

## ***Words of Wisdom from the Class of '11***

When asked what advice they would give to the parents and students of the Jesuit High School Class of 2012, the freshmen of the Class of 2011 offered the following:

*“Tell your son to do all of his homework every night.”*

*“Study a little bit every night in every subject; go over the work you did that day.”*

*“Don’t mess up freshman year; it counts for college.”*

*“Do a lot of service; you meet people and you have fun.”*

*“Show up at school. Don’t be absent a lot. If you have to be absent, call a friend from every class and get the work made up.” “E-mail teachers for help, for appointments, and/or for make-up work.”*

*“Parents should read the class syllabus before they look at the grades on-line; sometimes teachers use point-systems instead of grades. Parents freak out when they see a 12, but it might be a 12 out of 12 points.”*

*“Get involved.” (This was given by ten different students!)*

*“Go to summer sports camps, do summer community service with friends, join clubs, try a sport...”*

*“Go to school events.”*

*“Read the student handbook; they really use it.”*

*“Get a good reputation your first year. Don’t mess with the teachers.”*

*“Ask for help; teachers are here before school, after school, and on free periods.”*

*“Dress according to the handbook; you’ll get (detention) if you don’t.”*

*“Pre-order lunch on-line; it’s easier than trying to wait in line to buy lunch.”*

*“Learn to apologize when you are wrong.”*

*“Stop blaming your parents, teachers, coaches, and classmates for your bad behavior and bad grades. Take responsibility for your own problems.”*

*“Use study guides whenever teachers give them out.”*

*“Form study groups.”*

*“Don’t try to cut in line at lunch; they send you to the back of the line!”*

*“Don’t wait until high school to make your sons do their homework, wear the right clothes, or behave right. Make them straighten up now!”*

*“Don’t make excuses for your sons.” “Keep them accountable.”*

*“USE FREE PERIODS WISELY – do your homework, study for tests, and get ready for class – but STAY OUT OF THE CAFETERIA!”*

*“Give it time; even if you are miserable at first, you have to give Jesuit time. You’ll be okay.”*

*“It’s not so bad – not like a military school at all.”*

*“Use a planner NOW. Get used to writing down everything the teacher wants – homework, notecards, outlines, reading, everything.”*

*“This isn’t eighth grade; grow up over the summer and leave 8<sup>th</sup> grade behind.”*

*“Jesuit isn’t hard, but you have to do the work.”*

*“Mark down all of your deadlines on your planner and at home.”*