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Tips from current Carson Gr. 8 Students

Be Prepared

Obtain general school supplies during the summer. Teachers will let you know if you need specific course supplies on the first day of classes.

Tip #1 Purchase two large binders, label one, DAY 1, the other, DAY 2. Place four dividers in each binder. After you receive your schedule label your DAY 1 courses in your DAY 1 binder and ditto for your DAY 2 binder.

Tip #2 Exchange phone numbers with a class buddy who can pick up notes or homework for you if you are absent from school.

Tip #3 Getting Good Grades

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to get good grades; it is pretty easy if you follow these steps.

- Attend and participate in all classes.
- Plan a regular time to study each evening.
- Balance recreational activities with schoolwork.

Tip #4 Locks/Lockers and books

You will be given your own lock and locker. Keep your lock combination a secret to protect the belongings you have in your locker. Get a lock to use for PE class.

- You don't need to carry all your books for the day at all times. Store some in your locker and return to your locker at breaks to exchange books.
- Use cool locker organizer gear to create more space in your locker and keep it neat.
- Do not even tell your best friend your locker combination, best friends can change!

Tip #5 Always keep a copy of your timetable/schedule in your locker so you know where you are going and when. It's a bit confusing at first but you'll catch on quick.





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Relationships

Building positive relationships with your teachers and classmates will make school a great place – one that is more than just books and classes. Making new friendships is all part of the experience, just be sure that these friends are the right fit for you and that they will be a positive influence.

Tip #1 Build new friendships by joining clubs and teams. You will be Happy you did.

Tip #2 Know when your teachers offer extra help or ask them for help when needed.

Tip #3 Don't avoid the fact that you need help. The problem will only get bigger.

Transportation

Most students walk to school, some bus or get a ride from parents. Whatever means of transportation you have be sure to figure out your plans well in advance of school starting so that you will always be on time.

Tip #1 If you will be bussing to school be sure to purchase a monthly student bus pass and plan your transit route. Even practice the route a few times so that you are familiar with it.

