's some magical trick or shortcut to time management. Time management means being aware and taking action. Be aware of the things that waste time and reduce them. You don't have to stop them, just reduce them. Take action to replace time-wasters with active and responsible study habits.

Eliminate Those Time-Wasters

There's a fine line between helpful unwinding between periods of intensive studying and wasting precious hours and attention in ways that are not recharging your batteries. Pay attention to how much time you're spending on social media, on video games, bingeing on shows, or whatever your guilty pleasures might be. Staying connected to friends is vital, but make it quality time that leaves you clear-headed and rested. One helpful tactic is to set aside specific times of day to check your phone and adhering strictly to that schedule when studying.

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Find Tools That Work for You

There are many time management tools and tactics, but you'll find that you are more likely to stick with a few. Different people find different methods that work for them. Use a big wall calendar, use color-coded supplies, use a planner, or find your own methods of managing your time.

Choose Extracurricular Activities Wisely

You may feel pressured to select several extracurricular activities that might look good on a college application. This can cause you to overextend yourself and get swamped in commitments that you don't enjoy. Instead, select clubs and activities that match your passions and your personality.

Appreciate the Importance of Sleep

We all joke around a lot about the poor sleep habits of teens. But the reality is that you have to find a way to get enough sleep. Lack of sleep leads to poor concentration, and poor concentration leads to bad grades. You're the one who pays the price if you don't sleep enough. Force yourself to turn off the gadgets and go to bed early enough to get a good night's sleep.

Do Things for Yourself

Are you the child of a helicopter parent? If so, your parent is not doing you any favors by protecting you from failures. Helicopter parents are those who monitor every bit of a child's life, from waking them in the morning to monitoring homework and test days, to hiring professionals to help with college preparations. Such parents are setting students up for failure in college. Learn to do things for yourself and ask your parents to give you space to succeed or fail on your own.

Communicate With Your Teachers

You don't have to be best friends with your teacher, but you should ask questions, accept feedback, and give feedback when your teacher asks for it. Teachers appreciate it when they see that students try.

Practice Active Study Methods

Studies show that you learn more when you study the same material two or three ways with a time delay between

study methods. Rewrite your notes, test yourself and your friends, write practice essay answers: Be creative and be active when you study!

Give Yourself Plenty of Time to Do Assignments

There are so many reasons you should get an early start on assignments. Too many things can go wrong if you procrastinate. You could come down with a bad cold on the night before your due date; you might find out too late that you're missing some needed research or supplies—there are dozens of possibilities.

Use Smart Test Prep

Studies show that the best way to prepare for a test is to create and use practice tests. For best results, use a study group to create test questions and practice quizzing each other.

Eat Well to Feel Better

Nutrition makes a world of difference when it comes to brain function. If you feel groggy, tired, or sleepy because of the way you eat, your ability to retain and recall information will be impaired.

Improve Reading Habits

In order to remember what you read, you will need to practice active reading techniques. Stop every few pages to attempt to summarize what you've read. Mark and research any words that you can't define. Read all critical texts at least twice.

Reward Yourself

Be sure to find ways to reward yourself for every good result. Make time to watch a marathon of your favorite shows on the weekends, or take time to have fun with friends and let off a little steam.

Make Smart College Planning Choices

The goal of most high school students is to gain acceptance into a college of choice. One common mistake is to "follow the pack" and select colleges for the wrong reasons. Big football colleges and Ivy League schools might be great choices for you, but then again, you might be better off at a small private college or a middle-sized state college. Think about how the college you pursue really matches your personality and your goals.

Write Down Your Goals

There's no magical power to writing down your goals, except that it helps you identify and prioritize the things you want to accomplish. Turn your ambitions from vague thoughts to specific goals by making a list.

Don't Let Friends Bring You Down

Are your friends seeking the same goals as you? Are you picking up any bad habits from your friends? You don't have to change your friends because of your ambitions, but you should be aware of the influences that might affect you. Be sure to make choices based on your own ambitions and goals. Don't make choices just to make your friends happy.

Choose Your Challenges Wisely

You may be tempted to take honors classes or AP courses because they'll make you look good. Be aware that taking too many challenging courses can backfire. Determine your strengths and be selective about them. Excelling in a few

challenging courses is much better than performing poorly in several.

Take Advantage of Tutoring

If you have the opportunity to receive free help, be sure to take advantage. The extra time you take to review lessons, solve problems, and talk over the information from class lectures, will pay off in your report cards.

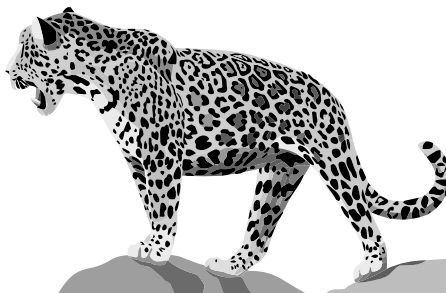
Learn to Accept Criticism

It can be disheartening to find lots of red teacher's marks and comments on a paper you spent hours crafting. Take the time to read the comments carefully and consider what the teacher has to say. It's sometimes painful to read about your weaknesses and mistakes, but this is the only way to really avoid repeating the same mistakes over and over. Also, notice any patterns when it comes to grammar mistakes or wrong word choices.

