

# Everything is not as it seems

On the first day of my freshman year, I was swimming through the halls excited to start my high school career. As time passed, I was up to my head with homework, projects, and reviews for tests. And being involved in sports and extra curricular activities didn't help either.

Lugging my backpack down the hall filled with books that seemed like 500 pounds, I looked up and saw a group of seniors. They looked so relaxed and carefree, like they were never assigned homework or had to study for eight tests a week. A glowing aura surrounded them like an angel. I longed to be them, and I envied their stress-free lives. From then on, I made myself endure the hardships of school just so I could have a relaxed senior year.

Sophomore year came, and it was the same routine. Get up at 6:30 a.m., get ready for school, go to school, try to learn material that I would probably forget the next day, go to work, study till 10:30, and then finally go to sleep.

After surviving my sophomore year, I couldn't wait to start my junior year.

Going into my junior year, I was expecting to have an easier schedule since I doubled up on some of my classes. Little did I know that was not the case.

Junior year was the hardest year of my high school career. On top of homework, I had to start my college applications. Applying for and taking the SAT and ACT took up several weekends.

I stayed up later in the night, and I rose with the sun. I had bags on top of bags under my eyes; my hair looked like it was a rat's nest, and I wore sweats everyday to school. I thought I would never make it to the end. But I somehow managed to make it through and crossed the finish line.

Summer came and went, and I could not wait to start my senior year! I was finally to the point where I could be like the seniors that I saw my freshman year, or so I thought.

Yes, senior year is more laid back, but there is more than meets the eye. Applying for college and scholarships is very time-consuming and strenuous. I always thought that I would barely have any homework or that I wouldn't have to study for tests as much. But everything is never as it seems, so take it from me.

Yes, senior year is more relaxed, but not as relaxed as you think it might be. You still have homework assignments, tests, and school projects. So don't get caught up in a fantasy about being a senior because it's harder than you think.



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