What one piece of advice would you give to the parents of a freshman?

1. Encourage them that they'll meet a lot of new friends and will find a great deal of support.
2. To check your child's phone frequently.
3. Keep an open mind and be receptive to possible changes in mood, friends, motivation.
4. Encourage them to get involved in clubs and activities.
5. Don't be hesitant to find out what they are doing, where they are going, who they are hanging out with, and who their friends are. After all, they are your parent, not your friend......and they may be your friend later in life, when they become adults.

6. Get your children involved, this allows them to meet people and make friends. Also, be active parents. Be involved in their lives as much as possible, even though they may seem frustrated that you are trying too hard. Don't feel bad for them - they need to make this transition.

7. High School is very different than Middle School - your child will have to work a lot harder and study for much longer. Don't feel bad for them - they need to make this transition.

8. Monitor your child's social media activity.

9. Tell your children to get involved in sports and clubs. Extra-curricular activities are very important.

10. Attend Back to School Night, conferences, games etc. Get to know the school, faculty and be a FAN not a critic. If you see things that need changing then be part of the solution.

11. Attend Back to School night, conferences, games etc....you are their parent, not their friend....you can be their friend later in life, when they become adults.

12. Let them spread their wings a little bit. Of course it is stressful for them as well as you, but you would be surprised at what they handle.

13. Be involved or get involved with sports/club. Don't let your child be an outlier. When course selection comes: Encourage them to take AP courses, if they are capable students.

14. Parents should be involved in the classes students take and be aware of studentâ€™s teacherâ€™s expectations, so you can support them at home.

15. Make sure they take their classes and grades seriously so they can build a strong transcript for when they apply for college.

16. Help your student with organization. Many students are used to teachers checking in on them at 5th period, and high school teachers do not do that. Students are expected to have the work they need, and to keep the notes, handouts, etc. they are given.

17. Help students with their organization systems. (Supply them with mechanical pencils, binders. Check to see that they keep notes organized for each subject. Help them keep a daily planner.)

18. Help your child to be organized. Help your child to be a self-advocate. Help them to learn how to keep a calendar and set reminders either in a planner or on a smartphone.

19. Let your child know the kids you see walking around as if they actually knew them. These kids will be your child's former school's new year this year.

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41. Listen and follow all given directions - verbal and written.

42. Learn to use the portal and watch grades and attendance.

43. Check Google Classroom for posted assignments and contact teacher via e-mail if there is a question early in the class period.

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Tip: What one piece of advice would you give to the parents of a sophomore?

