

What Teachers Want

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INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Opening credits role as we see COLIN ZONKA walking down a crowded hallway, while Limp Bizkit's "Take a Look Around" plays in the background. Colin makes his way through the hall until he comes to a classroom, where his teacher, MR. WAISGERBER, is leaning against the doorway. He gives Colin a fist pound and Colin enters the room.

INT. HISTORY CLASSROOM - DAY

Mr. Waisgerber is walking around the room handing out quizzes, as the class sits and talks quietly amongst themselves.

WAISGERBER
(Muttering)
Smith, nice job. O'Leary, not bad.
Connoly, good effort.

He arrives at Colin's desk where Colin is snoozing in a reclined position with his feet up on the desk in front of him.

WAISGERBER
Colin wake up.
(Clears his throat)
I said Colin wake up.

He places a quiz on Colin's desk where we see the grade of D+.

COLIN
Sup Waisgerberman?

WAISGERBER
What's up is that you need to stop sleeping and start studying if you ever want to get into college.

COLIN
Yeah, I know.

He folds the quiz into a paper airplane and throws it across the room.

WAISGERBER
And there goes your acceptance
letter flying into outer space.

Colin looks smugly over at a disheveled kid sitting next to him, wearing some rebels clothing and a goofy grin on his face. This is MARCUS. Marcus laughs quietly as Waisgerber walks away.

COLIN
How'd you do?

MARCUS
C+.

COLIN
Not too bad. What's for lunch today?

MARCUS
I don't know. Some rat stole my Good Food Store yesterday, I'm gunna be out for blood if it's gone again today.

INT. GYM CLASS - DAY

Kids clad in gym clothes are standing at either end of the gym, as COACH TOMPKINS sets up a dodgeball game. One team is wearing pinnies.

TOMPKINS
Today's activity: dodgeball. Teams, Get ready. Play on my whistle.

Colin grins as he stretches out, points to the other team and pounds his fist. Coach blows his whistle and students run to grab the balls. Colin hits a small FRESHMAN with a ball.

COLIN
(Laughing)
Gotcha now son, take a seat.

Colin then gets nailed in the face, he immediately falls down, out cold. Coach Tompkins blows his whistle and comes running in with a look of panic on his face.

TOMPKINS
Quick somebody get the EMCs.

The class looks confused.

FRESHMAN
The what?

TOMPKINS
Emergency Medical Custodians. Go
quick!

The freshman runs out, comes back in with VITO and AL BROWN carrying a stretcher. Vito and Al place Colin on the stretcher and carry him out of the gym.

INT. NURSE'S OFFICE - DAY

Colin is lying on the bed in the nurse's office. He wakes up and groggily sees MRS. NASH talking to an attractive senior girl, MEGHAN.

MRS. NASH
So what happened to you?

MEGHAN
I don't feel too good, had a
stomach ache in English.

MRS. NASH
Is it cramps?

MEGHAN
(confused)
What? No!

MRS. NASH (V.O.)
Yeah yeah, good way to get out of
class sweetheart.

Colin snorts when he hears this, thinking that she has said it. Mrs. Nash looks sharply over at him with a brief glance.

MRS. NASH
It's probably just a stomach virus.
Why don't you just go lie down for
a while.

Meghan lies down. Mrs. Nash turns to Colin.

MRS. NASH
And what about you?

COLIN
Well I just got knocked out by a
dodgeball in gym class.

MRS. NASH (V.O.)
Drugs, definitely drugs with this
one.

Colin looks shocked.

COLIN
What? I do not!

Mrs. Nash looks confused.

MRS. NASH
Don't what? What are you talking
about? Lean back kid, let's have a
look.

She leans in and inspects Colin's head.

MRS. NASH
Well it doesn't look too bad, just
a bump. Here, take some Advil
(hands him 2 pills)
and get back to class.

Colin swallows the pills and walks out.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Colin walks down an empty hallway. He passes MR. ALAN, who is reading a newspaper as he walks. Colin gives him a puzzled look as we hear Alan, but we never see his lips move.

ALAN (V.O.)
(Laughing insidiously)
And some day Starbucks will take
over the world...

INT. ENGLISH CLASS - DAY

The class is seated with desks arranged in a circle for a literary discussion. MS. CULLITON is seated on a desk at the front. The students all have copies of Lord of the Flies, and are taking notes as Ms. Culliton calls on people to speak.

