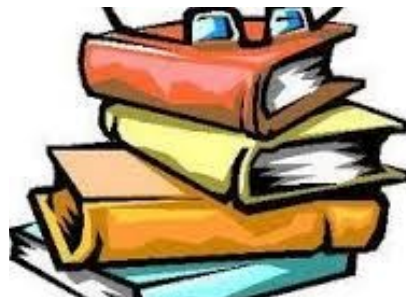

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"If you **FAIL** to **PLAN** you **PLAN** to **FAIL**"-Benjamin Franklin **SUCCESS TIPS for Rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors**

By: Mamasa Dukureh

How Not to Fail 101 – for Sophomores

Sophomore year has proven to be a turning point for many students. It's the year that can either help make or break your high school academic career and is often one of the most challenging. The habits you create will likely last the next four years. Here is your guide to making the most out of your sophomore year:

During the Summer:

1. Do Something: Don't just sleep your summer away. It presents the greatest opportunity to learn a new hobby, volunteer, take summer classes, or get a job. Any of the latter items are great ways to begin boosting up your resume.

2. Read Books: Summer is not a chance for you to unlearn everything you have learned for the last ten years. There are books of different sizes, shapes, and topics for everybody. Continue stimulating your intellectual minds.

3. Start Thinking About College: It's never too early to think about college. After all, the journey begins once you start your freshman year. Is there a certain school you wish to attend? Based on your freshman year grades are you ready to go there? If not, what can you do to make this year better? What is your game plan?

During the Fall/Winter:

1. Get Organized: If you didn't use your **agenda book** last year, this year is a great time to start using it. You now have an additional Spanish class and it is imperative that you stay on top. Write down every assignment that is due, no matter how miniscule it is and try to color code it by highlighting. Not only will you give your agenda book some color but you will have a greater chance at remembering that two-page response to *The Crucible*.

2. Work Hard: As bleak as some days may appear, remember that you're that much closer to walking across the stage and holding your diploma. Continue working hard because you don't want to scramble during your junior and senior year to pull up your grades. Work hard now and it will seem effortless later.

3. Try A New Activity: Many clubs, and sports will be actively recruiting during this time. Sophomore year is a great time to join new organizations. This gives you a time to stay committed, be great, and continue building your resume.

During the Spring:

1. Remember Finals: Once the weather becomes nice, don't get caught up in the wind. Remember that finals are still to come and they are some of the most important tests. Do not unlearn everything you learned during the last years.

2. Look into the summer: Now is the time to begin making summer plans. Many places will begin hiring seasonally and organizations will be looking for volunteers. Finalize your plans for the summer so you are not left sitting on the porch during the heat.

Park Your Butt for PARCC & Sit for the SAT – Juniors

Many people believe that junior year is the most important year. It is the year you receive that most recent grades that will be displayed on your transcript when you apply to colleges. It is the year where you will take the test that will determine if you will receive a high school diploma. And it is the year where you take the test that will ultimately decide your college readiness in the post-secondary admissions process. So yes, junior year is the most important year. Here are some tips to help you survive:

During the Summer:

1. Do Something: Join a summer program, get a job, a new hobby, or volunteer. Summer is the perfect time to begin boosting your resume. Not only can you use this time to grow as a person but you can also use it to help you determine what direction you would like to take your high school career in your last two years.



2. Save your Money: Begin saving money for college and college related expenses. In the spring, the need will arise to purchase SAT study books to ensure an SAT score within the range of the colleges you would like to apply to. You will also spend money to send these scores to colleges you would like to attend.

3. College Lists: Start creating a list of what colleges you would like to attend on www.Collegeboard.org. Visit colleges in your junior year. Some colleges require you to begin doing things to get admission into their colleges from freshman year. Make sure you are on track for getting admitted to your dream school.

4. Study for the PSAT: The PSAT is just a condensed version of the SATs that many juniors take to not only gauge how they will do on the SAT but also to qualify for the National Merit Scholarships. If you score high enough on the PSAT you can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship, which is a very prestigious honor.

