

Things we've learned in high school:

- Never trust a goose that eats french fries.
- Trophies won't last, and records are broken. The heart you put into something is what will last forever.
- Make a memory as often as possible.
- Drugs and alcohol are not required for a good time.
- Ft. Thomas Highlands is for the birds.
- No matter which elementary school you went to, you're a Rocket, so you're cool.
- It is possible to leave your mark. Example: the middle school Hard as a Rock dance, courtesy of the Class of 2001.
- When someone says 'Immediately,' they mean business.
- You never get too old to eat popsicles.
- Parking lots full of teenagers are dangerous.
- Mondays are officially "Look Like Crap" days.
- Getting funky with the band is not exactly fun stuff.
- Dreaming about someone does not make them your destiny.
- You can't always have as much ketchup as you'd like.
- The four words of success: Center down, focus in.
- If ever on a crowded street you hear, "What a do-er," you've found Mr. Hansel.
- A huge IQ does not compensate for lack of common sense. You need a little of both.
- All sports are not equal in the eyes of spectators.
- You won't always need a blue book, but identification at all times is a good idea.
- Always be honest with your parents -- no matter what!
- Outside of a public education, nothing is free.
- Pool passes are not required, and there is no such thing as a pep rally ticket.
- Some people have a worse bark than bite.
- The people who think they're cool are usually dorks, and the dorks are really cool.
- Following the crowd will take you one of two places: Jail or nowhere.
- When choices of dates get boring at home, look elsewhere. Duh!



If I could take
anything from high
school, it would be...



"A bench from in front of
the gym."
~ Chelsen Stratton



"My football locker."
~ Chaz Cable



"My friends."
~ Kandis Jamison



"The Janitors...If they
could keep my house as
clean as they keep the
school, I would be a
happy man!"
~ John Hankins



"The drug dog."
~ Jeff Mullins

Make that drab dorm room into a home away from home

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Graduation is only a few days away, and several seniors must soon leave their cozy houses and move into a small, cramped dorm room with white walls and bolted-down furniture.

Your job is to transform this bland, unoriginal room into a haven for you and your friends, letting your personality shine through.

Before you start searching for things to fill your room with, you need to contact someone in the Student Housing Office and get the dimensions of your room and any permanent furnishings such as closets, dressers, desks, and chairs.

Also, request a list of any items that you are not allowed to have because you may have to pay a fine if certain things are found in your room.

When you contact your roommate, decide what items you already have, who's going to bring them, and what you still need. The little extras can be added throughout the school year.

Make a list of the more expensive items (small refrigerator, sofa, computer, TV, etc.) and divide it so that you both spend around the same amount, but do not split the

Color & Moods

Yellow; cheery, energizes
Orange; stimulates appetite
conversation, and charity
Red; empowers, dramatizes
Purple; comforts, creates
mystery, spiritualizes
Blue; relaxes, tranquilizes
White; purifies, energizes
Black; independent, strong

cost on any item. It can lead to arguments as to who it belongs to after graduation or who will take it home during the summer.

Start at the basics first

Develop a theme or color scheme and stick with it; some themes are butterflies, bumblebees, cartoons, clouds and stars, Hawaiian, animal prints, and sports. You'll be really stressed at college, so make sure that your room is full of stuff that brings up your spirits.

Choose your bedspread first because that's where you'll spend most of your lounging time, and during the day it can be converted into a couch by lining pillows along the wall.

Walls & Colors

Colors do affect your mood, so take them into consideration. If you're trying to avoid the "Freshman 15," try to stay away from orange; it's an appetite stimulant.

If painting is not allowed, you might be able to find a loophole. At some colleges there is no fine, or a small one, if you paint the walls. More color may be worth paying a few more dollars to your college, but if not, contact paper is easy to put up, comes down easily, and doesn't leave an awful smell.

Posters are always an option, but if you cover the walls, your room may look too cluttered and chaotic. Framed pictures can coordinate with your sheets and accessories, or photos of family and friends can ward off any feelings of being homesick.

Floor

Unless your room has carpet, an area rug should be near the top on your list of things to bring. Nothing will wake you up faster than setting your bare feet on a cold concrete floor, but it's not exactly the

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