

Helpful Hints from the JHS Class of 2013 For the JHS Class of 2014

1. **Freshman year counts** for college, for honors, for AP, and for your parents.
2. Read your handbook and turn in all forms on time at the beginning of the year.
3. Do your homework. Do **every** assignment. Do your homework at night – not the next morning, not in the cafeteria when you get to school, and NEVER during someone's class.
4. READ YOUR SUMMER READING; there are tests. If you are a terrible reader, read the book, listen to the book, and make your parents read the book so you can figure it out.
5. Use a calendar/planner. Write down assignments, upcoming quizzes and tests, and reports. Write down games, practices, special events, and dress code changes.
6. Dress right for school. Wear the right clothing every day. And cut your hair before they tell you to cut it.
7. Don't slack off; you'll never catch up. If you are absent, make up all of your work. DON'T ever say, "Did we do anything while I was out?" OR "Did we do anything important while I was out?"
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9. Start strong in August. (But don't mess it up later.) Don't try to fix your semester at the end; you've already missed 16 weeks of assignments. The last 2-3 weeks are no time to start.
10. Don't cheat on homework, tests, quizzes, papers, or ANYTHING.
11. Actually read the books. Don't count on the Sparknotes or Cliff Notes. Guess what? The teachers have seen those notes.
12. YOU ARE NOT "THE MAN" ANYMORE! That was 8th grade.
13. Get to class on time.
14. Expect to work – in class, at sports, and in life. Don't expect the maximum return for the minimum effort. It doesn't work at Jesuit.
15. Be nice to teachers. They control your future.
16. If you don't understand something in class, you can do these things:
 - a. Ask a teacher for help; see a teacher who doesn't teach you but who teaches the same subject.
 - b. Ask the NHS advisor for a senior tutor, but tutoring doesn't replace class work!
 - c. See your counselor for a tutor or for ideas
 - d. Invite someone to your house or go to someone else's house to study – not with video games!
17. Do all extra credit that is offered; you never know when you will need a bonus point. (All teachers don't offer extra credit!)
18. Get involved in something at Jesuit. You'll be a better person.
19. Colleges like involved kids. But don't go overboard. Two real extracurriculars, on- or off-campus, are sufficient as long as they are legitimate.

20. Don't draw on other people's books or bookbags. Don't mess with other people's belongings. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER take something that belongs to someone else. DO NOT STEAL.
21. Don't leave your stuff around. Lock up your books, clothing, and personal items. Don't leave them around the locker room either. And if you do leave everything around campus, don't tell your parents it was all stolen.
22. Don't get a bad reputation the first year; your reputation follows you.
23. Don't be obnoxious. Don't try to show off.
24. Don't believe the seniors. Or the juniors. Or the sophomores. They will tell you to do things just to get you in trouble. Especially don't believe them if they say, "We did it. It's a tradition at Jesuit."
25. If you have free time, do something good. Don't get in trouble. Teachers will kill you. Have some self-control.
26. Start being independent. If you get up and go to school without your mom's help, she will let you do more stuff. If you do all of your homework and get good grades, your parents will trust you – even if they shouldn't.
27. Don't lie to teachers or to your parents. They get together and figure it out. Then you are in bigger trouble.
28. Use your brain. Don't be stupid. If you do or say something stupid, tell the truth.
29. Even if you didn't want to come to Jesuit, you still take the grades with you. Don't mess up your future just because you're mad about this. Don't try to get out of the school by failing classes or being bad; all of that will follow you to your next school – if they will take you!
30. Don't talk or sleep in chapel. You'll get in trouble.
31. The better you treat people, the better you will be treated.
32. Stay out of the halls during class time.
33. Clean up after yourself in the cafeteria. Don't cut into the lunch line and wait until the upperclassmen get their lunches – or you will serve detention. AND

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