During the Fall/Winter:

1. Take the PSAT: Every Junior, whether they are planning to go to college or not, should take the PSAT.

2. Study for the SAT/PARCC: The SAT is critical component of the College Admission process, which you have some control over. Receiving a good SAT score will help you secure scholarships to schools and even help you grab a seat in the Class of 2020. The **Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)** is a test that has SAT level reading passages. Studying for one will help ensure success for the other.

3. Scholarships: You should be looking for scholarships during each grade but especially during junior and senior year. As a junior, there will be a lot of scholarships that will go into senior year.

During the Spring:

1. Register for SAT: Grab your fee waiver from the guidance office and sign up for the SAT. Sign up as soon as possible. As you reach closer and closer to the deadline, seats will be filled up and you don't want to be forced to take your test 20 miles away.

2. Take PARCC & SAT: Most of your junior year has been geared towards these two tests which will prepare you for next year. Good luck!

3. Grades: Stay on top of your grades. As the weather gets warmer, don't get excited because it doesn't mean that everything is over. Your grades are still very important in your admissions to college.

Junior year is a very challenging year but never is it impossible. Strive in your **pursuit of excellence**.

College Admissions for Dummies – Seniors

It's almost time to close out the final chapter of high school. For many, this might seem like the final stretch where it is acceptable to just slack off and lag. But everyone knows that in a good race, you have to keep and hold your best until the very end. Start off your senior year right by applying for college and ensuring that the next four years of your life will be just as amazing.

During the Summer:

1. SAT/ACT: You should have already taken the SAT/ACT for the first time and received your scores. Many students take the test a **minimum** of two times. Review your score report and study over the summer to help you improve. Buy the SAT Big Blue Book. SAT scores are not only used by

colleges to decide if you are a perfect fit, but they can also be used for placement. Get placed on grade-level courses instead of paying for remedial classes that will never count towards your degree.

2. Visit Colleges: The summer is the perfect time to look at colleges you are potentially interested in. If you have a college on your list that you've never visited, plan a road trip with a couple of friends. Grab a feel for the campuses to help you envision where you see attending college.

3. Scholarships: College is already expensive without hidden costs such as lab fees, books, fraternities and sororities (if you decide to pledge), dorm living, and much more. It is never too late to start looking for scholarships and a lot of important scholarships such as the Coca-Cola Scholarship have deadlines in the fall. Begin researching NOW!

4. Essays: Get a head start on your essays. If you are planning to apply for colleges that use the Common App, the essay prompts are already available. Many schools rarely ever change their prompts such as Rutgers. Begin writing your essays before senior year work begins to pile up.

5. Recommendations: Think about which teachers you would like to write recommendations for you. Send them an email during the summer or early on when school starts about writing a recommendation. Teachers get swamped with requests for letters of recommendation in the fall and you want a well-thought out letter instead of one that was rushed because you asked two days before the deadline.

6. Financial Terms: Understand the financial terms you are going to be using in the admissions process. Some key terms to know are:

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Equal Opportunity Fund/Program (EOF/P)
- Unsubsidized Loan
- Sticker Price
- Grant
- Net Price
- Scholarship
- Subsidized Loan
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- CSS/Financial Aid Profile

7. Do Something: Don't just sleep your summer away. It presents the greatest opportunity to learn a new hobby, volunteer, take summer classes, or get a job. Any of the latter items are great ways to begin boosting up your resume and it shows colleges that you are productive even when you have copious amounts of time.

During the Fall/Winter:

1. Counselor Meetings: Schedule an appointment with your counselor. This admissions process is not something that you are going to do alone. Many colleges need things such as transcripts that only your counselor can provide. The only way you can do this is if you decide to communicate with them. They can also help you decide if the college you would like to apply to is within your reach academically and financially.

