



## Class of 2022 Senior Year Checklist

**How to use this resource:** First, make a copy of this document and name it with your first and last name followed by Senior Year Fall Checklist. My file name would look like this: **Carla Surber Senior Year Fall Checklist**. Then, share it with me (and Ms. Swarner if you are in AVID).

As you complete items, copy and put this check mark  in the left column. If it's not done, but you are working on it, copy and put this plus sign  in the left column. If it is an item you don't need or want to do, copy and put this  in the left column.

August / September	
	<b>Join the College &amp; Career Center Google Classroom.</b> Join Code: 3lde36l
	<b>Join the Class of 2022: Counseling CHS Google Classroom.</b> Join Code: fsogyek
	<a href="#">Complete this survey</a> for Surber so she knows what your plans are, and <a href="#">schedule an appointment with Surber</a> .
	<b>Sign Up for a Mentor</b> by completing this <a href="#">mentee survey</a> , and mark your calendar for <a href="#">mandatory mentor/mentee meetings listed on this document</a> . If you are unfamiliar with the Wildcat Mentor Program, <a href="#">check it out here</a> . Be sure to check out the Meet the Mentors page too. It is a free service to support you as you transition into whatever educational/career experience you move on to after graduation.
	<b>Register to apply for ALL scholarships and financial aid @ Going Merry.</b> Check out this <a href="#">guide</a> on how to use Going Merry to get the most scholarships with the least amount of work and time!
	Start applying for scholarships on <a href="#">Going Merry</a>
	<b>The FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid</b> , is for students who are citizens of the US, or are here on certain visas. We will use Going Merry to support you and your parents in applying for Federal Financial Aid. <a href="#">Watch this video</a> on why and how Going Merry is so helpful with this process! The FAFSA portion of your Going Merry portal will open the first week in October, but you can begin preparing now by collecting this information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Security Number OR Alien Registration Number</li> <li>• 2020 Federal income tax returns (these are the taxes your parents filed in 2021), W-2s, and other records of money earned.</li> <li>• Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)</li> <li>• Records of untaxed income (if applicable)</li> <li>• An FSA ID to sign electronically</li> </ul>
	<b>CDAA is the California Dream Act Application</b> and it is for students who are not citizens and don't have visas or Alien Registration Numbers. You will complete this application online, but here is a <a href="#">California Dream Act Application Worksheet</a> To help you get started gathering the information you need. You will use the tax return your parents filed in April 2021 (or over the summer) for the income they earned in 2020.
	<b>College "entrance" exams:</b> Neither the <b>CSU</b> nor the <b>UC</b> are requiring <b>ACT</b> or <b>SAT</b> scores for the % 2022. However, these exams could help you with course placements in college, and may be required for some private or out-of-state schools.  <b>September 3:</b> Registration deadline for October 2, 2021 SAT. <a href="#">Register here</a> . <b>September 17:</b> Registration deadline for October 23, 2021 ACT. <a href="#">Registration here</a> .  Be sure to check with Ms. Craig-Morales for fee waivers.
	<a href="http://californiacolleges.edu">californiacolleges.edu</a> is the platform you will use to submit your college applications--CSU, UC, Community Colleges, and some privates and out-of-states. Follow these steps to make the whole process easier: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you don't already have an account, make one. Be sure to <b>register your account with Calistoga High School</b>, which will allow me to support you.</li> <li>2. Once logged in, complete your <b>Academic Planner</b> -- <a href="#">here's a walkthrough video to show you how</a>. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> The office is in the process of updating your transcripts to reflect any summer school courses taken, as well as any AB104 changes you have requested (pass/no pass). Just keep this in mind as you work on your Academic Planner - your transcript may not be completely up to date.</li> <li>3. Use the various tools to help you build your college list: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Choose Your Career</a> -- here you'll find a list of activities that can help you zero in on your career choices.</li> <li>b. <a href="#">College Search Tool</a> -- here you'll find a powerful tool for choosing different colleges you might want to apply to based on your career interests.</li> <li>c. <a href="#">Build your College List</a> -- use this resource to help you decide on how to narrow your list.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Begin Working on College Applications -- <a href="#">see how with this video</a>.</li> </ol>
	<b>GRADE CHECK:</b> How are classes going? Do you have a "C" or higher in all of your A-G classes? Don't forget, if you are hoping to attend a 4 year, you need those Cs or higher all the way through to graduation. Yep. Even if you get an acceptance, it is "conditional" which means they expect you to continue to pass your A-G classes with at least a C. Reach out for help if you need it. If you are planning to use APEX to make up grades, please be sure to make an appointment with Ms. Craig-Morales <a href="#">here</a> .

	<p><b>Community Service Hours Due no later than May 10th:</b> Make sure you have a plan for how you will complete and turn in your community service hours and your reflection essay. Check your Counseling Class of 2022 Google Classroom for access to the Community Service Form and access to turn it in. Turn it in asap! Email Ms. Craig-Morales at <a href="mailto:mcraig-morales@calistogajusd.org">mcraig-morales@calistogajusd.org</a> or <a href="#">schedule an appointment with her</a> if you need help or have questions.</p>
<b>October</b>	
	Be first in line! Submit your <b>FAFSA</b> (via Going Merry) or <a href="#">California Dream Act Application</a> in October.
	You can begin submitting your <b>CSU college applications</b> on <b>October 1st</b> . They must be submitted by midnight on November 30th. Be sure to have Surber review your application for errors before you submit. You can do this by <a href="#">scheduling an appointment with her</a> and sharing your screen.
	You can't submit your <b>UC applications</b> until November 1st - 30th, but take this time to work on your essays and <b>have Surber review your application for errors before the rush!</b> All who wait until the "last minute" for essay help run the risk of Surber not being able to help as she'll have too many to review and too little time.
	Continue to apply for <b>scholarships</b> through <b>Going Merry</b> , including our local scholarship, which will be open mid-October.
	If you are planning to attend a community college, <a href="#">schedule an appointment with Surber</a> To review the application process, schedule your orientation, and choose a pathway.
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<b>November</b>	
	<b>November 1st</b> is the first day you can submit your UC applications. Want to be first in line and hear back early? Submit! After you have Surber review your application & essays.
	Both UC and CSU applications are due by midnight on <b>November 30th</b> . It is very risky to wait until the 30th to submit, as you will not be alone. In fact, you'll be watching a "loading" screen with thousands of other students who waited until the last minute and are having a panic attack because they aren't sure if their application is being submitted. Kinda kidding...mostly not kidding.
	Continue to apply for <b>scholarships</b> through <b>Going Merry</b> , including our local scholarship, which is due December 10.
	<b>GRADE CHECK:</b> How are classes going? Do you have a "C" or higher in all of your A-G classes? Don't forget, if you are hoping to attend a 4 year, you need those Cs or higher all the way through to graduation. Yep. Even if you get an acceptance, it is "conditional" which means they expect you to continue to pass your A-G classes with at least a C. Reach out for help if you need it.
<b>December</b>	
	Continue to apply for <b>scholarships</b> through <b>Going Merry</b> , including our local scholarship, which is due December 10.
	December 13-17 is finals week. Finish strong! You've got this. And if you need help or support, be sure to reach out. You can <a href="#">schedule an appointment with Ms. Craig Morales</a> or <a href="#">schedule an appointment with Surber</a> .
	<b>GRADE CHECK:</b> If you are planning to attend a 4-year, hopefully you have finished all of your A-G classes with at least a C. If not, please <a href="#">schedule an appointment with Surber</a> as soon as possible (even over the break, if necessary) to make a plan.