With Jaguar Pride,
Crystal C. Houser, *Principal*

End of Year Reminders

- Please keep your ATTENDANCE, GRADES, and BEHAVIORS in check. You need to finish the semester strong to continue BUILDING A STRONG RESUME for college or a career.
- This semester grades and attendance will determine your ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY for next fall. You must pass all of your classes and have no more than 12 absences for the entire semester.
- See your counselor for information about SUMMER JOBS. There are many jobs available to help you stay active in your community and earn some summer money. Check it out!
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Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as Morehead-Cain, and Shovelin Scholarship finalists:



Evan Friday
(Morehead-Cain & Shovelin)



Samantha Bolton
(Morehead-Cain)

Congratulations to our AP Research Collegiate Prep Academy Cohort for completing their pathway of study!



Congratulations to our students that placed in the Regional Science & Engineering Fair:



(Left) Tate Smith & Evan Friday (1st place Environmental)



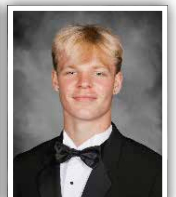
(Right) James Gunter (2nd place Environmental)
*James was a finalist in the Regional competition and will move on to the State Competition March 25th.

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- Womens Tennis *Regional Champions as well
- Mens & Womens Swimming
- Wrestling

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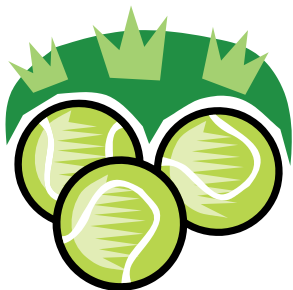
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Summer Planning by Grade

Depending on what grade your student is in, you might consider making a loose, multi-year plan for the summers ahead. Map out possible activities for the next few summers, and see if you identify a common thread or interest to pursue. But a word to parents: Know your student and their schedule! Make a plan that ensures the student doesn't become too busy or overwhelmed. Students should never return to classes in the fall feeling burnt out and exhausted.

Freshmen and sophomores: Summer programs, camps (including CIT programs), and travel are great options for exploring interests. Paid programs on college campuses probably won't have any impact on getting into college but can be helpful for students (especially those who are less engaged in the college process or are the first in their family to go to college) to experience what it's like to live on a college campus and determine what they want in a college.

Juniors and seniors: Consider something that is more self-driven, such as a job, internship, or academic research. Students gain valuable experience from researching, applying to, and interviewing for jobs or internships.

Find out more at: <https://grownandflown.com/summer-activities-300-ideas-college-bound-teens/>



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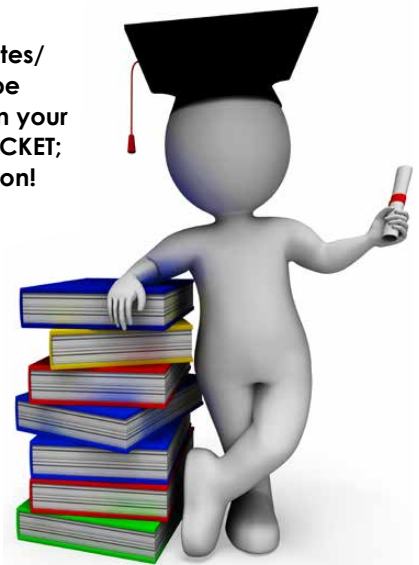
10-Mar	Early Dismissal 12:15pm /Parent Conferences 1-7pm
11-Mar	TWD (optional day)
23-Mar	Josten's Order Delivery - cafe
24-26 Mar	Spring Musical Performances 7pm nightly (Auditorium)
24-Mar	Report Cards Distributed
9-Apr	Prom Night (Must attend school 4/8)
9-Apr	Run 4 the \$ (Downtown Gastonia)
15-22 Apr	Spring Break
28-Apr	Choral Music Fest 7pm (Auditorium)
5-May	Beta, NHS, NTHS Inductions 6:00pm (Auditorium)
17-May	Academic- Scholarship Awards Night 6pm (Auditorium)
18-May	School-wide Awards 8:30am (Auditorium)
18-May	Athletic Awards Banquet 7pm (Auditorium)
19-May	Spring Chorus Concert 7pm (Auditorium)
24-May	Spring Band Concert 7pm (Auditorium)
25-May - 1-Jun	Final EXAMS
30-May	Memorial Holiday
1-Jun	Last Day of School/Make up exams
4-June	Graduation Day (9:00 am Stadium) *Inclement weather - 9am Auditorium



Graduation is Around the Corner

Don't wait! Get your academic affairs in order NOW so that you get to make the walk across that stage.

- Have you ordered your Cap & Gown?
- Are you PASSING your courses?
- Are you in good standing with ATTENDANCE?
- Have you taken care any outstanding debt or fees?
- **All Senior activity dates/times will be provided in your SENIOR PACKET; coming soon!**



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