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First, do your homework
second, don't procrastinate

Thirdly, listen to the Siegle

I promise you there are only two outcomes
of not doing your homework:

- you don't know what you are doing
- Siegle gets mad

Please don't make Siegle mad. I assure
you that the outcome is not wanted.

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Calculus is not easy. Please don't slack off; it will be extremely beneficial to you if you do your homework every night. I know you all are intelligent, but calculus can be frustrating sometimes. Don't give up. Form study groups where you can help each other, especially for FRQs. Stay on Seigle's good side and you will have an amazing year. She is awesome and is always willing to help so don't be afraid to ask.

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Congrats on making it this far but believe me it doesn't get any easier from ~~now~~ here. The number one advice I can give you for this class is DO YOUR HOMEWORK! I know you're not going to want to listen but it's so important. An "A" in this class will not be handed to you; you will have to work for it. I know this from personal experience. Also, take the AP exam, Even if you think that you couldn't possibly get a good score. You could go all year struggling, but if you go to ~~Review~~ review sessions at the end of the year, it could all click. I know you all want to enjoy senior year and have fun but don't lose sight of what's really important. Study, Study, Study, & Do your homework. ALWAYS. Even when it seems impossible, Always Keep trying! Goodluck on your senior year and in life!

— Marissa Powell

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Juniors,

Do. Your. Homework. Review whenever you get a chance. Study with friends. I've always been good at math and never needed help, but this class kicked my butt. You will need to study. All the skills build on each other, so if you don't understand something, get help immediately. Don't wait until after your test to try to get help. Calculus should be one of your main priorities. Always do the test corrections, do any extra credit. Every point is helpful. Review, review, review! Do all your work and you'll be fine!

— Shannon
former Senior
Class of 2014

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Okay first DO YOUR HOMEWORK!!! For 2 reasons:

1. Because it will help you understand if you are confused
2. Because getting a zero for a homework grade when you understand is like really stupid.

Secondly. FRQ PACKETS CAN'T BE DONE IN ONE NIGHT!!
Serriously don't try it, it doesn't work. Ask for help if you don't understand how to do them.

3rd Go To The Review Sessions

Even if you don't take the exam (but you should, because Seigle's AWESOME!!!) the review still helps for the final exam.

4th Don't become the senior who slacks off and does nothing. I did that and I didn't even do it right. I slacked first semester so I HAD to work hard second semester.

I know you're tired and don't want to do anything but you're not done yet. If you wanted to be done, then you shouldn't have signed up for Calculus.

Lastly, don't stress about the exam. Work hard so that you do well but don't freak if you don't pass (BUT YOU WILL!!!) It's a win-win because you either get credit or get experience and exposure.

P.S. Now I said work hard but also have fun. It is SENIOR YEAR so be bold and go out with a bang. You only have one life so live it well.
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This class is an AP class. This means that there will be nights where you are up until 3:30 a.m. doing calculus homework frustrated, crying, possibly pulling hair out because you don't understand your homework. Regardless of how frustrated you are, you still have to do it because I promise; the homework you didn't do last night is the homework Seigle takes for a grade.

Don't slack off second semester. I know it's your senior year but you still have work to do. You will survive. Pay attention and do your work! All of it!

IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, ASK!!

Asking questions solves all problems.

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Dear Senior/Any Junior brave enough to take this course, :p
Well... can you believe it's your senior year? Yeah, neither could I. Congratulations on growing a big enough pair to finally sign up for this course. As you begin to tackle calculus material my best advice to you is, don't ever lose that dedication and charisma we all have during that first week of school. Even though you are a senior, you can't afford to slack off, lose the initial devotion, or stray away from your calculus notes. BTW, don't just write what Seigle writes on the board... listen to what she's saying and make yourself notes so when you're home all alone trying to do your homework, it won't look quite so Chinese. USE getafive.com... don't just put the video on and then write your paper for English while you mute the video and jam out to Drake. Yes the lady may talk funny and her glasses make her eyes seem like they are staring through your soul, but she TRULEY is helpful if you give her a chance. Oh! and most importantly, do your homework... because that ONE DAY you don't... Seigle's taking it for a grade! Best of Luck to you, I know you can pass...

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but hey, we all know you want an "A." ☺
~English teacher~

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1. Do your homework as much as you can. But also realize there are going to be days that you don't because you don't have time or just need to take a night off and that isn't terrible. Just don't make it an everyday event.
 2. If you don't understand something ASK. ~~Not necessary~~ You don't necessarily have to ask Mrs. ~~Neale~~, but ask someone. Calculus is a class that builds on material throughout the year so don't just dismiss one unit and think you will understand everything else.
 3. Take the exam. Yes it is scary and stressful and you don't want to, but do it anyway. And decide that you are going to at the beginning of the year. If you commit to it you are more likely to put the effort in all year long rather than give up and use not taking the test as a rationalization.
 4. Have Fun! No matter how bad or well you do in this class it's not the end of the world! You will survive.
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I struggled in this class all year. It was by far my weakest subject and the only one I did not have an A in. However, I only have myself to blame. Calculus really is not that hard. You may freak out the first time you hear the word "derivative," like I did, but by the end of the year that will be a piece of cake. The best thing I can tell you to do is homework. You HAVE to do the homework if you want to be successful in this class. That is where I messed up big time. Also, if you don't understand something, ask about it. Don't wait until the day of the test to try and learn it. We read the advice from last year's seniors and I just ignored all of it. But now I wish I would have listened because my life would be much easier. Best of luck to you guys next year.

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Dear future AP Calc students,

This class is not a joke! If you think you're going to slack off and maintain an A in this course, you might as well gather your stuff and head to Advanced Decision Making math class. You will suffer. You will break down. You will want to quit. Just when you're about to hate Ms. Seigle, remember, "Don't hate the player, hate the game." Calculus is the enemy you must overcome not Ms. Seigle. If anything, DO YOUR HOMEWORK!!! Believe me as a former AP Calculus student. Homework will help you master the materials. Seek each other's help! Don't be shy. Get together after school or weekend to work on the FRQs or homework, Youtube and Getative.com will become one of your best friends. Use them wisely. Besides, you'll have an amazing teacher. Shoot her an email; go to tutoring; ask for help. DO YOUR HOMEWORK! Review previous materials. It is your responsibility not Ms. Seigle. Even though you will ask yourself why you're in this class, just remember, you can do it! Embrace "Mr. Calculus" and keep a positive attitude and optimistic mind toward the class. I promise, all the pain will be worth it when you walk through that stage on May, 2015 to get your high school diploma!

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Dear UP coming Juniors,

First off I'd like to say Good luck, last year of high school but this class will give you a run for your money if you don't stay on top of your work. I read this same thing last year and what I am about to say you must follow or your life for the next 180 days or so will be a nightmare! Get A.S.com is your new best friend most helpful thing you will use ever. Do your homework, take it all serious for it can make or break you in class. Ask questions on any thing you do not understand. Because if you think day 1 stuff will not show up again it will on day 180 this class builds on itself. If you get lost and get left it will be a hard and long road ahead. Senior test or whatever you understand it sucks! Do not let it take over or you will be in a world of trouble. This class depends on how hard you work. So do the work and it will pay off. Do quiet as. When it gets hard get help.

Also have fun its - Tray Ashun #2014
Senior Year!

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