Colin looks mildly bored, as his book is closed and he is doodling absentmindedly in his notebook.

CULLITON
Yes Dan.

She points to DAN, who puts his hand down. Dan is clearly an athlete, as he is wearing Rebel Football clothing

DAN
Well I was thinking..

His voice fades into the background as we hear Ms. Culliton's thoughts.

CULLITON (V.O.)
 Yes Dan, let's see what Sparknotes
 has for you today.

Colin snaps his head up sharply as he thinks Ms. Culliton made this remark. He turns to the GIRL sitting next to him.

COLIN
 Wow, what's her problem today?

GIRL
 What? Who's problem?

COLIN
 Nevermind.

DAN
 ...so eventually I concluded that
 perhaps Simon could represent some
 sort of Christ figure within the
 context of the novel.

CULLITON
 Thanks Dan, for that wonderfully
 original idea.

A studious looking girl, ERIN, begins to share an idea as Ms. Culliton stares into space.

ERIN
 So I read three chapters ahead last
 night..
 (her speech fades into the
 background)
 ..and I was thinking that Piggy's
 statement about the rock in chapter
 four could be foreshadowing his
 eventual demise at the end of the
 story.

CULLITON (V.O.)
 Wow, I sure hope it's pasta day
 today. Boy that's great stuff.

Colin looks quite confused. He turns back to the girl next to him.

COLIN
 Why is she talking about pasta day?

The girl gives him a dirty look.

GIRL

(exasperated)

What are you talking about? Can you just leave me alone so I can take notes?

Colin, utterly perplexed, turns his attention back to Ms. Culliton and continues to hear what she thinks as she still stares blankly into space.

CULLITON (V.O.)

Did I feed the cat before I left this morning? I sure hope so, I feel terrible when I forget to do that.

COLIN

(muttering to himself)

But she's not speaking.

CULLITON (V.O.)

I guess I'll let them off easy without homework tonight. She stands up to address the class.

CULLITON

Okay no homework tonight, come with questions tomorrow.

A look of recognition comes over Colin's face.

COLIN

Whoa..

INT. MARCUS'S HOUSE - DAY

Marcus is sitting in his living room stretched out on a sofa, talking on the phone.

INT. COLIN'S HOUSE - DAY

Colin sits at his kitchen table with his phone in hand, absentmindedly petting his dog as it walks around.

INTERCUT - PHONE CONVERSATION

MARCUS

So how you feelin after that little dodgeball incident?

COLIN

Well it was rough at first. But the weirdest thing happened. I was walking down the hall and I saw Alan, and I heard him talk but he wasn't speaking. So then I go to English and it happened with Ms. Culliton.

MARCUS

Say what??

COLIN

I could hear what they were thinkingman! I don't know how, but after I woke up from that dodgeball, I can hear teachers' thoughts.

MARCUS

That's nuts man, you sure you don't need your head looked at or somethin?

COLIN

No seriously I'm fine. Look I gotta go, my mom's coming. I'll seeya tomorrow man.

MARCUS

Seeya.

Colin's MOM walks in the room.

MOM

Colin, what is going on? You've been slackin off, fartin around, and now your grades are going down the tube. Do you want to go to college or not?

COLIN

Don' worry about it, I got it all taken care of.

INT. MATH CLASS - DAY

Colin's math teacher, MR. OULLETTE, is sitting at his desk as the class files in and sits down.

OULLETTE

Alright everyone, there are some homework problems to be put on

OULLETTE(cont'd)

the board. We will have a quiz
at the end of class.

OULLETTE (V.O.)

AP Calculus eh, how can I screw
these kids over today? I know, I'll
make every answer on this quiz C.
That'll mess with em.

We see Colin leaning in towards Oullette, smiling to himself
as he hears Oullette's plan.

Ouellette hands out the quiz. The students begin working and
all look extremely confused with puzzled faces, scratching
heads, and blank stares.

We then see a disheveled Marcus sitting next to Colin and
looking at his quiz with frustration.

Colin breezes through his quiz and hands it in. The BELL
rings and students file out.

INT. HISTORY CLASS - DAY

Mr. Waisgerber is standing at the front of the class giving a
lecture and pointing out various places on his giant map. The
class sits and appears to be taking notes attentively.

WAISGERBER

The Khmer Rouge government then
took power here
(points to map)
in Cambodia.

Colin is in the back of the room, leans over his desk to talk
to Marcus in the seat next to him.

