

2024 Valedictorian/Salutatorian Words of Wisdom

At our annual Valedictorian/Salutatorian Luncheon on Tuesday, May 21, we asked our top achievers to give us one piece of advice for incoming freshmen. Here is what they had to say.

- Be more active and don't be afraid to come out of your shell.
- Do your best.
- There's always a solution.
- Embrace the inevitable.
- Never give up.
- Homework is the best practice.
- Get more sleep.
- Learn new things.
- Try new stuff.
- Do what you can to help someone out.
- Take more time for yourself.
- Try new things.
- Drink water.
- Have fun.
- It doesn't really matter what people think of you.
- Change brings opportunity.
- Take it one step at a time.
- You're never truly alone.
- Be confident in what you choose to do.
- Ask questions.
- It's ok to take a break.
- Be proud of your work.
- Don't take things for granted.
- Enjoy living in the moment.
- Get on your teachers' good side.
- Just keep swimming.
- Be kind to others.
- Hard work pays off.
- Everyone has different stories, don't assume you know them.
- Live for something.
- Work hard, play hard.
- Do an activity.
- Be physically active.
- Stay true to yourself.
- Intern, volunteer, network.
- Rest is half of the work.
- Make quality friends.
- Always work hard.
- Know that the end will be worth it.

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- Learn how to manage time early on - don't procrastinate.
- Always take advantage of the opportunities presented to you.
- Balance yourself and know your priorities - you don't need to do everything to make an impact.
- Don't stress about your future.
- Do the right thing.
- Go big or go home.
- Try new things.
- It's never that deep.
- Speaking is an important skill to develop.
- If you're stressed, just go on a run.
- Make it land.
- Just keep pushing.
- A goal without a plan is just a dream.
- Learn from your mistakes.
- Be flexible and find new ways to solve old problems.
- You don't have to take calculus.
- Do what makes you happy.
- Perfection is overrated.
- Spend more time at the library.
- Do homework now so you don't have to do it on the weekend.
- It's not that serious.
- Get involved in extracurriculars that use and expand upon all the knowledge you are gaining in your classes.
- Be proud of your accomplishments.
- Don't procrastinate - it will come back to bite you.