Advice For AP Environmental Science (APES) Students

1. Study your lecture notes and take advantage of the online videos. (Most only about 10 minutes.) Not many teachers provide them and they are very helpful when studying at home.
2. Become friends with the people around you. Ask them questions, study together and do projects. This class is fun if you have people to enjoy it with.
3. Chose good groups for projects that you know will do their work.
4. The questions that guide through the notes help.
5. Do the very few homework assignments you are given.
6. Do and memorize the Quizlets. (Easy A) Not only will you have vocab quizzes, most or all of the words will show up on your chapter test, and lots of people miss those questions.
7. Do all of the extra credit. You'll thank yourself later in the year when you don't have time to study for lecture quizzes.
8. Losing points on lecture quizzes will leave you feeling pretty pathetic. Five questions. Extra credit point. Open note. Once a week or two. Don't be the person who loses all those points because they were too lazy to do the notes.
9. Mr. Kendall makes it pretty easy. There are review sheets, in-class Kahoots and plenty of time to clarify what you don't understand. It is often helpful to take notes during the Kahoot because similar questions are often on the test, which are also completely multiple choice.
10. Practice good time management. This was probably one of the lightest classes as far as homework. However, use your class period efficiently. If you do, you may never have homework. You could easily walk out of this class with an A and have spent minimal time outside class of assignments.
11. This class is not a blow off. Many have tried to categorize it as such due to the rumored level of difficulty on the AP exam. However, that level of difficulty comes after having diligently worked your way through the class itself. I hope you'll keep that in mind as you enter into these first few units.
12. Read over the lectures for review. They contain information that is not on the notes.
13. Practice and participate in all the FRQ you get from Mr. Kendall. Although they may not be graded, they help you get an idea of what will be on the AP test.
14. While going through the course, a Barron's book would help you retain info better.
15. If Mr. Kendall doesn't finish the lecture in class, watch the videos, don't just copy the powerpoints. Sometimes the answers to lecture quiz questions come from the videos.
16. Try, actually try on the practice FRQs, it makes the AP Test ten times easier.