COLIN

(Whispering)
Dude, like I told you last night,
I just aced that math quiz. I swear
I could read Oullette's mind, every
answer was C.

MARCUS

(Whispering)
No shot Zonka. You can read minds?
Who are you freakin Houdini?

Waisgerber finishes his lecture and rolls up the map. The
students begin to put away their notebooks.

WAISGERBER

Oh and one last thing, there
will be a short essay style
quiz tomorrow.

The class groans. A random STUDENT calls out in frustration.

STUDENT

What's it on Waisgerber?

WAISGERBER

You'll find out when you take it.

The class groans even louder.

WAISGERBER (V.O.)

The French Revolution, you guys
are going to get trapped like
Napoleon in the Siberian winter.

The class stands up before the bell and we go back to Colin
and Marcus in the back.

COLIN

I'm telling you man, I can read
teachers' minds. Tomorrow's essay
topic: the French Revolution.

MARCUS

Ya, alright we'll see.

EXT. FRONT DOOR - MORNING

Students walk up the front steps and file into school.

INT. MATH CLASS - DAY

Mr. Oullette walks around the room handing out quizzes. Most
students look disappointed and puzzled as they receive their
grades. Oullette then reaches Colin and hands him back a quiz
with 100 prominently displayed on top.

OULLETTE

Nice work Colin, there's no fooling
you.

Colin shows a disheveled looking Marcus his quiz.

MARCUS

Impressive, still doesn't prove
anything though.

COLIN

Alright, just wait until I own
Waisgerber's quiz too, then we'll
see what your scummy face has to
say.

INT. HISTORY CLASS - DAY

Waisgerber stands at the front of the class as students take
their seats.

WAISGERBER

Everyone take out a piece of paper.
Here is your essay topic.

Waisgerber writes "The effects of the French Revolution on
the 20th century" on the board.

WAISGERBER

Go to work.

They take the quiz. Students finish writing and hand it in. A
little while later, we see Marcus gives Colin an amazed stare
in the back of the room.

MARCUS

Wow, how the hell did you know
that?

COLIN

I'm tellin you man, I gotta
gift.

MARCUS

No shot. Lucky guess, I'm gunna
need more proof than guessing an
essay topic.

COLIN

Observe.

We see Waisgerber at the front of the class. Colin relaxes
and reclines in his chair.

WAISGERBER

Alright, now for a little trivia
to bust your pathetic little
brains. What is the main reason the
interwar system was unstable?

COLIN

No balance of power to maintain
stability.

WAISGERBER

Correct. What was the effect of the French Revolution on the nature of the state?

COLIN

Strong states involved all citizens.

WAISGERBER

Very good. Who was..

COLIN

(Interrupting)
Giuseppe Mussolini.

WAISGERBER

In what year..

COLIN

1948.

WAISGERBER

The 19th century system..

COLIN

German reunification.

WAISGERBER

(Looking exasperated)
What did I..

COLIN

Bacon egg and cheese on a plain bagel, lightly toasted.

WAISGERBER (V.O)

What has this kid been watching the Waisgerber channel for the last 24 hours?

The class gapes at Colin. The BELL rings.

MARCUS

Holy crap, that's impressive. One final test before I believe you. I'll ask Waisgerber for the homework, and you tell me what he's thinking about me.

Colin thoroughly looks Marcus over. He is a complete mess with unkempt hair, stains on his shirt, and appears to have gone a couple of days without shaving.

COLIN
 (hesitantly)
 You uh, you sure you want
 me to do that Marcus?

MARCUS
 Ya man, it'll be fun. And besides,
 Waisgerber's my favorite teacher,
 I just want to know if likes me.

They walk out and see a smiling Waisgerber at the door.

WASIGERBER
 Colin, nice work today.

We see the extremely disheveled Marcus looking up at
 Waisgerber expectantly.

MARCUS
 So what was the homework
 Mr. Waisgerber?

WASIGERBER (V.O)
 (Gives Marcus a quick up
 down)
 Dear god Marcus, what a train
 wreck, were those clothes slept
 in??

WASIGERBER
 Uhh, just finish that worksheet...

They walk out.

INT. HALLWAY (CONTINUOUS)

MARCUS
 So what was he thinking?

COLIN
 (thinking quickly off the
 top of his head)
 He thinks you're lookin sharp today
 my man.

MARCUS
 Wow, you really CAN read minds!
 We're set man. Now if only I can
 find out who's been stealing my
 lunch.

