

# Working hard, living large

## Students earn big bucks

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Turning sixteen meant freedom, finally being an upper-classman, and getting a job. Surprisingly many students had jobs and worked a lot of hours per week.

One of the more popular jobs was baby-sitting.

"Baby-sitting is a lot better than having an after school job. It is more flexible and the money is not taxable," said **Mary Plona, 11**.

On the other hand, many students liked earning money working at places around town. **Tyler Grimm, 12**, enjoyed his job at Montgomery Inn.

"Even though cleaning people's messes is not fun, it's all good when I get the paycheck," said **Grimm**.

Some students wanted summer jobs to earn money over the break so they would not have to work when school started.

"I liked working this summer to have more time for activities during the school year," said **Jeremy Kiner, 11**.

Being a camp counselor was one of the most popular jobs this summer, though this job did not necessarily pay well.

"For me it wasn't about the money, it was about the impact I made on the children," said **Anna Hulett, 12**.

Some students, however, chose not to work at all.

"I like not having a job so I can have more free time. My mom and dad usually just give me money," said **Alyssa Eastes, 12**.

Others wanted jobs, but could not seem to find them.

"I have been meaning to get a job for awhile; I just have not gotten around to it. I don't know where I want to work," said **Brook Talbot, 12**.

Job or not, most agreed that earning a paycheck was a good feeling.

## Working hard or hardly working?

### Freshman:

98% do not have jobs

### Sophomores:

92% do not have jobs

### Juniors:

58% have jobs

83% make \$6-9

17% make \$10 or more per hour

60% work 1-14 hours per week

40% work 15-25 hours per week

### Seniors:

55% have jobs

85% make \$6-9 per hour

15% make \$10 or more per hour

48% work 1-14 hours per week

52% work 15-25 hours per week



"I like working at a sports store because I like sports. I like helping the customers find things that they want, and sometimes athletes come in for autograph signings, which is really cool. Work is more enjoyable when a lot of people come in, or else it can be really boring."

-Aaron Slovin, 11.

**Jeremy Kiner, 11, Alexis Gutter, Bexely High School, and Mary Plona, 11**, goof off while working at their summer job. The three, along with seven other Sycamore students, attended Camp Livingston for many previous years. Finally they were able to be on staff. They did various jobs from cooking and cleaning to taking care of campers. They also received their life guarding certificates this summer while at camp.