2. Applying Early: Decide if you would like to apply early to college. Some colleges have deadlines as early as October and some as late as December. Some early programs are binding and others are not and some can be very competitive. Be familiar with terms related to college application deadlines

- Early Decision (ED)
- Early Action (EA)
- Restrictive Early Action (REA)
- Regular Decision
- Rolling Decisions

3. Standardized Testing: Take your SAT/ACT/SAT Subject Test. Many Tier One and Ivy League colleges require students to not only take the SAT, SAT Subject Test or ACT. Find out if your college requires any extra testing and take it before it is too late. For many colleges, the latest SAT test date they will accept is in **November** and **registration ends** in the **first week of October**.

4. College Applications: Don't try to fill out your college applications the day before they are due. Do a little everyday. Basic information can be written out in one sitting but other information such as your involvement in school activities will take time. Having a resume is a great way to begin filling out your applications.

5. Get Organized: Make use of your **agenda** books this fall, and write down all of your deadlines. Your college application doesn't just consist of the essays and basic information. Ensure your application fees/fee waivers, financial aid forms, SAT scores, and mid-year reports are submitted on time.

6. College Fairs: If you don't know what college you want to apply to go to college fairs. There will be dozens of college fairs in the fall. Go to them, you might even be accepted on the spot if they are having **instant decision day**.

7. FAFSA: Get ready to fill out the FAFSA. It is available on January 1st every year. Remember that every college student, whether it is his or her first year or 8th year of a degree-seeking program will be filling a FAFSA. FAFSA funds are given out on a first-come first-serve basis. Therefore, funds are very limited so it is imperative that you fill it out as soon as possible.

During the Spring:

We have already covered what you should do in the spring of your Senior year in the article "The Second Half of the Game" in the second edition of the **Terrier News**. Please look at it for reference.



And those are tips to help you succeed next school year!!!

The Wiz Review (Spoilers Included)

By: Aisha Dukureh

The graduating Class of 2014 has definitely set the bar for the rest of the Newark Tech student body. They first did it with their performances in the Black History Month assembly and now with their production of *The Wiz*. Quanyiah Jenkins, Eric Whitted-McKoy, Ismael Mercado, Matthew Maxfield, and the rest of the senior class surely know how to put on a show.

The Newark Tech version of *The Wiz* started with Aunt Em (who is played by Marget Opoku) singing *The Feeling We Once Had* before Dorothy (Quanyiah Jenkins) is attacked by a twister. In Act 1, Scene 2 Munchkin Ghetto, Dorothy has just landed in Munchkin Land where Miss One (Wendy Serrano) and the Munchkins give Dorothy silver slippers and direct her to The Wiz in the song *He's the Wiz*. Wendy's voice grabbed my attention from the moment she opened her mouth. A star in the making is what she is. As for the Munchkins, their dance was both amazing and on point.

Dorothy responds to the Munchkins with the song *Soon as I Get Home*. With an amazing voice Dorothy hit all the notes on time and was an amazing actress. The audience is then introduced to a terrified Scarecrow (Eric Whitted-McKoy) who is being threatened by the Crows. Eric responds to his fear with a song titled, *You Can Win*. While Eric may not seem to be the type to sing and act, he sure knows what he is doing. Dorothy invites Scarecrow to see The Wiz so he can get brains. Scarecrow agrees. Dorothy helps him off of his pole and at first he has trouble walking. However, after a while he gets the hang of walking and burst into everyone's favorite song *Ease on Down the Road*.



In Act 1, Scene 3 An Abandoned Carnival, Dorothy and Scarecrow runs into Tinman (Ismael Mercado) who is stuck and is in need of some oil. He starts singing *Slide Some Oil to Me*. Ismael truly has a talent. His rapping skills were amazing and he played his part as the Tinman phenomenally. After getting some oil into his system, Scarecrow and Dorothy invite him to go see The Wiz. Thus, beginning the continuation of *Ease on Down the Road*.

