

Theme Package Writing:

Opening:

There is no exit button.

This time, there are no excuses.

For the first time, in a very long time, we're back to normal, but it's better than normal.

We finally get to experience everything we've missed.

That fall social? Totally got the costume ready!

That field trip? Mom, sign here please, and pack a lunch.

It's time to take it to the next level.

So, take that risk!

We can finally ask out that person we've been simping over for who knows how long.

Try out for that team! Learn that instrument!

But...

What if you fail?

What if you play the wrong note during the big concert, or miss your cue during the play?

What if you fall in front of everyone, and drop your stuff everywhere?

What if your crush rejects you?

What if you bomb the test you've been studying for?

Maybe you fail.

Or maybe you win.

The truth is, there is no exit button.

There is no way to pause when you feel uncomfortable,

no way to leave and erase your existence when something goes wrong (Though, sometimes you wish you could.)

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No, this is real life.

There are no cheat codes here.

no way to skip over the hard parts.

We can face challenges head on,

slowly improving with every loss.

We can slowly create teams of new and old friends,

and work together to tackle the insanity that is the Drake hallways as 968 kids are rushing to get across the school to get to their classes in four minutes.

That crazy homework assignment?

No problem.

That pop quiz? It might be a little hard, but

We got this.

Those teachers that are way too hyper at 8:00 in the morning?

Well, maybe we don't have the right items to face them yet.

But just give us a minute because

We are Drake dragons

And we're taking it to the

Next level.

Theme Package Writing:

People

Let's be honest, the main reason we're able to pull ourselves out of bed at a way too early time, is...

We're FORCED.

School, it's everything and nothing all at once.

We have to be here.

Some assignments?

Yeah, they're interesting.

Like when you get your hands on a heart in Mr. Donohue's; that was awesome.

OR

Mr. Hippely's assignment where you and your desk partner have to team up and make a whole family tree together.

But, the best thing about school?

Your friends of course!

the gossip,

The jokes, the crushes.

The insanity, and the unconditional non-related sibling love.

Yeah. It's the people.

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Summer

But before we head back to school, we still have time for summer, and you know what everyone's thinking?

FREEDOM!

No more jai-- er, school! Just three months of much needed rest and relaxation.

And of course the never ending flow of TikTok trends that are taking the internet (and our bathrooms) by storm.

How many have there been again?

Everything kinda' became a blur after the Footloose Challenge.

And you know what else?

Summer movies are back, and they're living up to the hype!

Get ready to enjoy some good old cinema and the very missed movie theater popcorn.

Yeah, the fact that you only have a few months of freedom is always in the back of your mind, but that's a three-months-from-now problem.

As of now, we're just enjoying the summer freedom while it lasts.

Theme Package Writing:

Tri 1

It's start time.

Time to go back back to school and face the never ending icebreakers.

It's like Jeopardy but worse!

At least once the first few weeks are over, you'll be able to fall into a nice and easy groove--

Wait a second...

Why are we stranded on the football field?

There's a shortage of bus drivers?

And, what the heck, they changed MATH?!?

It's like we're trapped

in an extra long, super annoying, unskippable, cutscene.

But, isn't that how every interesting main quest in a RPG starts?

To get to the cool stuff, you need to get through all the explanations at the beginning before you can actually do anything cool.

So maybe this is setting us up so we can crush the rest of the year.

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Tri 2

If you ignore all the assignments, trimester 2 is just full of fun things.

We get two holiday breaks;

The theater department is putting on A Christmas Carol;

The basketball tournament is returning, louder than ever; And woah.

Drake is on the news!

That's next level!

Who knew that a petition to cancel school the day after Halloween created by our very own Hana Hatley would end up having such an impact?

Wait... we still have school the day after Halloween? Well at least we tried.

Before you know it, Tri 2 is wrapping up, and we're sliding into the Tri 3.

But not before we turn in all our missing assignments during those precious few minutes before 11:59 PM.

We'll just keep playing the game.

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Tri 3

It's time for the final push.

The time when teachers engage in the never ending battle to try and keep your attention.

And the time when your mind starts to dream about summer vacation when you're supposed to be learning.

Even the supposedly "fun activities" end up being for a grade.

Like the first ever Drake science fair, International Towne, and the World Fair.

At least in the World Fair you can earn (fake) money, or you can buy stuff and end up with food. Who doesn't like food? or money?

As the never ending flood of work comes crashing down on everyone, the bittersweet feelings of summer vacation begin to set in.

Like, yay, schools almost out,

But you start to realize that you will miss some people more than you thought you would.

Theme Package Writing:

Reference

Clubs!

It's a place for everyone to belong

A place to make friends and chase interests at the same time.

Sports teams, Anime club, and National Junior Honor Society

National Junior Art Honor Society, which, let's be honest, you either joined because you really like art or really like hanging out with the school favorite teacher Mrs. Dunn;

Shakespeare Club, where you get to channel your inner English playwright and dance around in togas to Can't Stop the Feeling;

We even have WEB, which is literally an acronym for Where Everyone Belongs.

Here at Drake we have a bit of everything for everyone, like one big, happy, and slightly dysfunctional club family.

Theme Package Writing:

Closing

It hasn't been the perfect run,

But, here we are...

You can say 'this year has been so fun' and to 'have a great summer," but come on this year has been so much more than that.

This year has been messy, chaotic, and dare we say, glitchy.

The poor bathrooms couldn't seem to catch a break between the Devious Lick trend and that one broken pipe that caused water to flood into 8th grade science classrooms and what not.

The yearbook staff has deemed the game, 'Chicken Legs' somewhat cursed after a very painful accident, (Tables and heads? Not a good mix!)

And the emergency service team probably have Mrs. Feir's phone number saved due to the amount of times they had to be called by her this year.

That's always fun!

This year, everybody had to deal with something that was hard, time consuming, and stressful.

But the thing is,

All the mishaps and mistakes are what make middle school so fun.

After all, a game isn't worth playing if it isn't at least a little challenging.

Perfectly planned days where nothing goes in a direction you could have never predicted hardly ever end up making special inside jokes with your friends.

Yeah, this year has been all over the place.

It's been stressful, chaotic, and fun,

And that's what made it so next level