

*THERE IS SOMETHING*

*Brilliant*

## *ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2022*

### ***Mission of the Class of 2022***

The Class of 2022 values and promotes integrity by exploring ethical principles and philosophies, modeling and celebrating respectful behavior, and encouraging fellow students to make positive and productive choices to be the best versions of themselves.

### ***Vision of the Class of 2022***

The Vision of the Class of 2022 is just to be brilliant for the world to see.

### ***Class Color:***

Orange

### ***Meet the Class of 2022 Team***

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## ***Preventing Senioritis***

To find that middle ground, parents and students need to know exactly what the expectations are for senior year. Years ago, 12th grade was about two milestones: sending out college applications and receiving acceptance letters. Once your applications were mailed off, you did the bare minimum in your classes to pass. After you got your acceptance letter, you slacked off even more and assumed your teachers would turn a blind eye. That was the past. These days, much of the college admissions process happens online. And there's also this thing called schoolwork, which still must get done even once you've been accepted to your first-choice school. "I want to paint a sign over my door that says 'Senioritis is a fatal disease,'" says Eric Katz, a guidance counselor at Newburgh Free Academy in New York, and Bluestein's coauthor.

Today's teachers are far more likely to issue grades that reflect the senior's work rather than wave them through just because they're graduating. Yes, colleges can rescind acceptance letters. Even more important, your child could slack off so much that he may not have enough credits to graduate. Poor grades can also cost a student his scholarships and affect college placement. Counselors note that students who coast through senior year have a hard time getting back into the academic groove once they do get to college.

To make sure your child avoids senioritis, "stay on top of it," Katz advises. "It's important for parents to stay involved....Those last six months, it's more important than ever to be aware of what your senior is doing."

Parents should closely monitor report cards and jump in fast if grades start to slip. "Trust but verify" is the motto for Katz, who recently sent twin sons off to college. Once parents have spelled out expectations for academic work, they must also make sure college applications are filed on time. Some teens are self-directed, while others won't work on their admissions essays even when desperate parents offer to pay them by the word. "You have to know your kid and know why they're not doing their applications," Katz says. "Is it something the kid wants, or is he just [applying to certain schools] to please his parents?"

Many seniors will expect to have more freedom socially. For parents, the goal is to give teens age-appropriate choices and to let them own the consequences of poor decisions. "It's important for parents to stay involved even though their child is 17 or 18," Katz says. "Senior year offers multiple roller coasters. You want to make sure the roller coasters are headed in the same direction and not headed for a collision."

Reference:

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