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Overcoming Senioritis by Courtney Wilson

For the first three and a half years of my high school education, I heard of the threat of a deadly illness which targets thousands of Americans. While it is common, it is extremely selective, and can overcome even those who are most prepared in their defenses. This ailment is commonly known as ‘senioritis’, with its prime real estate being the innocent, young seniors inching towards graduation. My fellow seniors may recognize the symptoms: lethargy, glazed eyes, lack of inspiration, and a series of other displays of sluggish behavior which accompanies the warming spring weather.

Being a senior myself, I could never entirely grasp the concept of senioritis in my previous years. I am strong and determined; I am an honors student! Recently, however, I find myself gazing out the windows of my classes, slipping into daydreams of any world existing outside of school. Being forced to buckle down from knowing very well that there will be finals waiting at the near-end of my destination, I have managed to keep senioritis at bay. With a quick glance around the hallways, it is clear that many are unable to fight this song monster.

While it may seem the best choice to succumb to senioritis and allow

ourselves to slack ever so lightly, it is best to prevent it from occurring, due to a very possible snowballing effect of mounting homework and falling grades. Unfortunately, colleges do keep watch and require a final transcript, making that revocation just as easy as the acceptance. So please, as a future Ohio State University alumnus, fight the lure of the outside world and all the glorious appeal of summer vacation for just a small stretch longer. In the end, when you’re proudly holding your diploma and your parents are flashing a million pictures of your cap and gown, senioritis will forever dissipate...at least until senior college.

SENIORS CLASS OF 09 --YOU BETTER GET THERE!!!! by Lisa Franks

To all the seniors out there the end of the school year is coming fast we only have one more month. I’m telling you this so that you can be sure you have everything you need.

Like getting all your fees paid and making sure you have the adequate credits to graduate. If you don’t trust me you’ll be sorry watching all of your friends walk across the stage knowing that you should be up there with them. A lot of students go through school never keeping up with anything and then the time comes to graduate or to get a job or something like that and you can’t do it because you were irresponsible.

Don’t forget all fees can be paid in the main office to Mrs. Polan. She is

very nice and will tell you what you owe and how to get it taken care of.

Make sure that you talk to your counselors and see what, if anything, you need to do so that you can be a success. The teachers and counselors are here to help us so let’s use that to our advantage.

What I’m trying to say is, it’s your senior year don’t mess it up so you can graduate with your class — stay on task don’t mess up now and you’ll be good to go.

Education isn’t a game and it shouldn’t be treated as such.



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Advice for the Graduating Class of 2009 *by Ashlee Harris*

Congratulations to the Class of 2009 graduating seniors. Although it has seemed to be a long journey it is still not over. Once you get your diploma you still have a whole new world ahead of you and here is some helpful advice.

Advice 1: Life is not fair so you should get used to it.

Advice 2: The world will not care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.

Advice 3: You will most likely not make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school or will not be a vice president with a car phone, until you earn them both.

Advice 4: If you think your teacher was tough, wait till you get a boss. He may not have tenure.

Advice 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping and they called it opportunity.

Advice 6: If you mess up it is not anyone's fault but yours, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Advice 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills; cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Advice 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades; they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.

Advice 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You do not get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Advice 10: It would've been wise to be nice to nerds because chances are you may end up working for one.

The WGH Raider Band 2008-2009

by Ariana Sanchez

From no uniforms, to moving twice, the year is almost at an end. This year, the seniors had it rough.

With only about 30 seniors in the band, there may not be that many but they are all talented players leaving the band. The seniors have been through four years of marching band and concert band, two big trips, and for the first time in years, hosting Solo and Ensemble. With graduation right around the corner, it's almost time for the band seniors to say goodbye and for a few to start college.

Everyone loves music, but these band members are IN love with music and have been accepted at the Dana School of Music at YSU: Antonie Jackson, Mariah Bailey, Kelvin Newell, and myself. Everyone auditioned and did great and we are all so excited that we made it.

Senior band members have a couple of more events they can share for the last time with the rest of the band. Still to come is the Band Banquet and the Memorial Day Parade, the seniors will have the choice of attending the Memorial Day Parade.

