

Skipping Senior Skip Day

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FADE IN:

INT. TEEN BOYS' BEDROOM - DAY

A typical teenage boy's room. Two beds face each other on opposite walls. There are clothes on one side of the floor and that side is messy. The other side is clean and tidy.

An alarm rings. A teenage boy shuts it off and gets out of bed, his side of the room is clean and organized. He is in his pajamas, looks well rested, and is ready for school. This is MARK.

DAVID

What the hell is that, Mark?

The camera pans to another teenage boy in his bed across the room. He is groggy and clearly annoyed his sleeping was disturbed. This is Mark's twin brother DAVID.

MARK

That's my alarm.

DAVID

I know that's an alarm. My question is for what.

MARK

It's good to know you're not as stupid as you look. I needed an alarm to wake up for school.

David quickly sits up in his bed while Mark is putting on his hoodie.

DAVID

What! You can't go to school today it's senior skip day. Plus I told mom that we had today off for National Student Appreciation Day. If you go she will know I'm lying and she will kill me.

Mark puts on his shoes.

MARK

She really bought that? Anyways that sounds like a you problem. I am not ruining my perfect attendance for a stupid senior tradition.

Mark puts on his back pack and exits the room. David gets up frantically, moves a pile of clothes to find his sneakers, and grabs his keys on his dresser. David runs out of the door.

EXT. DRIVEWAY - MOMENTS LATER

We see Mark's car leave the driveway. David runs to his car and peels out.

EXT. ABBY'S DRIVEWAY - MOMENTS LATER

David's car pulls into a drive way. He gets out of the car and bolts up the stairs to the front door. He rings the doorbell three times and knocks obnoxiously. An older man in pajamas opens the door annoyed. This is ABBY'S DAD.

ABBY DAD

David, why on earth are you here at 7 in the morning, it's senior skip day.

DAVID

I am sorry to wake you, it's an emergency I need Abby's help.
ABBY!!! WAKE UP!

A sleepy teenage girl shuffles to the door. This is ABBY.

ABBY

What are you doing here?

DAVID

I'll explain in the car we need to move quickly.

ABBY

Well, let me get Megan. She slept over.

DAVID

Okay, just hurry!

EXT. STREET - MOMENTS LATER

Mark is in his car, peacefully driving to school while listening to music.

INT. DAVID'S CAR

David, Abby, and Megan get in the car. A traffic cone is placed in the trunk visible over the back seats.

MEGAN

What's with the traffic cone?

EXT. STREET - MOMENTS LATER

Mark is driving and sees a suspiciously placed cone in the middle of the right lane. He looks confused and goes right around it.

The camera pans to David, Abby, and Megan, on the side of the road who all look surprised and saddened that the cone trick didn't work.

DAVID

Oh, wait! I just realized that I took his car yesterday, and I basically left him with an empty tank. He's gotta stop for gas, he won't make it to the school.

EXT. MARK'S CAR - MOMENTS LATER

The gas light in Mark's car turns on and makes a beeping noise.

EXT. STREET - MOMENT'S LATER

Megan, Abby and David start to get back in David's car.

DAVID

Mark stopping buys us a couple of minutes. Time to get the big guns.

EXT. FRONT DOOR STEPS

David, Abby, and Megan are all standing looking at the door unsure of what to do.

MEGAN

Should we just go in?

ABBY

Isn't that like breaking and entering.

The camera focuses on a slightly ajar front door. They open the door slowly and enter the house.

EXT. GAS STATION - DAY

Mark is at a pump, getting gas. While he is pumping his gas, his phone buzzes.

MOM (TEXT)

Happy National Student
Appreciation Day!!!!

Mark rolls his eyes and puts his phone back in his pocket.

EXT. ANDY'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

The group enters Andy's room and finds him sleeping very peacefully. He is on his back with his arms across his chest, wearing an eye mask. There is a bright nightlight plugged in, and he is listening to whale sounds. There are pillows surrounding him and he is tucked in like a child.

DAVID

Oh my god.

The group is surprised and is trying to not laugh.

ABBY(HUSHED)

Andy, wake up.

Megan approaches his bed and gently shakes him. Andy grunts and moves his head away.

DAVID

We don't have time for this.
ANDY!

Andy jolts awake and takes his mask off.

ANDY

Oh hey guys. What are you doing here?

EXT. WHS PARKING LOT

Mark is driving slowly around the parking lot, trying to find a spot.

MARK

I can't believe this. All of the juniors took the spots.

Mark pulls into visitor parking and gets out of the car.

EXT. WHS MAIN OFFICE

Mark enters the main office and is greeted by Mrs. Wilson. She looks confused to see him.

