



Featured Student Author

Junior Year

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Junior year is often described as “the hardest year of high school”. Truthfully, junior year can be as easy or as difficult as you make it. While it may not feel like it, the last two years of high school have equipped me with everything I need to get through my junior year. Not only have I grown personally the last two years, but I handle my academics increasingly better than I did my first year of high school. Freshman and sophomore year have taught me that the resources are out there if you make an effort to find them. Take this editorial for example. Freshman year I never would have even considered submitting it. As a junior I’ve learned that any opportunity I want, I have to work for.

But, accomplishing things I push myself to do feels so much better than something that was handed to me or something I never did at all. That is junior year. Other people may tell you that it’s stressful, and it is. But the best thing you can do is try. Try to study a little more, try to make some tutoring hours, and try to forgive yourself. You will get bad test grades, and that’s okay. High school is a learning environment, and the more you learn, the more you can improve. The quicker you move on from a low grade, the more time you have to study, ask for help, and eventually achieve.

Excelling in something you put effort into will not only help you in the present, but learning to accept failure and criticism will allow you to move on and try again. After all, you put accomplishments on your resume, not your failures. Junior year can be as easy or as difficult as you make it, but the outcome will be extremely rewarding if your difficulties arise from hard work.