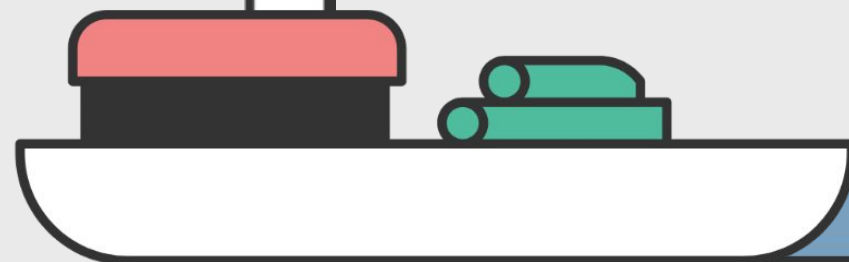


# Senior Year Planning



# 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





Know which schools/programs you are applying to

4 year early decision deadlines approach.

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.

Get ready for college!



Work on 4 year applications.

FAFSA opens!  
Complete financial aid applications (FAFSA/CSS Profile)

Local scholarship applications due. Acceptance letters arrive.

Graduation! Local scholarships awarded.

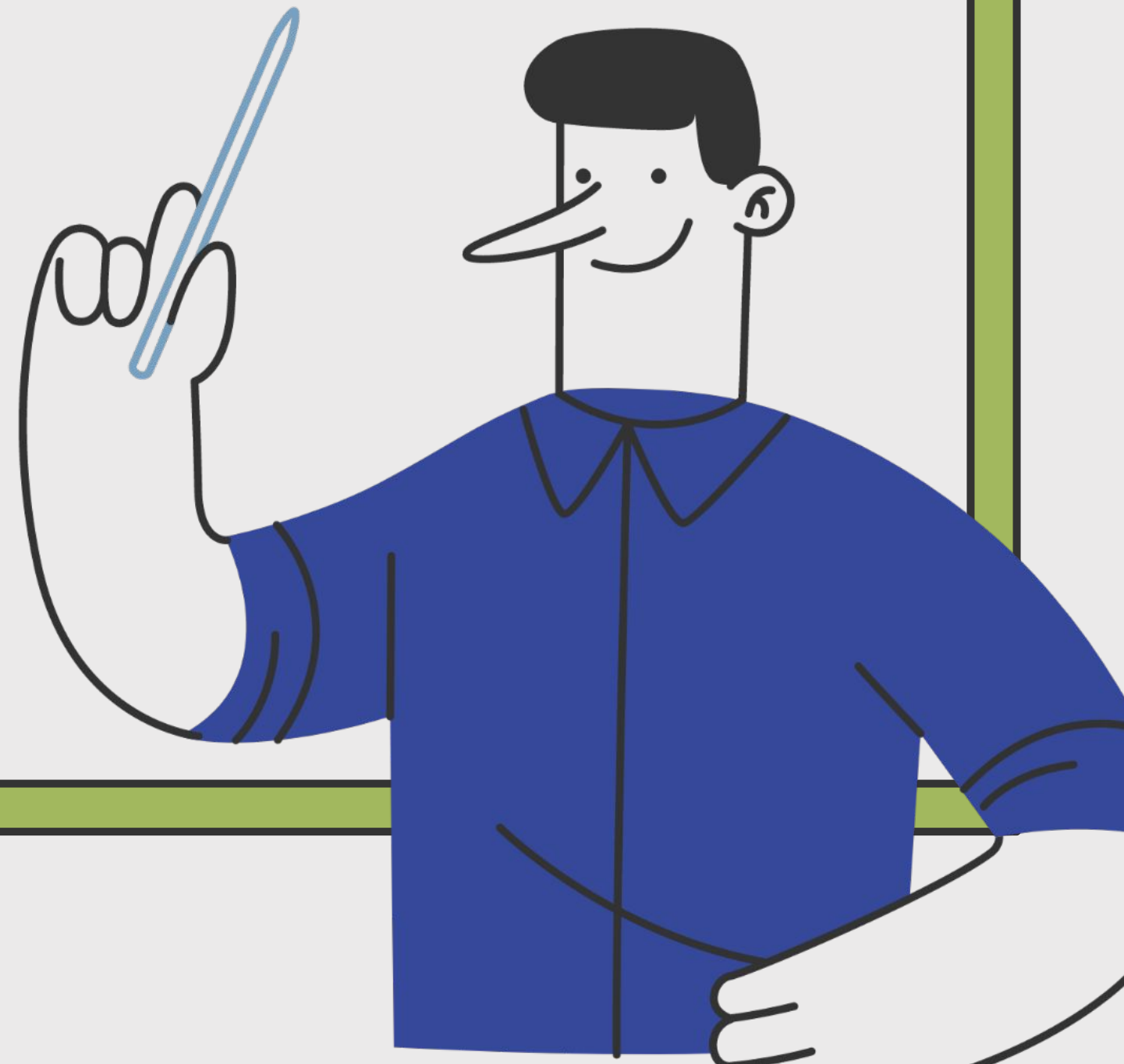
Moving day / begin college in August or September.

