

## A Letter To Freshmen

Welcome to Cole Camp High School! My name is Welton, and I am a senior here at Cole Camp. I know you don't know what to expect out of this next level of school. When I was a freshman, I was scared and excited at the same time because there were so many more things to do. I hope you listen to my advice on how to survive your freshman year.

When school starts in August, don't be afraid to try a new club or sport that you never heard of before. If you participate in more activities, more good things come your way. I was in marching band, soccer, quiz bowl, basketball, and track. All of these clubs were a lot of fun and they gave me a lot of opportunities I wouldn't have had elsewhere.

The most important thing about going to school here is meeting the right people. You may have old friends come with you, but you will also meet new people. Be smart when meeting these new people as they can get you in a lot of trouble if they do some sketchy stuff. Use common sense and think before you act so that you don't end up seeing Mr. Harding in his office five times a week.

Teachers are another good resource here at Cole Camp. This school is very lucky to have many trained professionals who can help with almost anything. Whenever you have trouble with your classes or need some help, go to them after school. Talk to your seminar teacher; seminar teachers will try their hardest to get you what you need to succeed. Many kids don't realize how much help teachers can offer them. It is up to you to step up and ask for help. You won't regret it.

Along with the teachers, it is wise to make friends with the counselor, Mrs. McCullough. I did not, and there were many things she could have helped me with when I was a freshman. Mrs. McCullough is the everything lady, and she can either help you with everything or find someone who can. Schedule an appointment with her or just ask when she can talk with you. She is a high schooler's greatest friend, and she becomes more important as your high school career goes on.

Although it may seem like a lot, all of this information will come to you in due time. The first year of high school is one of the greatest and easiest. You don't have to worry about harder classes as long as you keep organized and stay on top of your assignments. Grades should always come first so that you can stay as stress free as possible. However, this doesn't mean that you shouldn't have fun. Enjoy the football games, the pep assemblies, the club events, and the fun seminar days. Every day will be a great day here at Cole Camp as long as you keep your head up and keep smiling.

Sincerely,

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