**L.A. Writing – *How to Survive Grade 9* List**

Write a list of things you feel the grade 8 students should know about grade 9.

Title your list: **How to Survive Grade 9.**

Put your **NAME** on your sheet.

Write an introductory sentence or two to give provide a reason why you’re writing this list. Hint: write about good things that happened this year, things you would have liked to have known before coming to grade 9, etc.

Your list should have **a minimum of 10 suggestions** on how to survive, **to a maximum of 20**.

**How to Survive Grade 9**

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Once in grade 9 you are now the oldest of the school. You are expected to be the most mature and responsible students and also take on different leadership roles throughout the school. There is also a lot of stress in grade 9 because you are going to high school next year. Teachers know you leaving next year to start a new phase of your life so their expectations are higher. Here are some suggestions on how to survive grade 9.

1. In grade 9 you will do a lot of writing… lots and lots of writing, to

 get prepared for the P.A.T.’s

2. This is your chance to get your grades up for high school.

3. Events in this school will only run if grade 9 students step up and

 volunteer.

4. Use an agenda! Paper or electronic will work, but you’ll have

 many assignments/projects/tests/quizzes in each class. An

 agenda will keep you organized.

5. Tutorial is a great time to get your work done and handed in, if

 you do not use your class time. If you continue to not use your

 class time wisely, you’ll go to study hall and your parents will be

 contacted and it won’t be fun.

6. P.A.T.’s will happen whether you are ready for them or not!

7. All of your school work will be much harder and stress will be in

 abundance.

8. Teachers will continuously remind you of moving to high school

 and how your environment, responsibilities and school work will

 change.

9. You will loose marks for late assignments and nobody likes to

 loose marks for something that can be controlled.

10. Be kind to everyone, despite how they may act towards you.

 Unless you walk a mile in their shoes, you don't know what

 happened to them that day.