Seniors, this is it. OUR time.

College Admissions *by Shanikwa Finley*

We are down to the last few weeks of school, many students still have not decided their plans for the near future. It's not too late to apply for college.

Are you worried about the costs? Don't worry there are many scholarships available and if you have not taken your ACT or SAT it's about that time for seniors to take it and there aren't many more test dates left that will work for seniors!

Going further than high school can get you to a lot of places. In order to get a high paying job most of the time you need a higher education.

You don't necessarily have to go to college in the fall of 2009. Some people would rather attend college in the spring so that they can get things ready.

As a senior I would advise you to attend college in the fall because if you are a procrastinator like me then time

will go by and you will end up changing your mind and maybe never go.

So time is running out, get those applications in, apply for grants and scholarships and take your ACT and SAT.

Graduation is only a few weeks away



IT ABOUT THAT TIME!!!!

by Alesia Henderson

WE DID IT!!! We've made it through school and we're going to graduate.

Now what?? What is next, where do we go from here? For most of us we're planning on going to a college of some sort but statistics shows that 25% of high school students that graduate do nothing further their education.

They settle for a minimum wage job or something lower than their standards. Working at Wendy's or McDonald's is okay it's a job but do you really want it to become your career. Think about that?

Send in those college applications remember its better late then never.

So if you haven't decided what you're going to do after high school you need to get on the ball because the clocks are ticking and doors full of opportunities are knocking!!

Don't become apart of the statistics!

SENIORS by Miriah Jennings

All seniors find out what you want to do after high school. If you don't think college is for you then find a job.

Don't get comfortable with just sitting on the couch and watching television. If college is something you want to do after you graduate from high school. Then start preparing for college.

Start figuring out what you want to do for the rest of your life until you can retire. Think about what college you want to go to. Then go look at it and make sure that's the college you want to go to.

Ask as many questions as you can so you can make sure you're making the right college choice. Once that's all done start filling out scholarships and figuring out how you are going to pay for it.

If you already got accepted into college make sure you send your final

transcripts. You can go to the guidance office and pay \$2 and sign your name and the college you will be attending and they will send your final transcripts. So start getting your stuff together now before it's too late.

If you want to go to college but you didn't pass your OGT's or you don't have enough credits to graduate. We have summer school for you to earn the credits you need and you can graduate in the summer. We also have OGT's classes in the summer. So you can study take your OGT's and pass and still have enough time to enroll in college for the fall semester.

So now is the time to start filling out applications and trying to get accepted to the college of your choice.

Things you should do to prepare you for your freshman year of college

by Charmaine S.Charles

Go to all orientations. Do you really need to go on yet another campus tour? Yes, its better to know your way around the college The faster you learn your way around campus — and around all the red tape — the more at ease you'll feel and the better prepared you'll be when issues arise.

Get Organized. In high school, the teachers help with all the work, tests, and etc. In college, the professors put up the assignments. Buy an organizer to help stay organized.

Go to class. Obvious, right? Avoid the temptation to skip classes. Besides learning the material by attending classes, you'll also receive important info from the professors about what to expect on tests, changes in due dates, etc.

Meet with your professors. It is good to meet with your professors to get a good feel for what the class will be like. Seek a balance. College is supposed to be a fun experience. Balance it u socially and academically.

Take responsibility for yourself and your actions. Don't place the blame on others for your mistakes. Being an adult means taking responsibility for everything that happens to you.

Don't procrastinate It may have been easy in high school to wait until the last minute to complete an assignment and still get a good grade, but that kind of stuff will not work for you in college. Give yourself deadlines — and stick to them.

Keep track of your money. If you've never had to create a budget, now is the time to do so. stretch your money as best you can and avoid all those credit card.

Be prepared to feel overwhelmed. Expect to have moments where it seems a bit too much. The trick is knowing that you're not the only one feeling that way.

Final Words of Advice

Make good decisions!



Learn to Deal with Professors

Learning how to deal with college professors and instructors is one of the many adjustments you'll make when you hit campus. They are different than most high school teachers and understanding them will make a difference.

