

Senior vs. Junior: Is there time for love at NCSSM?

by Steven Schkolne

NCSSM is a school which offers students many things, and the opportunity for relationships here is definitely present. Although students do not typically have the amount of free time that they may have had at their old school, schedules can be arranged around a girlfriend/boyfriend successfully here at school if one has the time management skills to do it.

Sure, there is a lot of work at S&M and the stress levels can get high, but everyone has room in their schedules to spend at least one hour a day or more with that special someone. This opportunity for both seniors and juniors. Although some seniors may have fewer classes than juniors, most seniors have more responsibilities outside of the classroom, so schedules of the two groups are equally tight. Homework can be done during study hours or, if necessary, after 10:30 check. Sure, sometimes all this time management can be tough, but if you want a relationship badly enough, you can make it work. I have been a student at S&M for over a year now and I can think of very few occasions when I did not have an hour or more in the day to devote to a relationship.

Another thing to take into consideration is the time spent developing a relationship on the weekends. I know of many couples at NCSSM that make up the time they miss during the week on the weekends. Weekends are rarely consumed by academic obligations. Most people have about 12 hours on Saturday and Sunday that they can spend with their girlfriend or boyfriend if they so desire. I think this is plenty of time to spend with someone.

There is ample time during the week and on the weekends to devote to relationships if you are willing to do what it takes to make it work. If you are responsible enough, your work will get done. Juniors and Seniors both can make the time to make a relationship work. Just look around you at the number of couples on campus. So do your best to have as much fun as you can at S&M, the friendships you make here may last for many years, and when it comes to a relationship, go for it!

Saying Goodbye

by Jamel Anderson

Work, fun, play, stress, all nighters, levels, DA's, and SLI's. These are some things that come to my mind when I think of Science and Math. However, there exists another force of association, friendships. Whether gained or lost, those formed here are special and unique, long and secure, bitter and sweet. The friendships range from those made with hallmates, roommates, DA's, SLI's, teachers, classmates, staff, and administrators.

On the hall you must deal with the habits of anywhere from 12 to 30 other people which may include roommates, hallmates, DA's, and SLI's. One learns how to fuss, argue, talk, and compromise. One learns how to tolerate the music of others or block it out. Most importantly one learns about the people you live with. Understanding them or their actions becomes second nature. It becomes easy if not fun to predict their actions or reactions in a given situation. Friendships form and are put together from knowledge and patience in others.

In the classroom setting one deals with the teacher

by Lakevia Hall

As you Uni's know there are major differences between your old school and NCSSM. One being the 10 hours of homework and studying you now have to do just so you can make C's, when at home you made all A's and didn't study at all. Have you discovered, then, that all your school work has left you with no time for a social life or a serious relationship?

The truth of the matter, is that because of the hectic schedule here, it's hard to find time to manage a serious relationship. After all, everyone's first priority here at the North Carolina School of Science and Math is to excel in academics. By the time you set aside time for studying, homework, clubs, athletics, and social activities, there is a very limited amount of time left on your schedule for a serious relationship.

Although this is true for juniors, some seniors may have a different opinion on this topic. They are used to the hectic schedule and know how to manage their time better than most of the juniors. Seniors also have fewer classes to study for. On the other hand, seniors have a lot of stress on them to prepare for college and to complete college applications.

Most people will admit that you have a lot more work to do here than at a regular high school. However ask yourself, can you maintain a relationship, or has school pressure put your social life on hold? Now, juniors and seniors alike who honestly answer this question have to admit that when you begin to get involved in a serious relationship, it takes up a lot of your time. You start to put off your work, reduce your studying time and you can never concentrate on your work because you're always thinking about him/her. Then you realize that your grades start to drop and you end up getting yourself into a mess.

So, if your honest answer to the question "can you manage both school work and love" is that you can manage both, you need to fill us in on your secret. After all, you are a step ahead of many students here.

and classmates, the style and personality of both. It can be nerve wracking, tedious, boring, or fun, but with the support system of this community things are ok.

With all of this how do we go about leaving everything we have worked so hard to make and keep. To leave a place we have worked so hard to stay is difficult, but necessary. The solution is easy. KEEP IN TOUCH. Make a challenge to yourself to keep up with yourself and your friends. The thought of getting back together just might make leaving a little bit better. NEVER say good-bye to what you want to see again. This is not necessarily a final thing. The appropriate phrase is I'll see 'ya later. Peace 'cause 94 is out the door.

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