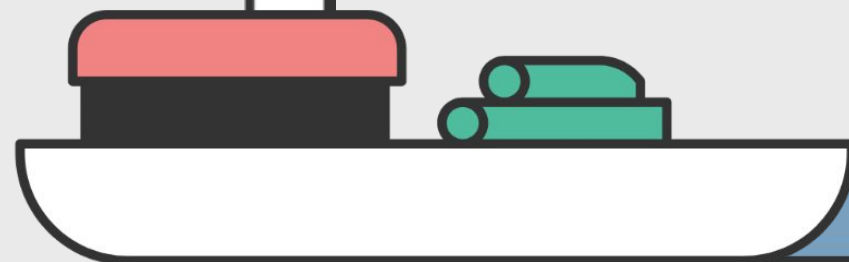# Senior Year Planning

Agenda

1. Advisory planning survey
2. Understand the process for applying to college
3. Understand how to get financial aid
4. Understand what you should be working on right now.

To Graduate FHHS

- Washington State History

- Exercise & Health

- Community Project

- High School and Beyond Plan

- Senior Exhibition

- Graduation Pathway

- Complete 24.5 credits

Post High School Options

- Technical/Trade School

- 2 Year Community College

- 4 Year College/University

- Military

- Entering the workforce

Application Timeline

Know which schools/programs you are applying to

Work on 4 year applications.

4 year early decision deadlines approach.

FAFSA opens!

Complete financial aid applications (FAFSA/CSS Profile)

4 year regular decision deadlines approach.

Local scholarship applications open. Work on scholarship applications.

Submit 2 year/trade program applications.

4 year college acceptance deadline: 5/1.

Local scholarship applications due. Acceptance letters arrive.

Get ready for college!

Graduation! Local scholarships awarded.

Moving day / begin college in August or September.

Apply for scholarships as needed.

SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG

Deadlines

- **Regular Decision (RD)**
  - Most common form of applying
  - Can apply to multiple schools
- **Early Action (EA)**
  - Non-Binding
  - OK to apply to many EA schools
  - Strong competition to select schools
- **Early Decision (ED)**
  - Binding (you have to go if accepted)
  - Can only apply to one school ED
  - Possibility of poor financial aid
  - Might get a closer look
  - Contract must be signed by parent and school counselor
  - Discussion with university advised
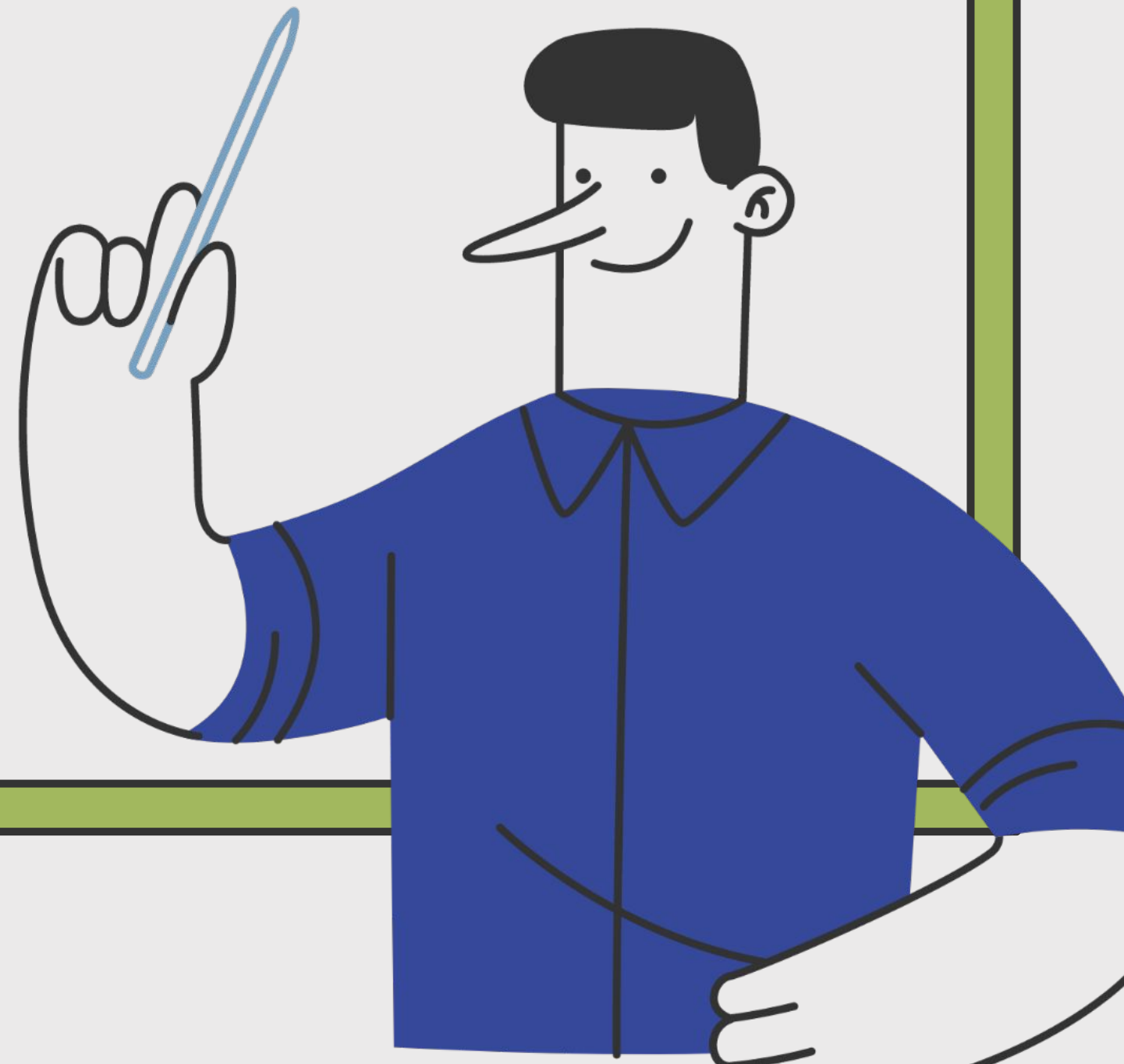
The Application Process