1. Encourage them to communicate with a guidance counselor whenever difficulties arise.
2. Check your child's phone often!
3. Get involved in activities, keep up grades, don't hesitate from asking for help.
4. Start thinking about future goals.
5. Get your children involved, this allows them to meet people and make friends. Also, be active parents....be involved in their lives as much as possible, even though they may seem frustrated that you are 'tiring' them too hard; deep down it means so much to them to know that you actually care. Force them to engage in conversations with you and other adults; too many kids lack social skills. They have trouble holding a basic conversation. Eliminate cellphones as much as possible, social media is ruining our youth!
6. Check portal for missing assignments.
7. Start thinking about what you want to do in life. The more classes you can take here that will prepare, you the better. Most medical technicians require a background in Chemistry. Yes it may not be glamorous and hard for you to help them out. Having a foundation in topics will be beneficial. Yes you may get a C, but at least when you are literally paying for it in college that C can become an A, it is no longer new information.
8. I would tell them to stay firm on their expectations, but be flexible as their child's life will ave changes.
9. Check your child's portal for missing work on a weekly basis.
10. Get involved. It is time to start separating your child from the rest of the bunch. Children do less and less activities these days.
11. Encourage your child to become involved in school activities.
12. Please help your child to be organized regarding homework, projects, quizzes and tests. Help them to learn how to keep a calendar and set reminders either in a planner book or on a Smart phone.
13. Okay so now they are comfortable with high school, so get involved, become part of the school community, it really is lots of fun.
14. Start looking at colleges early this year - make the plans for your student and let the conversation start from there. The process is too overwhelming for students, help them but don't let it overtake their life.
15. Parents of a sophomore should encourage their child to become involved in a club and/or team to foster leadership, responsibility, work ethic, and team spirit.
16. Monitor your children and set standards for your child to follow throughout the high school years.
17. Check IC portal.
18. Follow the grade portal closely.
20. Encourage parents to advise their children to prioritize their time, balancing school work and extra curricular activities. A planner to record assignments, as well as activities is often helpful.
21. Make sure your child gets involved in as many things within the school as possible. If not, find a part time job. This keeps students busy, help them learn time management skills and keep them away from trouble. Studies show the students involved in extracurricular activities perform better in school.
22. Remember, adolescence is a stage. Be tremendously patient.
23. Make sure you use infinite campus and stay up to date with student grades.
24. Even if there is no official homework, a student has a responsibility to keep up with what is being covered in class.
25. Continue to be involved in the courses students take and allow them to take electives that would expand their perspective of the world.
26. Know your child's friends and pay attention to where they go and with whom.
27. Don't hesitate to seek help from your teachers.
28. Give them time. Before you know it, they will mature before your very eyes and they will surprise you with how much they have taught them and how much they have learned from others.
29. High school is a more independent environment, encourage your child to speak with the teacher if he or she is having difficulty, or any problem with them. Your child needs to learn how to address problems on their own, without having a parent call the teacher for them. If they can not handle it on their own, of course then it is appropriate to contact the teacher.
30. Ask your child if they are doing everything they can be doing to be an active participant in class. Their grade almost always reflects their effort and ability (especially in math class)
31. If a proper system of organization is established freshman year, that system should continue, although students should gain a little independence and responsibility for their own learning. Students should be encouraged to advocate for themselves by this year. Remind students that grades matter and that they should take advantage of opportunities in the classroom. Make connections with staff members. While college is still a few years away, teachers are the ones who will write recommendations. Sometimes a student will have a teacher more than once. Teachers can be valuable resources for those recommendations in the future. Don't like the sport or club you're involved in? Find another one. There are tons of options. Talk to your kids.
32. Listen and follow all given directions - verbal and written.
33. Start thinking of college and PSAT.
34. Check the parent portal frequently for grades and deadlines.
35. A major change will take place this year, most students start to make the step into becoming a true independent learner, give them love and understanding but give them some space.
36. Continually check in with your students to be sure they're achieving at their highest level- have them join clubs/groups/sports if they were too overwhelmed to last year.
37. Monitor your child's social media activity.
38. Talk to kids about dangers of texting and driving.
39. Monitor your student in school and give them the tools to make good decisions in regards to self advocacy and what they plan on doing in the future. Help your student get involved in activities outside of school.
40. Don't feel bad for your child when he/she needs to study/work for hours every night....that is what high school students are supposed to be doing!!!
41. Ask them, 'Did you ask a good question today? and follow up to see what it was.
What one piece of advice would you give to the parents of a junior?

1. This is the year to think about college searches or plans for after graduation.
2. Get involved with the college selection process.
3. Start thinking about the future and what will happen after senior year.
4. Look at colleges, work etc.
5. Get your children involved, this allows them to meet people and make friends. Also, be active parents....be in involved in their lives as much as possible, even though they may seem frustrated that you are trying too hard; deep down it means so much to them to know that you actually care. Force them to engage in conversations with you and other adults; too many kids lack social skills. They have trouble holding a basic conversation. Eliminate cellphones as much as possible, social media is ruining our youth!

