

# Talkback Sept. 29

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Last week we asked: What makes you want to stay in school?

School isn't really a problem for me. What makes me want to go to school is the fact that it's not boring and my friends and teachers make it fun. Also, I plan to go to college and university, and without a high school education that is pretty much impossible.

*Julian Fusco, Secondary 4, John F. Kennedy High School*

The Number 1 reason I stay in school is education. But other than that, it's friends. If I didn't go to school, I wouldn't have many friends. They are always there when we need them. Some of our friends create drama and everyone needs some drama in their life.

*Gabriella Farallo, Grade 8, Chambly Academy*

There are many reasons for being in school. Not only do I want to get an education, but I want to make my family proud and be capable of getting a good job. The teachers are also a good help. They make you want to go to school and want to learn.

*Alicia Fabio, Secondary 5, John F. Kennedy High School*

In today's society, if you wish to succeed in the workforce, you must possess a high school diploma or a higher degree. This is what keeps me in school. School is the one thing that can assure me of succeeding in the future with my career and achieving the lifestyle appropriate to my income.

*Melissa Inga, Secondary 5, John F. Kennedy High School*

What makes me stay in school are the teachers, sporting events and family. The teachers are motivating us to stay. I love sports, so I try out and, usually, I make the teams. My family is a great motivation because they help me and encourage me. The social part of school is amazing because we talk with nice high school girls. And last, but not least, my desire to go to college and fulfill my dreams.

*Jeremy Riel, Secondary 2, Chambly Academy*

The main thing that makes me want to stay in school is my future. I know if I work as hard as I can now,

I will have a bright future. Students portray school as boring and stupid; but it is what helps us forge our future. I think that putting the right effort now will have its advantages in the future. And learning as much as I can, will make it easier for me. My main goal is to become a professional and not having to worry about economic problems. I know I can accomplish this goal and be successful.

*Andres Linares, Secondary 4, John F. Kennedy High School*

I want to stay in school to learn things. It's important for my future job. If I don't have my Secondary 5 diploma, no one will want to hire me. I want to stay in school and learn to be a good citizen.

*Mahika Ethier, Secondary 3, École Secondaire Cavalier-de Lasalle*

I stay in school because I want to have a better education. I have plans for my future. I want them to come true. Even if I have some difficulty, I'm going to stay and work harder. School is important because every day you learn something new, and it will be useful for your future. I enjoy coming to school, to learn new stuff or to see my friends. I have good teachers who know what they are doing.

I will make the most of it!

*Maude Gauthier, Secondary 3, École Secondaire Cavalier-de Lasalle*

I would never drop out of school because my parents wouldn't allow me to. It isn't an option for me. Nowadays, especially with the recession, it is exceptionally hard to get a job, so having the best education possible will definitely be helpful.

*Jennifer Chisholm, Secondary 5, Rosemere High School*

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