Act 1, Scene 4 - A City Park, Tinman, Scarecrow and Dorothy are walking when they all of a sudden see Lion (Matthew Maxfield) who they presume is a statue. Upon closer inspection they realize he is actually real. After frightening them he sings *Mean Ole Lion*. Matthew truly is a talented individual. Either his soulful voice, his charisma on the stage, or both helped him steal the night. Matthew was really the star of the night.

Dorothy realizes that he is not as scary as he makes himself seem after she frightens him. He is upset about this and keeps on belittling himself saying he is not worthy of being a lion. She invites

him along to go and visit The Wiz. Soon the Scarecrow, Lion, Tinman and Dorothy are off to see the Wiz who lives in Oz singing *Ease On Down the Road*

The third part of the show began with Act 1, Scene 5 The Poppies. Scene 6 started with The Gates of the



Big Green Apple, Scene 7 was The Emerald City, and Scene 8 The Wiz's Throne Room. They reached Emerald City where they are captured. The dancers who appeared in this portion of the play were amazing! Sadly the Lion becomes discouraged at the fact that he was not able to protect them from capture. Dorothy not wanting to see him upset decides to cheer him up. She starts singing, *Be A Lion* encouraging the Lion to sing along at the end of the song. As the play continues they were brought to The Wiz (Ohany Garcia) who told them that he will only grant their wish if they go kill Evillene (Zhane Daughtridge).

Act 2, Scene 1 opens in Evillene's Sweat Shop. In this scene it gives us an insight on Evillene and her minion and who she truly is, in the song titled, *No Bad News*. Act 2, Scene 2- Funky Monkeys. The Newark Tech male population definitely stole the show with their amazing dance skills and intricate style of dance.

In Act 2, Scene 3- Everybody Rejoice they defeat Evillene and free all of her minions. Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, and Lion head back to see The Wiz. Upon reaching Emerald City and seeing The Wiz that learn that he was a phony. Seeing that her new friends were upset, Dorothy made them realize that The Scarecrow was not a dummy, The Tinman had a heart and feelings, and that the Lion was brave and fearless. Dorothy thinking that she will be stuck there gets surprised by Glenda (Stherline Silencieux) who helps her find her way back home to Newark.

All in all the play was a tremendous success. Mr. Gary did a marvelous job putting on the production of The Wiz. The entire stage crew,actors and dancers were marvelous. The senior class of 2014 has skills, brains and talent as they have set the future bar for future classes very high. Hats off to the Class of 2014!

Teachers were rewarded with new tailored white shirts and matching briefcases inscribed with their names.





By Noni McDowell

Newark Tech! It seems as though we have done it again. Our fashion show extravaganza was a complete success (If I do say so myself!). From lengthy illuminated gowns to petite cocktail dresses, these fashion designers found a perfect way to express major diversity throughout each and every one of their designs. Unmistakably portraying the theme "Behind the Masks" these young men and women vividly demonstrated how they found their inner beauties so that they could stop hiding. Setting the stage inside of our own Newark Tech gymnasium, they took an everyday Terrier recreational dome that we know all too well, and transformed it into a genuine masquerade ball.

Fashion icons Prince Eric, exclusive devious pink prom gowns were to die for! Douglas Says, clothing makes you reassess your whole outlook on life. Linda Street, and several other amazing designers all came to show off their work. But,

what would a fashion show be without performers! Marlena Moniece swept the audience away with her heart throbbing pop music voice. Followed by our Newark Tech sophomores with their over the top synchronized dance routines! After actually attending the event, I can honestly vouch that this 7th annual Fashion Show, was not only a huge success a major event! As guests walked into the gym they were plunged into the dynamic feeling of diversity and elegance. Children age 7 and younger were up on the insignificant sized catwalk strutting their stuff! The show was accented with multicultural clothing that looked as if it were flown in from Africa, Paris, or Spain. In conclusion, anyone who did not come *if there was anyone who didn't show up, the place was packed* certainly missed out on a whole bunch!