Your relationship with your professors is one of give and take. There are things that you want from them (knowledge and an "A"), but there are also things they want from you. If you know the ground rules you're more likely to get what you want from the relationship. You've been managing your parents this way since you were three years old; why not use the same philosophy with college educators?

So what are college professors all about? What makes them tick? How can you use this knowledge to achieve your goals? Check out these insights into the college professor's mindset and then find out what the implications are for you.

Professor Insight 1:

They Want to Impart Their Wisdom to You.

In most cases, they chose the field as their life's work. In many cases, they chose the field before they chose to be an educator. They do independent research and write articles and books on it. In short, they're into it.

Professor Insight 2:

They Love Their Own Subject Area.

They lecture on the topics they believe are most important. This may or may not correlate to what is covered in the textbook. Unless your professor is also the author of the textbook, he or she will probably emphasize material covered in lecture over the reading from the book.

Professor Insight 3:

They Test to See if You Have Absorbed the Wisdom.

They test the things that they believe are most important. In most cases, the test will come much more from the lecture than from the assigned reading. They will look for understanding rather than pure memorization and ask test questions to determine if you really grasp the material.

Professor Insight 4:

They Chose to Teach at the College Level to Educate Adults.

They have no desire to be disciplinarians nor will they waste valuable class time with nonacademic issues.

Professor Insight 5:

They Want You to be Excited About Their Subject Area Too.

Showing up for class tells them that you care. Staying awake and asking an occasional question doesn't hurt, either. Going to see them during their office hours seals the deal.

Student Implication 1:

You Have to Go to Class.

Unless your professor has his or her name on the spine of the textbook, reading as a substitute for showing up for class is a losing proposition. In fact, lecture content and textbook readings may have very little in common. Learning that the book does not cover the same material can be a painful lesson if you choose sleep over attending class.

Student Implication 2:

Learn the Notes First.

In most cases, test material will come much more from the notes than from the book.

Use the book as a tool after you understand the core information in the notes. And if you are confused in class, ask questions and seek clarification immediately; you'll dig yourself into a hole (and lose future test points) by sitting there confused day after day.

Student Implication 3:

They Won't Always Take Attendance.

They won't chase you around campus to get your homework. They assume that you're an adult and that you'll do what you need to do. You need to take responsibility for your college education. Nobody else will. You need to police yourself to make sure you're doing what's necessary to achieve the results you want. If you have a problem, you need to take it to them and not expect that they'll seek you out.

Student Implication 4:

Stay Calm.

Even if you find a particular professor particularly intimidating and the class average on the first exam is 53%. Some college professors want to stretch you and get your attention with intense class sessions and incredibly challenging exams. At the end of the semester, however, you will see a tremendous curve on their tests; not everyone will fail. So stay calm and keep at it. You'll probably end up with a better grade than you thought.

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Hot College Majors

The hottest majors for today's college students reflect traditional high-paying careers as well as trendy programs in fast-growing industries.

Tops on the list of hottest majors are, in order, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, accounting, business administration/management, and economics/finance. Rounding out the top 10 are computer science, information sciences and systems, marketing/marketing management, computer engineering, and chemical engineering. Today's economy requires that college graduates be savvy in technology, engineering and computer science, so those jobs are always in demand, say college and career services officials.

Other global trends are showing up in the popularity of majors like accounting and specialized fields of engineering. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, passed by Congress in the wake of Enron and other corporate scandals, requires businesses to adhere to strict financial accounting controls.

Liberal arts majors also are in demand, in part because of surges in the popularity of industries such as tourism, hospitality, consulting and the culinary arts. Furthermore, liberal arts majors' salaries, though not as high as business and engineering majors', have stayed steady, avoiding the ups and downs of the computer industry.

Indeed, majors that have seen some of the largest increases in average starting salaries are hospitality services management, up 9.7 percent to \$36,480; business administration/management, up 6.3 percent to \$42,048; and civil engineering, up 5.4 percent to \$46,023. The top jobs for 2005-06 graduates based on the number of offers varied widely, with sales (\$38,343); management trainee (\$39,501); financial/treasury analysis (\$46,448); teaching (\$31,408); and project engineering (\$49,888) topping the list, according to the NACE Summer 2006 Salary Survey.