



Welcome to 9th Grade

Evangelical Christian School

Academics

- College prep
- Basic courses
 - English
 - Math
 - Biology
 - Biblical History
 - PE (Personal Fitness and Team Sports)
 - Life Management Skills (Health)
 - Business Systems & Technology
 - Elective

Academics

- Honors courses
 - English
 - Math (Algebra I, Algebra I Honors, Geometry Honors)
 - Biology
- 8th grade teacher signature required
 - Diagnostic
 - Minimum average
- AP courses

Academics



- College Prep
 - A=4 points
 - B=3 points
 - C=2 points
 - D=1 point
 - F=0 points
- Honors
 - Add .5 points
 - A=4.5 points
 - B=3.5 points, etc.

Academics

- Transcripts

- GPA
- Begins in 9th grade
- Cumulative
- 9th and 10th are vital to GPA!

- Common Mistakes:

- Over-emphasize
- Under-emphasize
- ECS is a great place to learn academic and life lessons!

Community Service

- 10 hours per quarter
- 160 total hours
- Experiment!
 - Vet
 - Office
 - Hospital



Looking Toward the Future

- Colleges are looking for:
 - GPA
 - Effort
 - Involvement
 - Leadership
 - What makes you stand out?
- Keep a record or resume!

Florida Bright Futures

- Apply senior year
- 100% = 3.5 GPA, 1270 SAT or 28 ACT
- 75% = 3.0 GPA, 970 SAT or 20 ACT
- Florida public universities
- The best thing you can do now is make the best grades possible!

Advice from Seniors to Freshmen



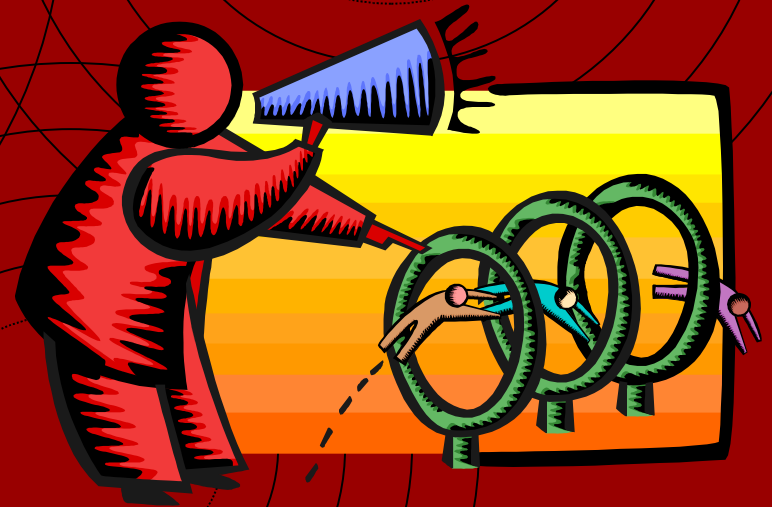
“Your GPA matters!
Your GPA should
be your life! Play
sports, keep your
grades up—you’ll
be set. And oh
yeah, don’t
procrastinate!”

--Dawn Shoemaker

Advice from Seniors to Freshmen

“Do your homework...
homework matters.
Do you know how
much homework
counts toward your
grade?”

--AJ Newman



Advice from Seniors to Freshmen

“One more piece of advice—

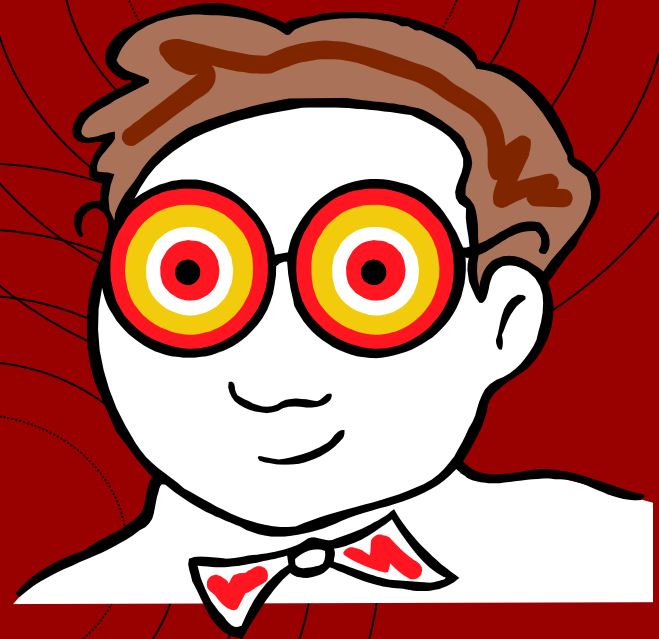
Start thinking about where you want to go to
college, and let that be your motivation.”

--Dawn Shoemaker

Advice from Seniors to Parents

“Tell your students to
do their best, and
ACCEPT their best.
Don’t overwhelm
your kids.”

--Dawn and AJ



The Nitty-Gritty

- Balancing act
 - Independence/dependence
 - Social activities/school
 - Learning through experience/stepping in
 - Reinvented self/real self
 - Friendship/respect



A Partnership

Please know that we consider it a
privilege to partner with you during
this time.