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### Forget the senioritis excuses, finish strong

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As we near the end of the third marking period, the school year is coming into the final stretch as seniors make their final run towards graduation. However, it is in this final lap of the race that many seniors find themselves tripping and falling, backtracking, and generally not doing all they should to end their high school career on a high note. So called "senioritis" takes many a victim in this time, and those affected by this plague are afflicted with chronic laziness, apathy, and the desire to do just about anything but schoolwork. Therefore, it is imperative that seniors have some sort of incentive to reach the finish line and not allow themselves to fall victim to this "disease".

In these times of financial crisis, graduating becomes especially important. Jobs are becoming harder and harder to find. Even those with college degrees are finding themselves having a tough time finding and keeping a job. For someone without even a high school diploma, the odds of holding down a decent job are slim to none, and everyone should know exactly how important a steady source of income is in today's world. Even those with what used to be considered well-school education really doesn't have much of a chance in today's world at all without a complete excess of good old-fashioned luck.

If the current state of the world doesn't scare you, then before allowing yourself to be taken down by the senioritis monster, consider all the years you've spent working towards the ultimate goal of graduation. From your first finger painting in kindergarten to your latest essay, everything has been leading up to that day when you can finally walk with your fellow classmates and say that you've completed your education. After twelve years of schooling, would it be worth it to give it all up for a few extra days to party, relax on the beach, or sit around at home doing nothing of particular importance? Think about all the sacrifice you've made, and that alone should be enough to finish the final lap of senior year, and with flying colors.

Senior year is a lot of hard work, and it's understandable that students just want a break because of all the added responsibility. But once you leave school, whether you graduate or not, you'll have the responsibility of being an independent adult, and you will have to support yourself. The odds are stacked in favor of those who make the push and finish their schooling, so don't lose heart and finish the year strong.

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