Apply for scholarships as needed.

# Application Timeline

# 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](#)





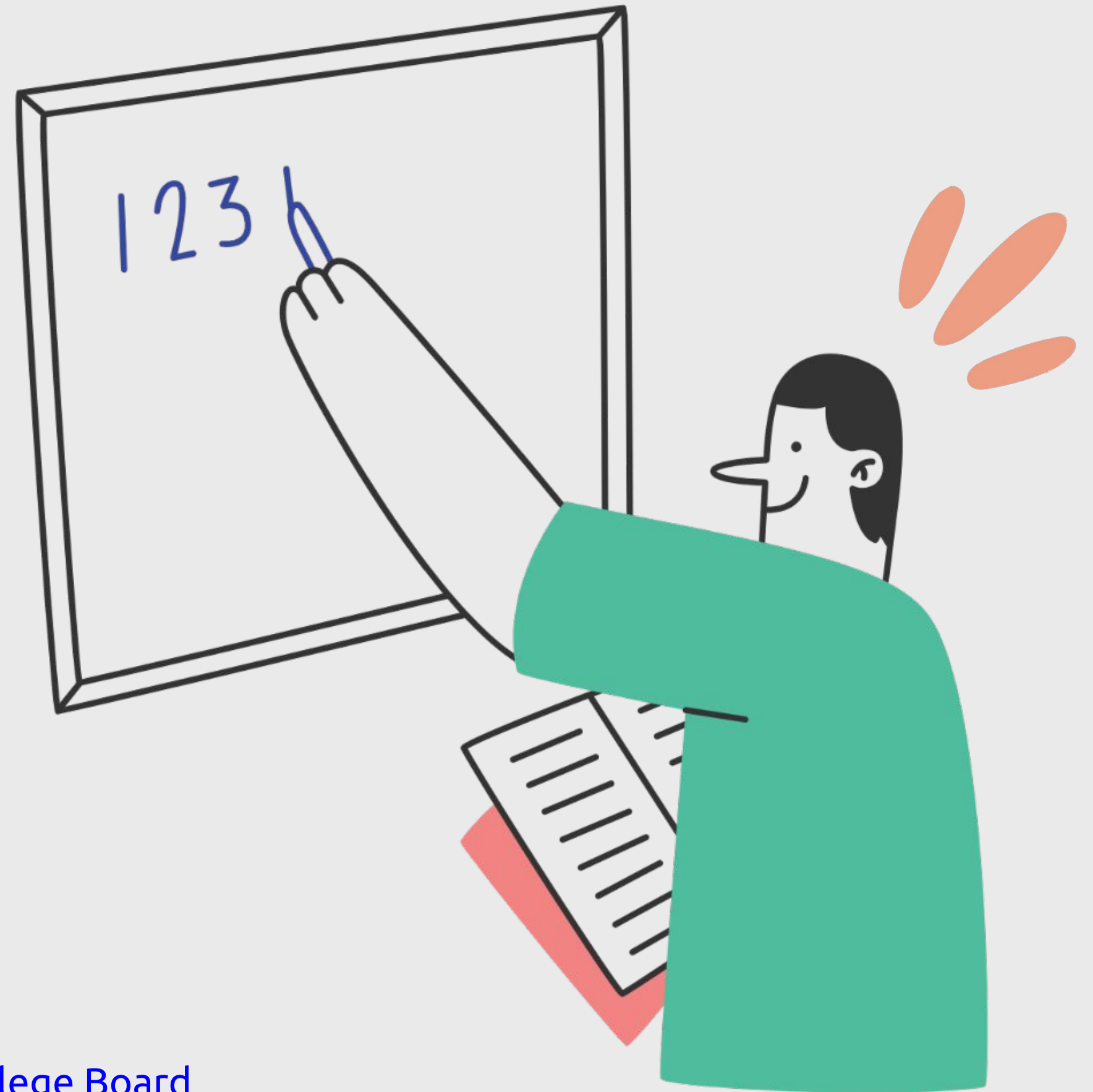
# To Test or Not To Test?

## 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.



# Get Organized!

- Keep track of deadlines
- Read instructions!!!
- Application requirements (Common App, Institutional App, WA Community & Technical)

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## College Process: Helpful Tools and Guides





# Common App, Institution Specific, WA Community & Technical Colleges

common app

Dashboard

My Colleges

Common App

College Search

Financial Aid Resources

Common Application

Profile

Family

Education

Testing

Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades

0 college(s) require

Education

Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School

Other Secondary/High Schools

Colleges & Universities

Grades

Graduating class size (approx.)\*

WWU Undergraduate Application for Admission and Scholarships

Welcome! To begin the application process, please create an account under the first-time users section. If you have already started a WWU application on this site, you can login in the returning users section.