MARK

Good morning Mrs. Wilson. All of the juniors took up the parking spaces in the parking lot. Can you call one down and have them move?

MRS. WILSON

Mark, it is senior skip day. Why are you here?

MARK

Well I can't ruin my perfect attendance.

The camera pans to a picture of Mark at school which says 703 days of perfect attendance. Mark stares at it lovingly.

MARK (CONT'D)

I can't wait to get that plaque.

MRS. WILSON

Like I said it's senior skip day. There's nothing I can do. Go home, Mark.

Mark opens his mouth to respond but then stops. He turns around and leaves the school.

MARK (ASIDE)

That's okay I will just park at the police station.

INT. DAVID CAR - MOMENTS LATER

David, Andy, Abby and Megan are piled into David's car. David is driving to the high school from Andy's house.

DAVID

...and that's why we have to stop Mark from getting to school.

ANDY

I completely understand. This is a desperate situation- and we know desperate times call for desperate measures. Good thing I have a plan. Okay, it is important that everyone listens very carefully and does exactly as a I say.

As Andy speaks he pulls out a rope, a dodge ball, a hand-held saw, a baseball bat, a boot, a pencil sharpener, a map of Walpole and a sandwich from his back pack. He hands them to the group.

ANDY (CONT'D)

Since it's senior skip day all of the juniors will be parked at the high school. That means Mark will have to walk to school from the police station.

He circles a big red circle around the police station on the map. Megan is holding the sandwich looking confused.

ANDY (CONT'D)

Oh, sorry that's mine. What? Kidnapping makes me hungry.

EXT. POLICE STATION - MOMENTS LATER

Mark gets out of his car and walks out of the parking lot towards the high school.

EXT. WHS SIDEWALK - CONTINUOUS

Mark is walking on the side walk, on the way to school. David is angrily walking towards him with a baseball bat in hand. Mark turns to go back to the police station but checks his watch.

MARK (ASIDE)

There's not enough time.

Mark takes off for the woods. The camera pans to David who is smiling at how well the plan is working.

EXT. WOODS ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

Mark is running through the woods, he looks over his shoulder paranoid that David is following him.

Megan is crouched behind a tree and pulls the rope tightly. Mark doesn't see the rope and trips over it. He falls to the ground.

MARK

What the hell?

Megan tackles Mark.

MEGAN

I GOT HIM! I GOT HIM!

MARK

Get off me! I'm late!

Mark pushes Megan off of him. She holds on to his foot and he loses his shoe. Mark gets up and takes off running.

MIDDLE OF THE WOODS

Mark is out of breath but he continues running. A big tree branch falls just behind him and closely misses him. The camera pans to Andy holding a saw, looking disappointed.

Mark continues to run. A big orange cone flies in front of his face. He dodges it looks back to see Abby hiding behind a bush.

MARK

Really Abby, you too?

Before Mark turns back around, a dodge ball whips by his face. He sees David standing over a pile of dodge balls, winding up for another throw. Mark sees this and starts running.

DAVID

I see how it is.

Mark continues running as dodge balls fly past him. One hits him square in the back and he falls, next to the orange cone. David stands over him, triumphantly.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Happy Student Appreciation Day!

MARK

Alright, jeez you got me. Help me up.

David reaches for Mark's hand. Mark grabs the cone and hits him over the head. David stumbles back, giving Mark enough time to escape.

EXT. WHS ENTRANCE - MOMENTS LATER

Mark crosses the street with one shoe, a torn hoodie, and dirt smeared all over his face. He approaches MR.IMBUSCH who is welcoming the students into school.

MR. IMBUSCH

Mark! I'm surprised to see you today. I figured no seniors would come in.

MARK

Well Mr. Imbusch, I can't ruin my perfect attendance. That plaque isn't going to-

Andy, dressed in hockey equipment, tackles Mark to the ground. Mark grunts and Mr. Imbusch shakes his head.

MR. IMBUSCH

Seniors.

Mr. Imbusch steps over Mark and Andy nonchalantly, and continues to greet other students.

MR. IMBUSCH (CONT'D)

Good Morning.

Andy carries Mark over his shoulder in the background.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

David and Mark's MOM is making breakfast for all of the friends. The room is decorated for National Student Appreciation Day.

MOM

I am so glad they gave you all the day off. You kids really deserve a day to recognize everything you do. Being a student is a lot of work, you know.

Mark sighs and rolls his eyes. David and the rest of the friends nod their heads in agreement.

Mark's phone buzzes. He looks down at the screen. It is an automated email from X2 Aspen with a attendance notice that Mark has been marked absent. Mark puts his head down in despair.

INT. WHS MAIN OFFICE

Mrs. Wilson sighs and erases the 703 day tally of perfect attendance. She then writes a zero.

FADE OUT.