

Essay

Please write and title a 500-700-word essay on the following theme:

What advice would you give an incoming 9th grader at your high school to help them maximize their high school experience?

High school as a freshman is a scary place. It is like entering a foreign country where you no longer know the language, the style, or the people. It is like entering a jungle where all of the other animals are bigger than you. You now have your whole future ahead of you. Your current classes, tests, and grades will determine how far you get. Even with this being said, high school does not always have to be seen as scary. For there is a beauty in the unknown. High school is a place where you can change your image for the better and get involved in things that you did not have the opportunity to in middle school.

I would tell incoming freshman to make sure to get involved. Although academics and grades are important in high school, the bonds that will be created with your fellow classmates are just as valuable. The memories that will be made within the four years at this school are ones that will last a lifetime. There are so many good clubs and organizations throughout high school to get involved in, no matter your interests or hobbies. Kennett High School has everything from an excellent choir and drama program to outstanding athletic and quiz bowl teams. Don't limit yourself to just one club. The more activities in which you are involved in while in school, the more enjoyable your time here will be. Try to accommodate your time to where you are able to participate in as many clubs and activities offered to you.

I would also tell incoming freshman to make the most of your time in high school. Eat your mom's home cooked meals, go to your little brother's basketball game, buy that dress you want for prom, because in four short years, this will no longer be an option. Soon, you will be packing your things into your car and moving far away from everything you know and love. Soon, you will be heading into the real world, and high school will be but a memory in the back of your mind. Soon, your home will no longer be your home. For one day you are looking forward at the long four years you have ahead of you, and then you blink. And before you know it, you will be having all of your lasts: your last football game, your last Homecoming dance, and your last day of school.

High school can be whatever you make it out to be. By keeping up with your grades, getting involved, and making the most of your time here, it can become the best four years of your life. Create good relationships with your teachers, faculty, and fellow students for the friendships and relationships that you make at this school are things that you will forever cherish. Finally, I would tell them to get ready. This school, your new home for the next four years, is one of the best places on earth. For Kennett High School is the best place where "Kids Here Succeed".