

10 Things Every Niner Should Know

1. Don't be afraid to approach your Link Crew leaders in school. Link Crew leaders aren't just here for school issues. They can help with personal stuff too.
2. Put yourself out there and get involved! There's something out there for everyone. All sports teams have a junior division and are open to grade nines. Don't be afraid to try out! Joining a club or a team makes you feel like you belong and makes it that much easier to get up in the morning knowing you have something to look forward to.
3. Make sure you go to as many events at the Ridge as possible, like dances and barbeques. You'll meet new people and it will make your experience here so much better.
4. Student Council is open to all grades and it's really easy to get involved. Just come to meetings!
5. Teachers at the Ridge are great for extra help. Don't be afraid to ask if you need it. Teachers actually care about the students—They're not out to "get you".
6. Balance your academic and social life. Keep up with your homework. There won't be too much but it's easy to fall behind.
7. Show your teachers you care about learning by being on time and prepared for class.
8. Don't try too hard to fit in. You'll find friends faster if you just be yourself and remember real friends won't put you in bad situations.
9. PCC stands for Personal Career Counseling. This is located right next to the main office and can help you in things from course selection, career advice and getting your required volunteer hours.
10. Exams may be new to you but don't get too stressed out about them, they're not the end of the world.