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Tips for Surviving Quarter 2!



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The start of this year's second quarter began on Tuesday, November 12th. Sixth graders got to experience the change of quads.

Whether last Friday was someone's final tech class or health class, students now have weeks and weeks of their second quarter quad. Some tips I have learned when starting a new quarter is to learn from past grades and improve them.

For example, if in ELA you didn't reach the requirements and didn't read enough, this time you can focus more on that and make more time for it. Also, look back and see which subjects you



might need to study and put more effort into, whether that's foreign language, math, or social studies.

In addition, always take any extra credit opportunity given if offered, due to the fact that teachers most likely only give extra credit once or twice per quarter. Furthermore, I have learned that to lessen the chances of forgetting a homework assignment or upcoming test, it is always good to have someplace, a notebook or a place on you tablet, to look back at and check each night. A good resource for this is Schoology because most teachers post the homework or quiz dates on there.

Another tip is to either check on OneNote or Schoology or ask a friend what you missed when you're absent. This way you're not behind when you come back.

Memes May Mean Many Mystical Messages



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A meme is an idea, behavior or style that spreads from person to person conveying a phenomenon, theme or meaning. What is the first meme?

The first actual image meme supposedly comes from the magazine, The Judge from the University of Iowa.

Cool right? Not really. Nowadays memes have cornered the internet from Big Chungus to Thanos Car. What makes a meme popular?

"A meme is passed to the imitator, similar to the way blue eyes are passed from parents to children through genes.", Says Richard Dawkins the man who coined the term.

Memes borrows from the theory of Darwinian evolution. It suggests that memes compete, reproduce and evolve just as genes do. Only the strongest survive. So,



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memes fiercely fight for space and advantages in our brains and behaviors.

The ones that succeed through widespread imitation have best evolved for repetition and communication. A meme is not controllable by any one individual – many people can simultaneously serve as hosts for it.

The internet meme and the scientific meme are not identical. The internet meme is typically deliberately altered by human ingenuity, while the scientific meme (invented before the internet became a thing) involves random change and accurate copying.

In addition, internet memes are traceable through their presence on social media, while scientific memes are (at least right now), untraceable because they have no physical form or footprint. Dawkins, however, has stated that the internet meme and the scientific meme are clearly related and connected.

So, while you may think memes are just a funny image or video... They are more complicated than you thought.



How you think you look when a flashlight is taken.



How you really look.

Thank you.



What a Pep Rally!
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