COLIN
 It happened again?

MARCUS
Yup, and it was horrible today.

COLIN
What made it worse than the other
day?

MARCUS
It was Gobbler day today.

COLIN
What?! They stole your Gobbler?

Marcus nods sadly.

COLIN
Those monsters.

INT - HALLWAY - DAY

A large, overweight student wearing a Walpole football sweatshirt tiptoes around an empty hallway. This is CHRIS. Chris tiptoes up to a locker and opens it.

CHRIS
(smirking)
Let's see what goodies we have
today Marcus.

He takes a lunch bag out of the locker and runs out.

MONTAGE - COLIN AND MARCUS GET GOOD GRADES

A cheesy song like "All Star" plays in the background.

- Colin and Marcus are sitting in English class. The teacher places an essay on each of their desks, both with "A" marks.

COLIN
We're in business.

They exchange high fives.

- Mr. Miller, wearing an extremely goofy Hawaiian shirt is handing tests back to physics class. He gives a big smile and a salute as he hands tests back to Colin and Marcus with 100s prominently displayed on top.

MILLER
Aloha!

Colin and Marcus exchange nods.

- We see a SPANISH TEACHER walking around the room. He smiles at Colin and Marcus while he hands them more quizzes with "A"s displayed.

SPANISH TEACHER
Muy bien senores.

MARCUS
Estamos los hombres.

They exchange fist pounds.

INT. TEACHER LUNCH ROOM - DAY

Mr. Oullette is sitting at a lunch table examining his grade book as a few sporadic teachers eat their lunches.

OULLETTE
Hey Steve, come here.

Mr. Waisgerber walks over and sits down next to Oullette.

WAISGERBER
What's up?

OULLETTE
(Pointing at his book)
Take a look at this. Colin Zonka had a 62 average first term. Since then he's had nothing but straight 100s.

WAISGERBER
So maybe he's been studying?

OULLETTE
Well one week after Colin started his hot streak, Marcus started getting nothing but 100s as well.

WAISGERBER
I have the two of them in class, they've definitely developed some new study habits.

OULLETTE
Too good in fact, this type of improvement is statistically impossible. And sometimes I just get the weirdest feeling, like Colin can read minds or something.

WAISGERBER

I get that feeling too.
I don't know how it's possible,
but it's like he has the answers
before I even ask the questions.

OULLETTE

That's it. Here's what we're gonna
do.

Waisgerber and Oullette whisper to each other for a minute
before exchanging high fives and leaving the room smiling.

INT. MATH CLASS - DAY

Oulette is walking around handing out quizzes and whistling.
He gives Colin and Marcus a big grin as he hands each of them
a quiz with a big F on the top.

COLIN

But Mr. Oullette, there must be a
mistake.

OULETTE

(shrugging)
Maybe you should have studied
harder.

Marcus pounds his fist on his desk and glares angrily at
Colin.

MARCUS

(Whispering)
What happened? You're supposed to
be a mind reader, you know
how to get us all the answers.

Oullette addresses the class from the front of the room.

OULETTE

Due to a breach of academic
integrity, all quizzes will
be made by an anonymous student
(looks directly at Colin)
who is of the utmost integrity.
This is a student who has my
complete confidence, and is the
only person who can be trusted with
these answers.

SMASH CUT

INT. DARK CLASSROOM - DAY

We see WILLIAM LING sitting in a classroom by himself writing furiously.

LING
(muttering angrily)
Make up all the quizzes for the
math department, we'll see about
that Oullette...

BACK TO SCENE

OULLETTE
So from now on the school's
academic integrity will be
completely safe in this student's
very capable hands. This includes
our upcoming test, which will be
worth 40 percent of your grade for
the quarter.

OULETTE (V.O)
We'll see how you like that Zonka.

A look of shock and fear comes over Colin's face.

MONTAGE - COLIN AND MARCUS BEGIN TO FAIL

- Colin and Marcus are sitting in their English class. The teacher hands back essays. Marcus receives one with a D- and Colin receives one with an F.

TEACHER
(shaking her head)
I just don't know what's going on
with you two.

- Mr. Miller hands back tests to his class. Colin and Marcus both receive papers with failing scores displayed on top. Miller shakes his head. Marcus snaps his pencil in anger.

- The Spanish class sits while the teacher hands back an assignment. Students give small smiles as they receive their grades. Marcus receives a paper with F on top.

