

A Senior's Battle with Senioritis: The Tale of an Overachiever

By Trixie McGuff

For most seniors, April is a time of relaxation. With little more to do than a fifth grader waiting to enter middle school, most seniors opt to hang out with friends over doing homework in an age long tradition called "Senioritis." While Senioritis may come easy to most, overachiever and all around know-it-all Alex Radkin is not so lucky.

Alex has been a hard-worker since he was young. Always having a passion for learning and sucking up to teachers, Alex has been very successful in his educational career. His English teachers have always loved him because he overuses the word "juxtaposition" and math teachers adored him because he didn't go straight to the back of the book for the answers to the homework. He is in 4 AP classes this year and is used to spending upwards of 7 hours a night on homework--none of which he also spent on Facebook.

However, Alex has always been a bit late to the game, and Senioritis is no exception. When he arrived back at school on April 2nd, he noticed a visible shift in his senior companions. Suddenly, his friends were not doing home-

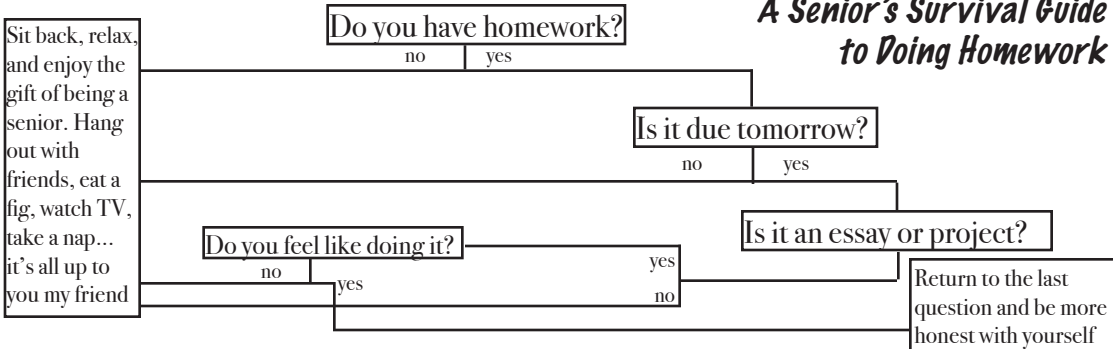
work and started doing this thing called "winging it." This was not how Alex functioned, but he tried to fit in with his friends.

"I totally have Senioritis!" said Alex to a group of friends at the lunch table. "My GPA is only like a 3.7 this semester. And I bet if I took the ACT again tomorrow, I would definitely only get a 33!" Unfortunately, Alex's friends saw right through his attempt and were immediately disgusted by his need to work. So appalled were they that they staged an intervention at his home later that night, where they made Sparknotes his homepage and forced Alex to create not only a Facebook account but also a Twitter.

"That's sure to distract him," said Alex's best friend and smart-enough student Jason Kar-men. "And if it isn't, then I guess we will just have to get him a Tumblr too."




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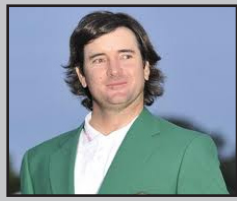
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Fourth Quarter Already Here (It's About Time)

By Xander Bumpkin

Last Wednesday during a mediocre conversation in the blocks or whatever that area is called, a group of students had the realization that fourth quarter is already here, and that, consequently, it is basically summer break.

"I was just sitting there, and then all of a sudden, it came to me... I am practically a junior in high school," bewildered sophomore Andrew Delfino declared to *Flipside* reporters at the scene. "That means that I am basically a senior. Wow. Nice!" Despite Delfino's slightly conflicted chain of logic he cited to the *Flipside*, his comments were appreciated in his contribution to this article.

Others reached much more dramatic conclusions regarding future plans about their school-work. Richard Wodelhausen, freshman, explained, "I mean, I have worked so hard for my three quarters of high school... I might as well just relax

for the rest of my high school experience."

It was very clear that the student body is beginning to realize that it's fourth quarter are hoping for a lower workload, but the staff that the *Flipside* interviewed felt very different. English teacher Jon Haminshire argued, "In such a situation of fleeting time, one must truly dig deep as Henry David Thoreau might do, to assess the potential one has to succeed in the last quarter of their school year." Let's not forget that even Thoreau took two years to chill in the woods.

Overall, whatever your thoughts are about the end of the school year, make sure to think about what is important to you. For most of us, that thought means nothing but the dreams of Lollapalooza and other larger issues of summer plans. I mean seriously!



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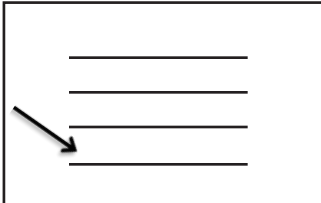
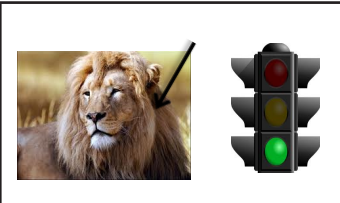
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QUOTE "I thought the Fine Arts Assembly was the best one yet!"

--Student planted in the DHS hallways by the PTO

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Last issue's answers: THE LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE, THROUGH THICK AND THIN, AVERAGE JOE, GEORGIA

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Percent of people at DHS who saw "The Hunger Games" its opening weekend

36

Percent of people who thought "The Hunger Games" was the sequel of "Super Size Me"

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Last issue's answer: "SOMEBODY JUST GAVE ME A SHOWER RADIO. THANKS A LOT. DO YOU REALLY WANT MUSIC IN THE SHOWER? I GUESS THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO DANCE THAN A SLICK SURFACE NEXT TO A GLASS DOOR." ~JERRY SEINFELD

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What the acorn said when it grew up: GEOMETRY!

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