

Helpful Hints for Jesuit Parents

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1. Please do not use your car/van/SUV as a CIA interrogation room. Let your son have a little break from reality on the way to school or the way home.
2. Don't promise the world if your son stays at Jesuit; it usually isn't very effective – and sometimes you can't afford it.
3. Give your son money for the cafeteria. There's great food. But don't send him to school with a lot of money; he'll lose it.
4. Look at the Jesuit calendar you receive, then look at the website (www.jesuittampa.org) once each week for any changes in the calendar.
5. Don't look at MyBackPack every day; most teachers don't change things every day. They have to change it every two weeks. (NOTE: If you look at each class's "Graded" materials, the date of the last entry is listed on the top of the list.)
6. Buy bigger dress shirts. Your son's neck will grow and he will still have to button the top button – even if it makes him bleed.
7. Read the handbook and forms you are signing; your son could get in trouble if you don't get the rules. (Usual problems: late to school, phone goes off from parental texts, not coming to school due to vacations, no note for absences.)
8. Consider summer school if your son is worried about Jesuit; he will meet other students, know his way around the school, and figure out some of the material he needs to know.
9. Don't wait if your son is messing up; do something about it quickly so that there isn't a bigger mess later.
10. You can come to games and other Jesuit stuff, but don't embarrass your son too much; it's painful.

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