

Senioritis plagues students

As the second semester rolls through the school year, many students are starting to show effects of the dreaded "senioritis". It's the time of year when students, reflect lazier and decreased performance in school.

Students tend to lose motivation and feel as if their workload for the year should be over. This affects their grades and the attitude of their teachers. This is a problem when it comes to getting work done and to move through the curriculum fluidly. senioritis should be treated by having more emphasis on it; teachers need to address this problem head on, and talk to them about how their grades still matter and that same attitude would continue into their college days.

Bonnie Vining, an English teacher deals with continuous senioritis, with both her upperclassmen and lower class men.

"I think senioritis happens because when students are seniors, they've completed their SOLs and college apps. A majority of them have their future planned out and know where they're heading to school; so by the time spring rolls around, they feel like they're done with school. I was the same way when I was in high school, but I knew I had to keep going," Vining said.

If able to control the school system, Vining would, "only make seniors go to school for a semester, and then have them work or participate in an internship in the spring because I think they've done enough by the time they reached the new year."