- **College search**
  - Pick 3-6 schools
  - Meet w/ Hailey
- **SAT/ACT**
- **Apply to colleges (get organized!)**
  - Applications requirements
  - Deadlines
  - Essay
  - Transcript
  - Recommendations
- **Financial Aid / Planning**

College Search

Things to Consider

- 2 year, 4 year, technical

- Public or private

- Location (close to home or far away)

- Setting (rural, suburban, urban)

- Size

- Majors

- Activities

- GPA / Test Scores (SAT/ACT)

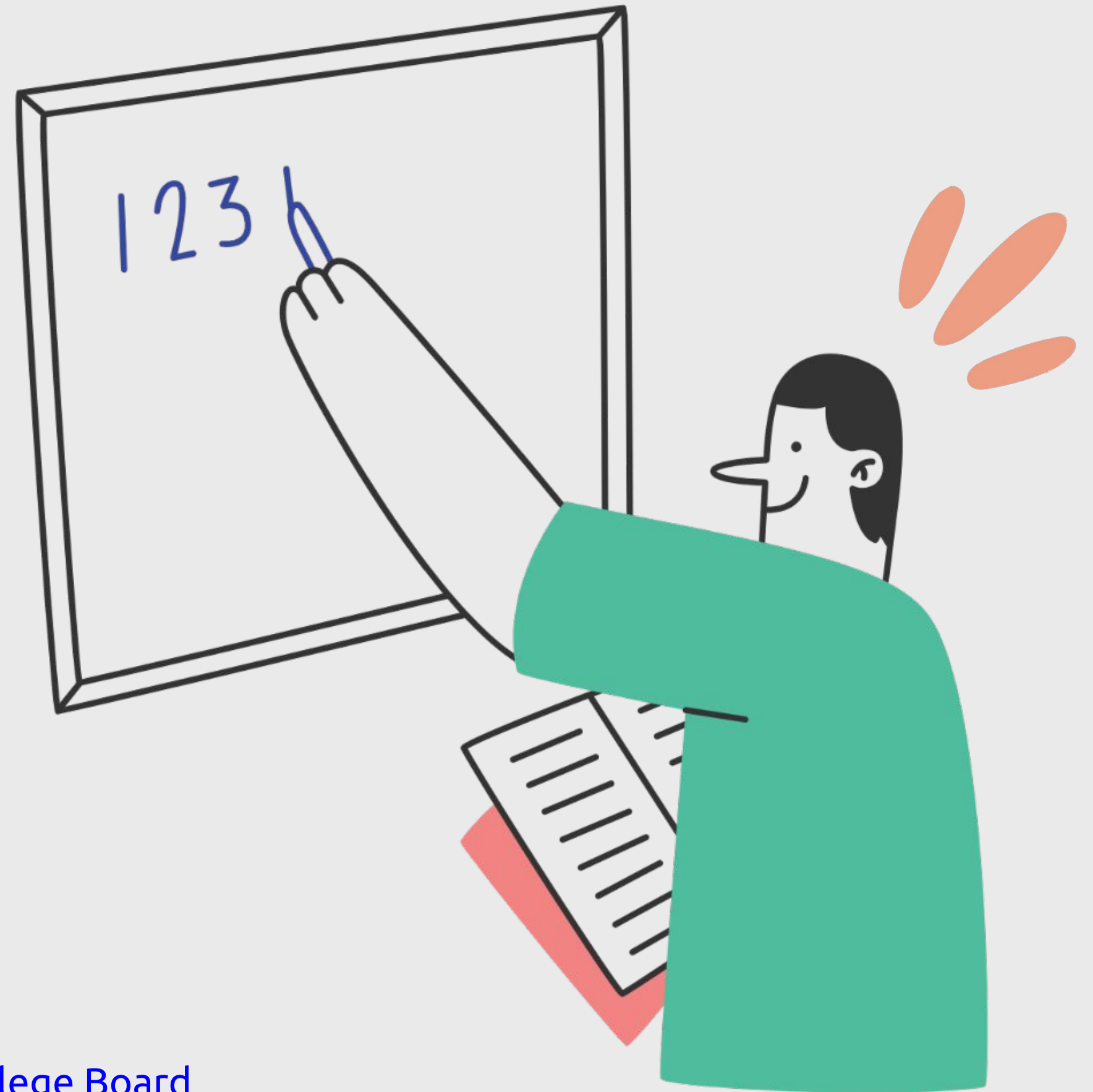College Search Options- CCC Website

To Test or Not To Test?

Test Optional

You can submit scores if you think it will help. Scores will be considered if submitted.

Test Blind

No scores will be considered.

SAT- College Board
ACT.org

Get Organized!

- Keep track of deadlines

- Read instructions!!!

- Application requirements (Common App, Institutional App, WA Community & Technical)

College Name	Cost	Application Deadline	Financial Aid Deadline	Essay	Transcript	Teacher Rec	Counselor Rec	Other/Notes
UW	$ 27,638	11/15/2019	1/15/2020	Yes	No	No	No	SAT/FAFSA/WASFA
UPS	$ 68,000	11/15 or 1/15	11/15/2019 or 1/15/20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	SAT/FAFSA/WASFA

College Process: Helpful Tools and Guides

Common App, Institution Specific, WA Community & Technical Colleges

What Colleges Look At

Academic Profile

- Transcripts
- SAT/ACT
- Class Rank
- Courses/rigor
- Grades (GPA)

Personal Profile

- Essay
- Resume
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Honors and awards
  - Travel
  - Work experience
  - Community service
  - Hobbies
- Site visit
- Interview

Essay

DO

- Focus on a moment in time, not your whole life story
- Ask friends/family what makes you stand out
- Be concise - keep it moving
- Write a compelling intro