Take Your Daughters & Sons to Work 2014



"Spring"

By Bobby Johnson

You can't deny that it is beautiful
A time when everything is true and true to you
Your eyes are glued to the sky nothing but
blue
Birds and butterflies swim in the sun's tears
Bees bathe in the pit of a daffodil
The only time of year that you can truly feel
The wind warm
And the pollen swarms
You don't feel the sun's scorn
Everything is just being born
Trees that were shredded naked and cold
Grow hair so long that it can give you shade
Shade that only comfort can bring
Can be given to you by the sight of...12

Flaws and All. A topic that has always been expressive for young artists has now come to life in the Newark Tech Poetry Show titled Flaws and All. This show features the Newark Tech Poetry Club accompanied by a Christian rapper, and a singer. The main theme of this show was to embrace your flaws that make you beautiful. In the links below you will find the poetry show featuring only the poets. Unfortunately we did not have enough space for the singer and the rapper.

-Deja Ingram

Youtube Links

Newark Tech Poetry Show 2014 Part 1 -
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFcPi6uDyT8>

Newark Tech Poetry Show 2014 Part 2 -
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leU4q-InBj8>

"The Fight"

Domonique T. Campbell

"The simple fact is this; no one in my house can ever understand just how it is that I feel. The way that I look at life will never be what they want it to be. My mother and father have been taken from me, and all I have left is my heartless sister and her stoner boyfriend. She doesn't love me, she tolerates me, and I don't want to be here. I hate being where my presence is tolerated and not positively anticipated. I just want her to show she cares

Brittany expressed her feeling to the school counselor as her final words faded while drifting through the office door. She made her way into the hallway where her sister stood waiting. In sync the two

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swopped places, Brittany's older sister Destiny entered the room.

"The girl isn't what she used to be, ever since our parents died it's like she's become a rebel. She doesn't listen to what I say and she's far too sensitive about everything. She has to realize that the world won't stop spinning just because she isn't happy. I'm sorry if she doesn't want to grow up" Destiny said as she stormed out the office.

"The both of you have obvious communication problems, but I must say Destiny, as the older sister there are certain things I must hold you accountable to rather than Brittany. There for I would suggest that you try and spend time doing something your sister enjoys to do and see what it is that she finds enjoyable so she can feel like you are more a part her life." Mr. Brown told the two as they started back into his face with wide spread eyes.

The car ride was long, silent, and awkward.

Destiny spoke of promises that would soon come, that "as soon as we get home I'll try more and change for you ok".

Brittany, who was very unsure whether or not to believe her sister, sat in the back of the car. She thought on the fact that this would not be the first time Destiny would disappoint her.

They entered their two bedroom apartment, "perfect timing, a rainstorm is coming tonight".

As the door as the door turned on its hinges the smell of marijuana attacked the senses "Great he's still here." Brittany sighed.

Destiny greeted Anthony, (her significant other) "home from work huh babe?"

"No I'm clearly still at work"

He answered slowly and sarcastically. It was 8 p.m. and Brittany desperately wanted to watch a program on the T.V. She reached for the living room remote; quickly Anthony snatched it from her.

"I am going to use that!"

“But you’ve been here all day!”

“Well I was busy”

“Yeah killing brain cells!”

Anthony just gave her a look, Destiny stepped in to calm the situation.

“Ok Anthony, I know you’re tired from work so how about you have the T.V after Brittany, you know since she has school in the morning anyway.”

“Why can’t she watch the other one?”

“DON’T YOU REMEMBER?”

There was a slight moment of silence “Duh! You got drunk and broke it.” He just smirked.

In the end, everyone had their chance. Brittany was actually happy for a moment, a moment that was soon to end. She decided she would share a show that she dreamed out watching with her big sister one day. The moment had finally come, but of course things don’t always go as planned.

“Why are we watching this dumb stuff? This whole show is for brats, ahhhh this is so boring!”

Anthony couldn’t contain his thoughts and piece by piece they destroyed Brittany’s spirit, but what killed it was the moment when she had finally trusted her sister and she betrayed her.