Returning users:

Log in

First-time users:

Create an account

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

CONTACT

REQUEST INFO

Accessibility

Website Privacy Statement

TRIBAL LANDS STATEMENT

Western Washington University's main campus is situated on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin, all throughout the San Juan Islands and the North Cascades watershed from time immemorial. We express our deepest respect and gratitude to our Indigenous neighbors, for their enduring care and protection of our shared lands and waterways. [Access our inclusive Tribal Lands Statement.](#)

COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Washington State Board

Welcome!

Online Admissions Application

If you have an existing ctcLink account, log in with those credentials.

Username

Password

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Forgot my Password

Forgot my Username

Create an Account

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# 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



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)**

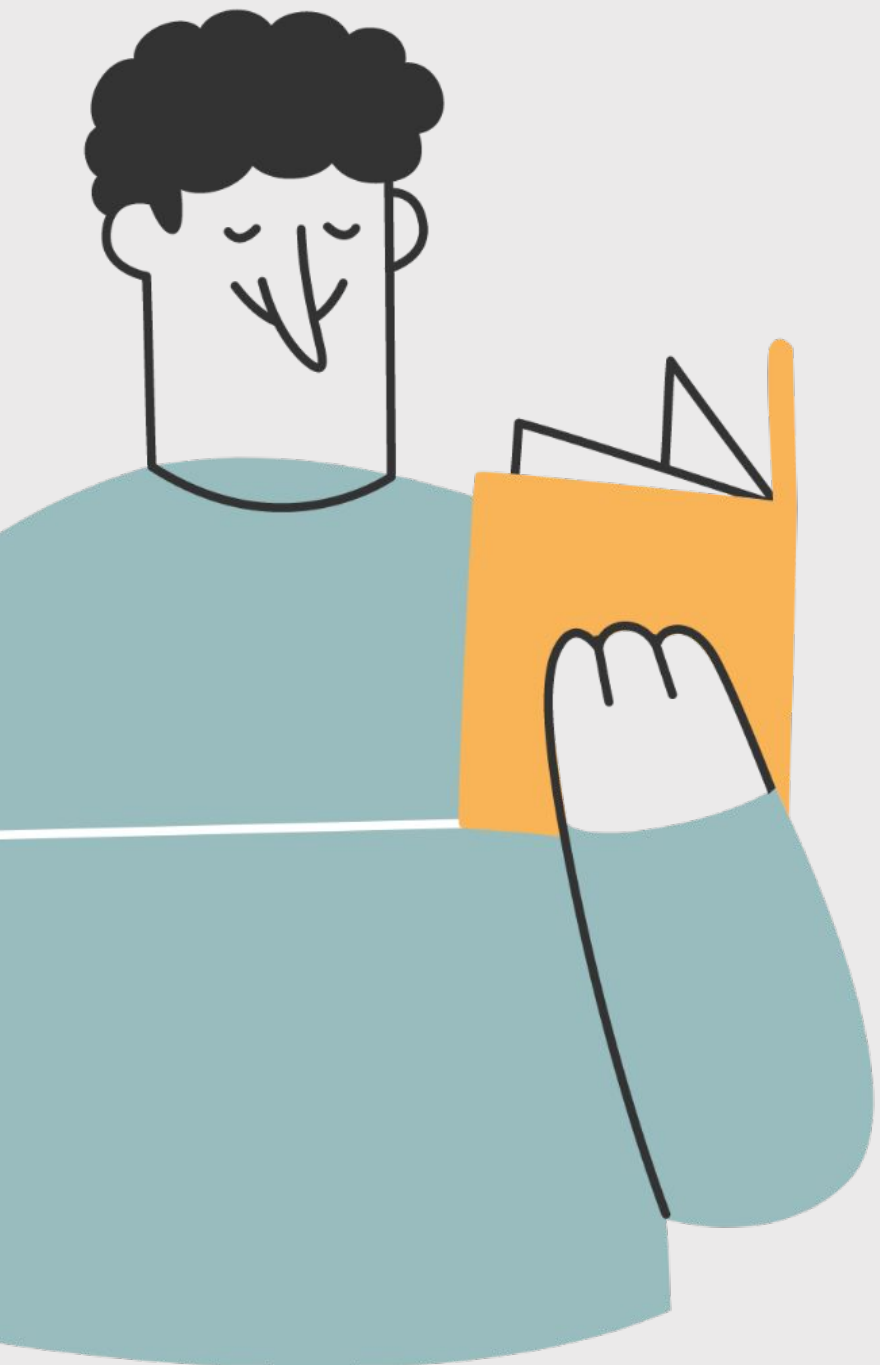
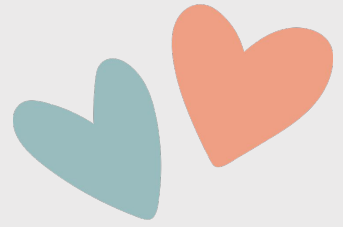
Take the SAT (next test is October 5th) **(4 year)**

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!