6. Critical year for college
7. Breath. Junior year is considered to be the hardest year, preparing and selecting colleges, working on grades, sports, jobs, driving, etc. Remind them that they cannot solve all of their problems in one day and to breathe. Being overly stressed will not help them in the long run.
8. Check your child's portal for missing work on a weekly basis.
9. Start preparing them with realistic expectations of what might be in store for them in the future. Start making appropriate college or job fields that your child may be interested in.
10. This is the year that colleges will look at in regards to grades. It’s imperative that students maintain a good average. C's are not what college admissions are looking for on transcripts. Once they start applying to colleges in September of their senior year, it’s too late.
11. Be sure that your student is meeting with the Guidance Counselor and sharing their plan so support can be provided from school and home.
12. Please help your child to be organized regarding homework, projects, quizzes and tests. Help them to learn how to keep a calendar and set reminders either in a plan book or on a Smart phone.
13. Junior year is a tough one, but hang in there, do the best that you can and prepare, prepare for SAT's and don't forget you can take them several times and most colleges will super score (take the best score of each section in each test taken and add them up).
14. Parents of a junior should encourage their child to become involved in a club or team to foster leadership, responsibility, work ethic, and team spirit.
15. Talk to your kids. There are so many topics that are not always covered (relationships, grades, drinking/drugs), make sure your kids have the facts.
16. check IC portal. Students should use the practice SAT tests on the College Board website to help prepare for the SAT. We do not go over in class, but there is much more they can do on their own to prepare.
17. Follow the grade portal closely.
18. Take SAT and ACT seriously. Look up the word/problem of the day. Talk about it during dinner/in the car.
19. Beginning thinking about college/military/job options after high school graduation. Junior year is key to building a solid transcript. Even if students have struggled their first two years, a growth in junior year indicates growth and maturity to colleges and future employers.
20. Monitor your child's social media, cell phone habits and social lives. Stay on top of your child's social lives and make sure they understand the dangers of social media and alcohol and drug use.
21. Be supportive but remember to have boundaries. Although your child feels he/she knows everything, they are still minors.
22. Don't wait till last minute to start researching colleges! Have students take the practice SAT tests available online.
23. Even if there is no official homework, a student has a responsibility to keep up with what is being covered in class.
24. although they are 16, they still need to enjoy high school activities. you shouldn't just work to support a car, they need to still be involved in school activities.
25. Parents need to start thinking about college. Attention to their students' friends and what they do in the in their free time. An open communication is key for a strong relationship.
26. Keep up with all informational emails and phone messages from Shr. Monitor your child's attendance to school.
27. Don't overload your schedule.
28. Be present in your child's life. This is the time they are making major decisions about their future (they’re going to need you now more than ever!)
29. Encourage them to be kind and friendly people. Often it is who you know and the connections you make that will lead to your success in life.
30. Go to college fairs and encourage students to start researching schools. Make college visits.
31. Take an SAT class or get a private tutor but don't go crazy taking it a million times. Twice, three times max. This is the year to narrow down your focus on a few distinct things. If there is a club or sport a student has taken to, stick with it. Don't just stay on to look good for college, however, if there is something else you want to do, don't be afraid to do it. Try to do some things that will make you stand out when you apply for colleges. Internship, write for a teen lit magazine, volunteer somewhere unique. Begin thinking about what you want to do for college. Four year degrees are not for everyone. Don't be afraid to research other options. Associate's degrees, the military, finding a job - these are all amazing options for kids, but you need to have an open dialogue about what your child wants to do. Talk to your kids.
32. Stay focused, use a planner.
33. Decide which colleges to apply and apply early. Teach your child to drive a car responsibly. Teach them how to handle a car in the snow.
34. Check attendance and portal for missing assignments.
35. This by far is the most difficult year, it is a major adjustment between a ramp up in academics and a ramp up in social life.
36. Get information on colleges ASAP- do all the prep work sooner rather than later- visits, testing, letters of recommendation.
37. Monitor your child's social media activity
38. Talk to your kids about social issues in addition to academic
39. Students need to develop self advocacy and independence. Help your student get involved in activities outside of school.
40. Don't feel bad for your child when he/she needs to study/work for hours every night...that is what high school students are supposed to be doing!! Their study skills and reading/writing/ arithmetic skills need to be college ready by the end of the year! Make sure they are responsible for their own progress and take ownership of their own education. Tell them to have a positive attitude in their classes and to make a unique, positive impression on their teachers. This will be essential when these same teacher's must write their recommendation letters next year!
41. Hands off now! Let the student find their own way by making their own mistakes, accepting responsibility and consequences as they arrive.
TIP What one piece of advice would you give to the parents of a senior?

1. Stay focused, relish and create memories, get serious about plans that follow graduation.

2. Remind their student that it’s not over yet. The senior year is when teachers do their best to emulate what they have taught the students will be facing in the fall. It is a time when they can learn the survival techniques that may make the difference in college.

3. Make sure you know who your children’s friends are and what they do in their free time.

4. Get you applications in early, give teacher enough time to write letters of recommendation.

5. Keep your students focused, senior year matters.

6. Get your children involved, this allows them to meet people and make friends. Also, be active parents....be involved in their lives as much as possible, even though they may seem frustrated that you are ‘trying too hard; deep down it means so much to them to know that you actually care. Force them to engage in conversations with you and other adults; too many kids lack social skills. They have trouble holding a basic conversation. Eliminate cellphones as much as possible, social media is ruining our youth!

7. Make sure that all capstone and college requirements are being prioritized.

8. Your child is about to be sent into the real world and be an adult. Instill ownership on them. If they do not complete an assignment, come to school late, or do something at home there are consequences. Better they fail or make mistakes in high school where he/she may learn from it.

9. I would tell the parents to help guide their child down an appropriate path, but let the child make some choices on their own (good or bad). Life is about learning from the mistakes that you made. You, as parents, will not always be there to shelter them.

10. Check your child’s portal for missing work on a weekly basis.

11. Hang in there!

12. Just be there for support. Your child is almost ready to go it alone. The less crutches you provide them, the better they will be. I would say that he/she needs to be aware of what your child is involved in, i.e. activities or friends. Try to keep them focused on the right path.

13. Just because he/she is a senior; a young adult, don’t stop being a parent.

14. Encourage your student to get ahead of the Senior Capstone project and to take it seriously. Also, monitor their progress to make sure they are handing in assignments on time. Put the timeline on the fridge as a constant reminder of what’s due.

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