SPANISH TEACHER
Dios mio.

Marcus glares at Colin, who buries his head in his hands after receiving an F himself.

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Colin is sitting at a table amongst scattered students in the library. Marcus sits down next to him, grabs him by the shirt collar, and shakes him.

MARCUS

What happened? Why don't you have the answers? I'm counting on you man.

COLIN

I don't know, Oullette caught on to me,
now he's got the whole faculty working against me.

MARCUS

Fine, I'm on my own. That's just great. Now I have no answers, and no lunch. Awesome.

Marcus gets up and walks toward the door. He walks into a freshman loaded with books, knocking over the books as he angrily walks by.

COLIN

(With his head in his hands)

I don't know what to do. I wish I never had this power.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

We see Colin walking down a mostly empty hallway looking dejected. A crowd of TEACHERS coming from a staff meeting then walks out of a room down the hall and starts walking casually towards Colin. The teachers pass Colin on either side, and each one gives Colin an extremely dirty look. The voices all overlap.

TEACHER 1 (V.O.)

Ugh, I got all these tests to correct.

TEACHER 2 (V.O.)

..spending all this money on these worthless scantrons.

TEACHER 3 (V.O.)

If Jean makes fun of my club one more time..

TEACHER 4 (V.O.)
..and this busted copy machine.

TEACHER 5 (V.O.)
Stupid Edline updates.

Colin starts to freak out and grab his head and cover his ears.

TEACHER 1 (V.O.)
Red pen.

TEACHER 2 (V.O.)
Scantrons.

TEACHER 3 (V.O.)
Jean's head.

TEACHER 4 (V.O.)
Copy machine.

TEACHER 5 (V.O.)
Edline.

Colin crumbles to the ground against a locker and covers his head to shield himself from his thoughts.

Stragglng behind the other teachers is MR. CONNORS, who is staring cluelessly at the ceiling and smiling to himself.

CONNORS (V.O.)
I can't wait for the season finale
of Desperate Housewives tonight.

INT. GYM - DAY

We see Colin standing alone in the middle of the gym.

COLIN
(Screaming)
Why meee?! Get out of my heeaadd!

He runs headfirst into a wall and falls down. He then gets up and starts bashing himself in the head with a dodgeball. Gasping for breath he then looks up and sees COACH VILLA standing at the gym door watching him.

VILLA
Wow, I haven't seen anyone get
hit like that since my days with
the Patriots. You okay kid?

COLIN

Ya, I uhh, I'm just trying to toughen up. You wouldn't mind helping me out would you?

VILLA

Noo, I don't think I could do that..

VILLA (V.O.)

Cumon, this kid deserves to get the snot beat out of him anyway.

VILLA

Alright, I'll help you out.

Colin stands against the wall as Coach Villa runs up and fires a dodgeball at him at full speed. The ball drills Colin in the head, and Colin is sprawled out cold on the floor. Coach Villa looks concerned.

VILLA

Colin, wake up. You alright buddy?

He walks over to Colin and pokes his limp body. Colin doesn't move.

VILLA

Yikes...

He tiptoes out the door and leaves Colin.

Some time later, Al Brown walks in and sees Colin lying on the floor. He shakes him awake.

AL BROWN

You okay there buddy?

COLIN

Ya I'm okay, are there any teachers around?

AL BROWN

No, it's five o'clock. Everyone's gone home. You look a little rough you ought to go home, get a nice hot cup of soup.

COLIN

Thanks...I'll, I'll do that.

INT. SENIOR HALLWAY - MORNING

We see a hallway with students hanging around before homeroom. Colin walks down the hall.

Colin creeps up very close to each of several teachers he passes, and listens very intently. We hear nothing but an empty silence. Each teacher gives Colin an extremely apprehensive look as he comes near.

Colin then comes to his homeroom teacher, MR. BAKALE. He walks up to her, and we see him lean in very close and look her straight in the face.

COLIN

Mr. Bakale, are you thinking anything?

Mr. Bakale looks taken aback, and extremely creeped out.

BAKALE

Well, uhh, I was just thinking that..

COLIN

You're thinking, but I can't hear it. I can't hear what you are thinking!

He hugs an extremely perplexed looking Bakale and walks into homeroom.

INT. CAFETERIA - DAY

We see Colin sitting at a table by himself in a fairly empty cafeteria as students are still walking in and waiting in line for lunch. More people begin to take seats at the tables, and Marcus takes a seat next to Colin, carrying a lunch tray with nothing but a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Colin looks over at him apprehensively.

