

# Final exams? No problem...

It's been a little tense around our house this past week. Seems my older girls have been less than relaxed. You see, this is the one time of the year when high school students actually have a legitimate reason for being a tad testy. It's called exam time.

Every parent has experienced it, that panic-stricken cry of frustration high school students emit when they discover they have suddenly hit the end of the school year and found they have one more independent study to finish (in about 22 hours,) and they realize they haven't a clue what that class called chemistry is actually all about.

'Course, parents everywhere can always smile to themselves, secure in the thought, "Been there, done that..."

I know it's human nature to procrastinate and leave something as exciting as an essay on the sex life of a worm until the last minute.

But you'd think we'd all learn. Regardless, as regular as the changing seasons, last minute projects are hammered out on the keyboards of personal computers all around the world by students burning the midnight oil in a race to complete their projects before the end of the school year.

You know, we parents really don't have much room to criticize. (Except, of course for those few really annoying colleagues we had in school, who *always* had their work done at least a week in advance.) As I recall, they were the same people who didn't have a life either...

But kids today don't have it any worse than we did. (No, girls, I'm not going into my diatribe about walking 10 miles to school, in the dead of winter...)

I do know when I was in school, the semester program was only just being introduced at the university level, while at

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high school, students took the same subjects for the entire school year.

On top of that, we took seven or eight subjects, not the three or four that they handle in a semester today.

On the other hand, since we had an entire school year to study that subject, we could proceed at a more leisurely pace. But the workload was still pretty heavy, especially in the senior grades.

Final exams were no fun either, as we struggled to cram information into our tired minds, while the siren call of summer weather kept reminding us how little we wanted to be buried in the books, studying.

But we survived, and managed to deal with our exams just as today's students will, writing the paper and either acing it with finesse, or crashing and burning.

So things really haven't changed much, have they?

The past week, I've been my kids' worst nightmare, asking if they're studying, and questioning if they should be entertaining friends the night before an exam.

"Exams? No problem," has been their pat answer.

But, the best part is yet to come for my girls, when I find out how well they studied and knew their stuff.

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October 7	November 4
October 21	November 18

**REMEMBER - GRASSCYCLE AND COMPOST!**

- Grasscycling saves time and work.
- Grass clippings puts valuable nutrients into the lawn.
- Grasscycling does not cause thatch. (Thatch is caused by over-watering and over-fertilizing.)
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