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“I spend hours on Facebook every night.” said Junior Sarah Goad. “If it wasn’t for that I would be the most productive person I know.”
    Todays generation of teenagers are swamped with more responsibilities then ever before. The homework comes in truckloads and the demands from colleges sometime seem impossible, creating a whirlwind of pressures for the average student. If anything could make a student more successful, it would be extraordinary time management. Yet the majority of students find themselves scrambling to get month-long projects done the night before its due, and homework is completed haphazardly the hour before.
    “It’s not that I didn’t have time I just can’t make myself start the homework,” said Junior Logan Draper. “I never feel like doing it when I know that I can finish my stuff the block before”.  In fact it seems that more students are inflicted with procrastination then the common cold. Many of your classmates will admit to stumbling into school with only a couple hours of sleep under their belts, kicking themselves for procrastinating.
    “I can’t help it,” said Sarah. “I’ll get on the computer to start my homework and the Facebook page is naturally the first thing I go to. I click just to get on for 5 minutes, and then 5 minutes becomes 2 hours.”
    The lack of motivation that affects the majority of students is easily aided by the numerous distractions in today’s world. Today’s generation is faced with more pressures and more activities to cram into their day than ever before. With colleges and society putting constant pressure on students to be perfect, burn-out is a deadly cause for procrastination. Many teens find themselves exhausted from a repeated onslaught of homework, studying, rehearsals, meetings, or practices. After 11 hour days, homework is the last thing anyone wants to do.
    “I go to school and work a full day. I don’t want to have to come home and work some more,” said Junior Laura Ridgeway. “It isn’t something I can handle every day, sometimes I just want to sleep.”

This general feeling among students led Dr. Jones to conduct a convocation on stress and procrastination in the classroom. Dr. Jones teaches sociology and thought that idea of stress among students was an interesting topic. “As a professor I’ve seen many students fall behind in their studies due to procrastination.” Said Jones. The convocation will be held this Thursday March 5th in Weisiger Theatre at 8PM.

Like Jones the staff in the Modern Media Office are concerned about this growing procrastination trend. The MMO works with issues relating to the use of modern media and social media with students. They have reported that during exam weeks or times of high stress on campus the use or social media spikes by 98% on campus.

The overwhelming media influence and activities today open up a wide world of procrastination oppurtunities. With the loss of desire to do anything productive and a myriad of new things to do, history would be completely justified in labeling us as the procrastination generation.