COLIN

No money left in the account?

MARCUS

Nope, and I still don't know who's been stealing my lunch. So I'm stuck with this dumpy peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Colin places a bag of goldfish in front of Marcus, which he politely pushes back towards Colin. Colin looks at him with an enormous grin.

MARCUS
What're you so happy about?

COLIN
I figured out who's been
taking your lunch.

MARCUS
Who? How?

COLIN
Chris, he's been sneaking into your
locker everyday during first
period. Watch, here he comes now.

CHRIS'S TABLE
Chris walks into the cafeteria. He
sits down at the far end of the
table and unwraps Marcus's Good
Food Store sandwich.

Marcus walks over behind Chris and takes the sandwich from
Chris just before he puts it in his mouth. He slaps Chris
upside the head and walks back over and sits down next to
Colin.

MARCUS'S TABLE

MARCUS
Hey thanks man, you can read
students' minds too?

COLIN
No, I uh, I actually figured that
out on my own. I mean Chris has
been a school lunch man for life,
so when I saw him eating GFS I
figured something was up.

MARCUS
Wow, good thinkin man.

COLIN
(smiling happily)
Yup, and there's something else.

MARCUS
What's that?

COLIN
I got rid of the power.

MARCUS

What?! What do you mean?

COLIN

Yup, just had Coach Villa knock me out and it did the job.

MARCUS

But what about Oullette's test? I mean I know he's been getting the better of us lately, but if ever we needed a little extra help, this is it.

COLIN

Naw, we'll be fine. We haven't been able to use the power lately anyway. I'm glad to be rid of it.

MARCUS

But this is 40 percent of our grade! We're gonna get hosed.

COLIN

No way. We have study next period. Let's crack open the book, study big time. We can do it; one period of hard work and we'll be fine. We're going to college next year, so we might as well learn how to work now.

MARCUS

(nodding with approval)

Alright, we'll see what we can get done.

MONTAGE - COLIN AND MARCUS STUDY

- Colin and Marcus sit in the library intently reading a calculus book as students at his table play tic tac toe. They have notebooks and calculators open and are taking notes out of the book.

- Colin flips through the book, and works out an intense problem. Marcus holds a folded list of formulas, silently repeating them to himself.

- Marcus and Colin type furiously into their calculators. They stop, show each other their answers, and nod with approval.

INT. MATH CLASS - DAY

Mr. Oullette stands at the front of the room facing a silent class, holding a stack of tests.

OULLETTE

As you all know, today's test will be worth 40 percent of your grade for the semester. Take your time, answer all questions thoroughly, and good luck.

Oullette hands out the tests. Colin is visibly nervous, as his hands shake, and he crosses himself when he receives his test. Next to him is Marcus who looks equally uneasy as he hastily checks the batteries in his calculator.

COLIN

Good luck man.

MARCUS

You too.

The class takes the test, we see students writing furiously, typing on their calculators, and scratching heads. Colin is concentrating hard as he scratches his chin in concentration while looking intently at his test. He finishes at the sound of the bell.

OULLETTE

Have a good day everyone. I'll have the results posted tonight on Edline along with the rest of your term grades.

He turns in his test with the rest of the class as they file past Mr. Oullette, who gives Colin a head nod.

INT. COLIN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Colin is sitting at his computer. He looks nervous as he logs on to his Edline account.

COLIN

Damn, I hate progress report day. Oh well, here goes nothing.

He opens pulls up his math class report as his mom walks into the room.

MOM

Is that your progress report?

COLIN

Sure is.

MOM

Well how'd you do?

COLIN

Couple of C's, got a B minus
in English, managed to scrape
out a C plus in math.

His mom leans in to the computer and looks at his reports.

MOM

(Hesitantly)

Well you did improve a little.
And you got a B minus on that big
test; that's good.

COLIN

Yup, and I did it all on my own
by studying hard and doing my work.

MOM

Well, you've certainly worked hard
Colin, I guess you should be proud
of yourself. Congratulations, I'm
sure you'll keep doing better and
better.

Colin stands up and they embrace. Over his mother's shoulder
Colin sees his dog, who is staring at him.

DOG (V.O.)

Nice work man, now how bout some
Kibbles N' Bits?

We see a look of extreme shock on Colin's face.

FADE OUT.