- Ask someone to read it for you & give feedback

AVOID

- Listing achievements and involvement (this is in other areas of the application)
- Listing character traits
- Waiting until the last minute to write it
- Submitting without proofreading / editing

Supporting Documents

Transcript

See Mrs. Scheffer in the CCC

Resume

This is the activities section on most applications

Letters of Recommendation

- Give plenty of notice
- Ask politely
- Give resume/information
- Follow up
- Write a thank you
- If you need one from Hailey, fill out the [Counselor Letter of Rec Form](#)

Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Opens October 1)
  - Create your FSA now
- WASFA
- CSS Profile
- Scholarships
- Deadlines to complete are different than admission application deadlines

A Few Last Things

- It's okay to follow up with college admissions offices to make sure your application is complete / to add anything
- Ask for help when you need it!
- **Make sure you communicate with Hailey - set up a meeting this month**
- Start now and do a little at a time
- WSU Regents Scholarship- see Hailey for nomination
- PLU Automatic Admission
  - 3.0 GPA
  - Has taken or is taking Integrated 3 (Alg 2)
  - Forms due September 20th
- Resources in Senior GC

To Do's

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| Narrow down your college/program list **(2/4 year)** |
| Know your financial aid requirements **(2/4 year)** |
| Create a checklist **(2/4 year)** |
| Work on college essays **(4 year)** |
| Ask for letters of recommendation **(4 year)** |
| Take the SAT (next test is October 5th) **(4 year)** |
| Start filling out applications **(4 year)** |
| Add Hailey to your Common App **(4 year)** |
| Schedule a meeting with Hailey **(all seniors)** |

