

It's just the start of the school year, yet the quarter is already ending! This is a new experience for you freshman and some sophomores as well. We asked if you all had any questions so our sophomores can answer and be of help to you and others, helping navigate through school.

Q: How to navigate classes that don't line up with the way you learn?

A: I suggest exploring what works best for you. If you already know, great! If not reflect if you remember and learn better visually, auditorily, kinesthetically, and/or reading/writing (you can find videos and online resources to help). Once you know, apply it into the classes you have. If a class fits a specific format that "restricts" the way you learn best, find an alternative and work around it. For example, you're in science class and the teacher is explaining the water cycle verbally, but you can't understand what is being taught. Ask the teacher if they can possibly explain another way or have any other point of reference, if not in your own time find any resources that can teach or help you understand what you're trying to learn that caters to you.

Q: How we can study for math better? I know some of my friends are confused. Did you do any extra things outside of class to understand it better?

A: Sadly math is my strongest subject, but for some of my friends who struggled, definitely asking someone who understands the subject is the best way. Everyone learns differently, and sometimes the way the teacher explains does not cater to the student, so finding different points of reference should definitely be of use. Also, doing practice problems and taking practice tests should definitely help you sharpen your understanding and become better at the unit. Remember, practice makes progress! And for any extra time you have, try to find someone to tutor you or do some Khan and Delta Math, it makes the difference.

Q: What is the best way to manage your time?

A: The best way to manage your time is to set up a schedule. Looking at what you do besides homework, like sports, and how much time it takes up. Of course you can't always sacrifice these activities, but try to find some extra or spare time to try and do work. Once you have conducted the hours you have available to do your work, it is time to focus on what needs to get done. Depending on your workload, focus on what is most important and due right away and work up to what's due later. If you ever finish all the homework that is due the next day, it is great to catch a break and to spend some time unwinding, but also try to get future assignments completed and do not procrastinate!

Q: Best way to study for Jamison (Map Test)?

A: Visuals are the best way to study up for a Jamison map test! You can create your own online quizzes (like on PurposeGames or Quizlet) to study where a country is, its capital, and physical landmarks like you were taking the real test! Color coding the map, reprinting and relabeling with repetition will make a huge difference, so don't just study the night before!

Q: How to plan out writing out essays for Baldwin?

A: The best way to plan out an essay is to follow a format, for instance his own essay format he has on his module. First read and analyze the text based on what you're writing about with your given prompt, then fill in the gaps from what you have filled out, write your essay, and submit your assignment early, or ask Mr. Baldwin to proofread your essay before the due date, he can help give corrections and you have time to edit to get better feedback and a better grade.

Of course this won't cover every question you have, so if you would like to ask any specific questions, drop by Mr. Baldwin's class first period and/or leave a note to have your question answered!