

LIFE

College, careers, relationships, and happiness. . .advice while you play the game of life

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The Game of Life is more than simply a board game. In reality, life is where you must follow a path that you choose. Life can be overwhelming at times and it can be stressful to just think about the idea that the choices you are making now, during high school and after, could affect you in the future. Follow the path of life, and read about advice on college, careers, relationships, and happiness from teachers and former students at NHS.

COLLEGE ADVICE

"I wish I had known to take more advantage of the resources I had around me. There are so many classes to take, clubs to try, and people to meet. I wish I would've taken more advantage of those, especially language classes. In college and high school, you can take language classes taught by experts and native speakers."
-Joseph Peculis, Science teacher

"I wish I understood the importance of experience. What I mean is, reading a book about Ireland and actually going to Ireland are two different things. If you really want to know about something or how to do something, you MUST experience it firsthand. Try new things, especially if they scare you a bit. Have no fear of failure, it won't kill you but it will teach you."
-Joshua Cecil, English teacher

"The more you know about yourself the more successful you will be, period. Whether that be understanding your personality, strengths, energy, or simply reflecting on your preferences will guide you to make better life choices. This is key to establish a path and not engaging in too many paths that always lead you back to the starting line."
-Craig Helming, Art teacher

CAREER ADVICE

"You don't have to have your career figured out when you're 22. You will be a completely different person at 32 then you are now. To suppose that 18 year old you and 32 year old you will want the same things is lunacy. So, be open to new things and flexible enough to change direction."
-Joshua Cecil, English teacher

"Do what you love. I started out as a business major because all I wanted to do was make money. I quickly realized that I was very unhappy with my path and changed back to Sports Media which has always been my passion. Do something that you love but also make sure it's something you can make a living out of."
-Connor Mills, 2017 graduate

RELATIONSHIP ADVICE

"When you move on to the next phase of life, you will gain different circles of friends. Some of those circles overlap and some don't. Don't stress out if friends from one circle don't fit in the others. It doesn't mean that you can't keep the relationships that you had before or make new ones, either."
-Jason Jasper, Music teacher

"Do what is important to you. That doesn't necessarily mean the thing that you enjoy the most, seems the easiest, or makes you the most money."
-Jason Jasper, Music teacher

"It's a small school at Noblesville and everyone knows each other, that being said, you'll only really bother to keep in contact with a select few occasionally, especially if school/work/military takes you far from home for long periods of time. It can be weird adjusting to making friends in a new place and getting a completely new circle, but it makes you stronger for sure."
-Leonardo Pilipis, 2017 graduate

"The 5 people you hang around the most you will become most like...surround yourself with people that you want to aspire to be like."
-Bill Kenley, English teacher,

"Relationships are based around sacrifice. Sacrificing your time to spend it with someone else, or sacrificing your interests to be interested in someone else, these are the foundations of relationships. Relationships are dependent on risking rejection. To have any kind of relationship, romantic or friendship, you have to risk getting rejected".
-Joshua Cecil, English teacher

HAPPINESS ADVICE

"If you're looking to be happier then the best thing to do is talk to someone. It doesn't always have to be an adult or a counselor. I suggest someone important in your life. They can see your problems from another point of view and help cope through whatever it may be you are going through."
-Nick Copenhaver, 2017 graduate

"Happiness isn't a goal you should aim for. Trying to be happy is a fool's errand. It comes about by being focused on things you find worthy. Lose yourself in your work and play."
-Bill Kenley, English teacher

"In order to be happy you can't make your life about pleasing others. Make sure to put yourself first as well."
-Taylor Crowe, 2017 graduate

"Try new things. Having a hobby or something to devote yourself to in your free time is a great way to stay motivated and working towards a goal. Learn a new language, try a new sport, or just read a book. There is so much to learn in the world, don't sit idly and let it pass you by."
-Joseph Peculis, Science teacher

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