General Senior Reminders
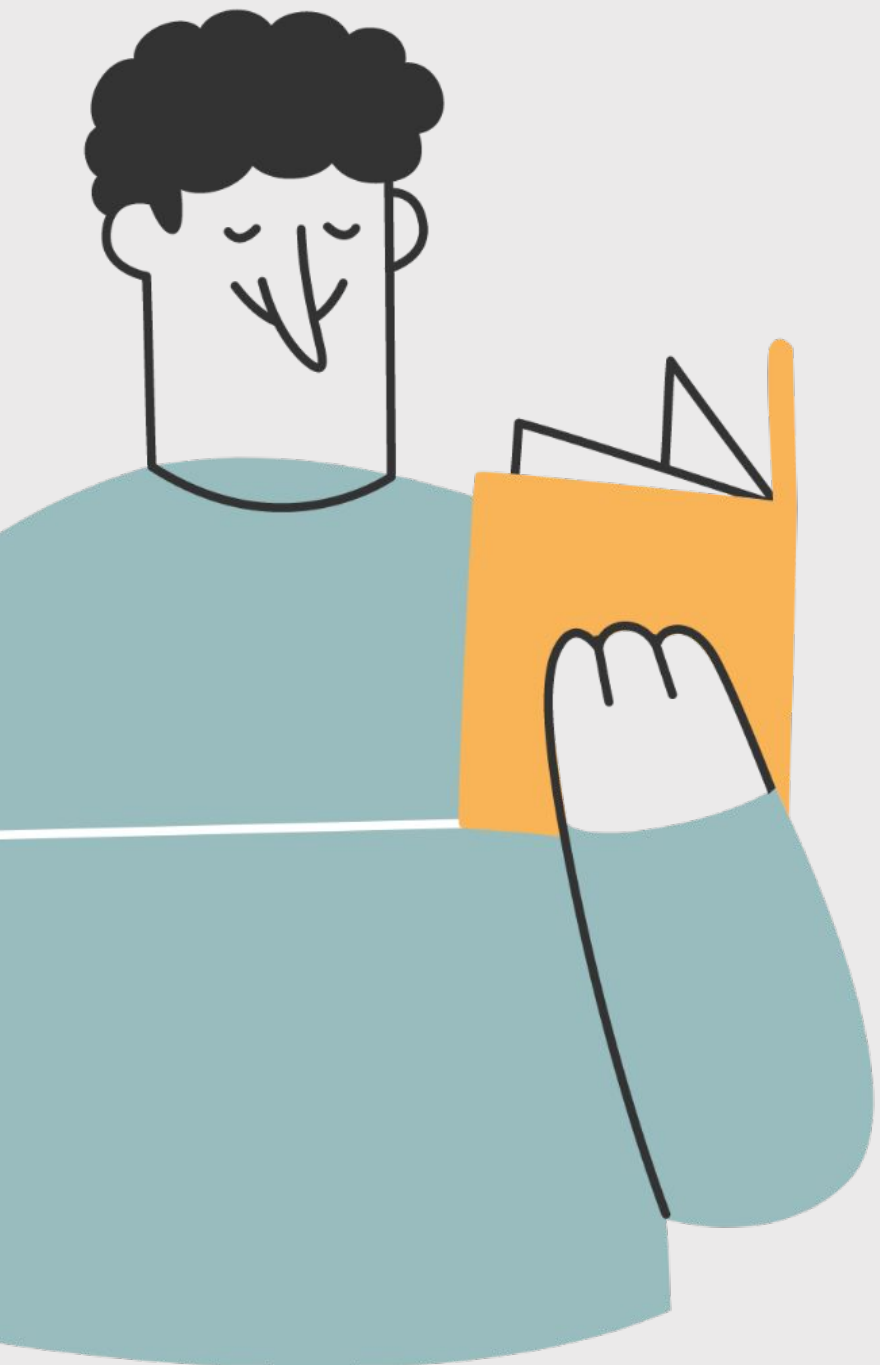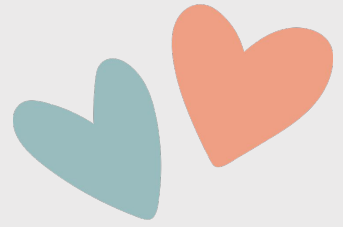
- Senior Pictures due soon
- Join Remind
  - Download Remind App
  - **Class Code: fhhs2025**
- Join Senior Things Google Classroom
  - **74grgqw**

You've got this!