“Ahh Brittany this is really dumb I don’t think this is interesting at all.”

To her I’m sure this doesn’t seem to be a big deal but to Brittany this meant much more.

“The both of you are impatient and immature.” She shouted.

“I mean watching a simple movie is too difficult for you all to do, it’s like you just don’t want me here. I know you don’t because this was all you had to do.”

Rushing up stairs Brittany was at her last straw and she meant it this time.

“I’m getting out of here I can’t take the coldhearted people I’m forced to live with I mean how hard could it be out there I’m sure I can make it!”

She packed her things and claimed out her window. The unexpected sibling and her garbage boyfriend were unaware of how sensitive the 16 year old girl was and how much she couldn’t handle the simple disruption of her peaceful TLC time was.

“Maybe I shouldn’t be so messed up with her.”

Destiny said.

“Why? Not like you really want her here anyway I mean you yell at her non-stop every day for no apparent reason and scream that she should go live with her grandfather. Since when do you care how she feels about anything, if you really did you probably should have started a long time ago?”

Anthony added half awake.

“Don’t say that, you know I love her!”

Destiny added angrily. “Yaaaah and I’m sure you telling ME helps the one you’re talking about realize the truth.”

“Ah!” And Destiny went speeding upstairs to find that her baby sister had left the house. She snatched up her jacket and was off in the night after her baby sister.

“Now how does it feel?! Gosh I’m way to tired man or am I high? ”Anthony spoke to himself
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“Yah, I’m high.”

Outside in the cold raining city Brittany ran frantically throughout the streets.

“Yo, sweet cheeks where you running to” Random homeless and dangerous looking people yelled out to her.

“Brittany, BRITTANY where are you!?! ”

Destiny ran into the city drenched in pouring rain. Then she spotted the motoring legs that belonged to her little sister.

“Brittany!” And from afar Brittany looked back and stopped, staring in the face of her older sister, she froze. Destiny smiled but then..... *SKRRRRREACH, BEEEEEEEEEEP, WA-BOOM* Brittany hadn’t realized she stopped in the middle of the road. She was struck down by an oncoming taxi whose windshield wipers happened to stop working that night.

“No...NO NOOOO BRITTANY!”

Destiny ran over to her sister’s lifeless body and dragged her to the sidewalk and there she wrapped her arms around her and cried. “WHY!! WHHHY WHHHHHHHHY!!!!!!”

This story was meant to show that humans are not invincible, we are here one moment then gone another. Not only should we consider that what might be a trial to one individual can mean the whole world to another, but that what is said can never be taken back so don’t let the ones you care about slip away from your life.

Motivation

It is through motivation that people believe it is possible to be successful. Motivation moves a student to continue **striving** for a higher grade, a place on the starting team or an **acceptance** into a college where they will be able to not only learn but achieve. The 2013-2014 school year was not only long but full of **challenges** for Newark Tech. Newark Tech ventured more into the world of technology with the opening of the Teal Center and a new way of looking at learning. What helps or motivates a students to learn and excel on a daily basis? What makes them hurry to get into a classroom and begin working to learn something new.

Motivation

As a generation driven by technology and a infinite need to try new technology teaching learning are changing. Flipped Classrooms, students not only learning how to be effective researchers instead of "Gogglers" but learning how to participate intelligently in Socratic Seminars. Students motivated to teach new technology to not only peers but teachers as well-I had a "tech helper" in every class.

I learned by asking students which button to push or not push. Technology is an excellent way to learn "how to get something done quick". Tech advances such as MOODLE and Powerschool keep students motivated as they see grades and progress in real time. I have enjoyed the new technology tools and apps to help motivate students.

However there are some who still need a little more time to use the plethora of technology available to the teachers of the Essex County Technical and Vocational school district. I think the "motivating keys to technology" are 1) time and 2) training. Students have to see the benefit in using Easy Bib for citing sources and Note,ly for notes to know that technology can help keep them be organized, learning and most importantly motivated!

- Lynn Kelly

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