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# Seniors Face Stress



So much to do, so little time! Many seniors experience this feeling because they have so many things to do in their last year of high school. Some of these activities include applying to and visiting colleges, keeping up with schoolwork, participating in afterschool activities, and, of course, just having fun.

Applying to colleges is a tough task. With the applications come essays, test scores, transcripts, recommendations, and a list of everything else a person has done in high school. Making sure that everything is just right on the application causes a lot of stress.

Jenny Weyers stated, "There is a lot of stress with college applications, choosing your college, and meeting all the deadlines."

There are many questions students ask when applying including, Are my grades high enough? Are the courses I'm taking right? Does my essay make sense? Are my test scores high enough? Are my teacher recommendations in? Along with all these worries comes the most important question- When's the deadline for all this?

Finding time to visit colleges is tough when there's so much going on. By going to see different colleges, a person can get a feel for what

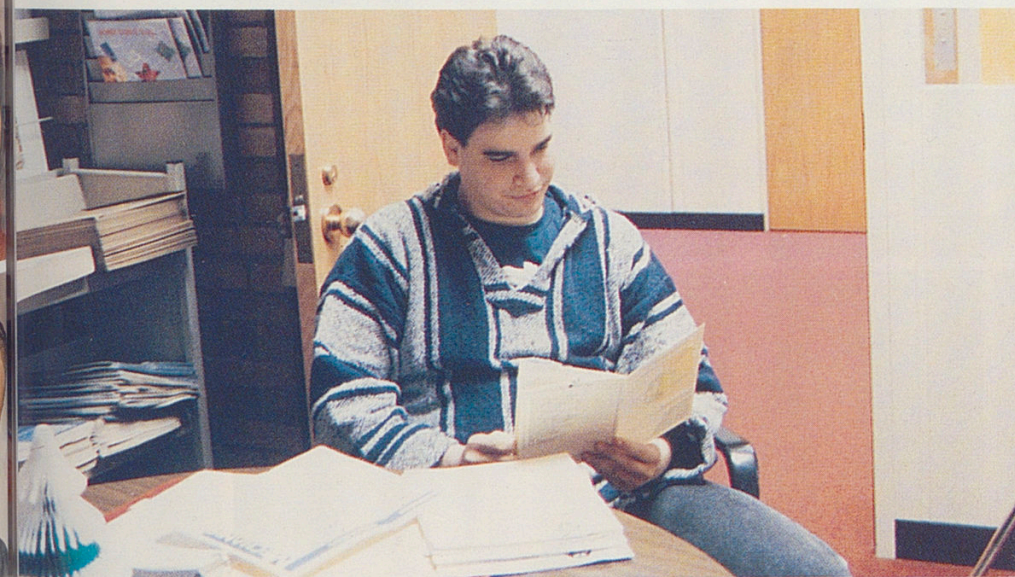
it would be like living there for four or more years. Weyers responded, "By going during the school year, you really get to see what life is like during college, but there is so much makeup work to do when you get back."

Besides college work, students must also do their regular schoolwork and keep their grades up in those classes. Sherri Reich commented, "There is a lot to do for college plus all the schoolwork that has to be done. If you organize your college applications and don't wait until the last minute, things will be ok."

Other activities can also take needed time. "Senior year isn't as easy as everyone thinks. You have the pressure of college, and if you have to work, you have to do your schoolwork late at night," said Mark Butcher.

There is a lot of stress that comes along with senior year but like all the people who have graduated before them, the seniors will survive. Although sometimes the responsibilities may seem to be more than can be handled, by budgeting time, organizing schedules, and taking time to relax, the seniors will survive. And after all, isn't that diploma worth it?

**By Amy Willinger**



Being a senior means having many fun times but it also means a lot of responsibility and stress. Kurt Mink finds that one way to relieve his stress is to work out in the weight room after school.

Phillip Schneider looks over college brochures and applications in the Guidance Office. Seniors have to worry about many things, including deadlines, acceptances, and the Big Decision - where to attend college the following year.

