



Class of 2023

Senior Year Look Ahead

WELCOME!



Objective and Agenda

Families will understand the **timeline and expectations** for the year

Families will understand **how they can help support** students through the year

Families will understand **how CGHS will work with and support** students through the year

A Few Reminders on Tonight:

- Tonight is an overview - Your student has **college seminar** weekly and sees their **advisor** daily for updates and reminders
- We will have general Q&A time at the end, please save questions for then

Your 2 Point People This Year:

1. Students College and Career Counselor
2. Advisor

Introductions: College Success Team



Valerie Wilkinson
Director of College
Success & College
Counselor



Ariel Smolik-Valles
Manager of College
Success & College
Counselor



Nichole MacVittie
Manager of College
Success & College
Counselor



Charlie Schwartz
Coordinator of
College Success -
Internships & College
Counselor



Lacey Ruskin
College Counselor,
Performing Arts Teacher,
Senior Celebrations
Coordinator

Introductions: Senior Experience Leaders



Alex Medrano
Senior Academy Dean



Meghan Janci
School Director



Meriwether Joyner
12th Grade House Lead



Paulina Molina
Community Engagement
Manager
PTA Lead

Where Are We Going & How Will We Get There?

Where are we going?

1. Graduation
2. To and through college or other best fit after High School

How will we get there?

1. As a community (A HIVE)
2. In and out of school students need to be putting in the time and showing their growing responsibility

Senior Celebrations!

Lacey Ruskin - Senior Celebrations Lead

Senior Celebrations - FYI for Parents

- ★ Lawn Signs
- ★ Senior Day
- ★ Senior Sweatshirts
- ★ Senior Painted Parking Spaces
- ★ Free Application Day- Tee Shirts!
- ★ 100% Celebration
- ★ Senior Awards
- ★ Senior Signing Day
- ★ Graduation

Parent Committee:(720) 767-0195



Student Experience

Alex Medrano, Senior Academy Dean

What Makes Senior Year Unique: Student Responsibility to Prepare for College

CGHS: We believe students should have more ownership and personal responsibility over their learning as well as their personal time.

- Off Periods
- Off Campus Lunch (timeliness)

Parents: Encourage and help your student use their free time responsibly



High School: Average 7 hours in school every day. 35 hrs/week

College: The average student takes 15 credit hours per term. Average 3 hours per day. 15 hrs/week.

What Makes Senior Year Unique: Academics

CGHS Classes, Credits and Certificates Offered: More choice and flexibility for students in all areas at all levels

- Concurrent enrollment options
- Chosen electives and classes
- AP testing for potential college credits
- Seal of Biliteracy
- DSST STEM/Creative Creative core certificates
- 240 total credits earned by end of Senior Year
To receive Diploma!



AdvanceEDU



What Makes Senior Year Unique: Academics

Parents: Help make sure your student is working to always pass all their classes and reach out to your students Advisor, Counselor, or Alex Medrano if you need help

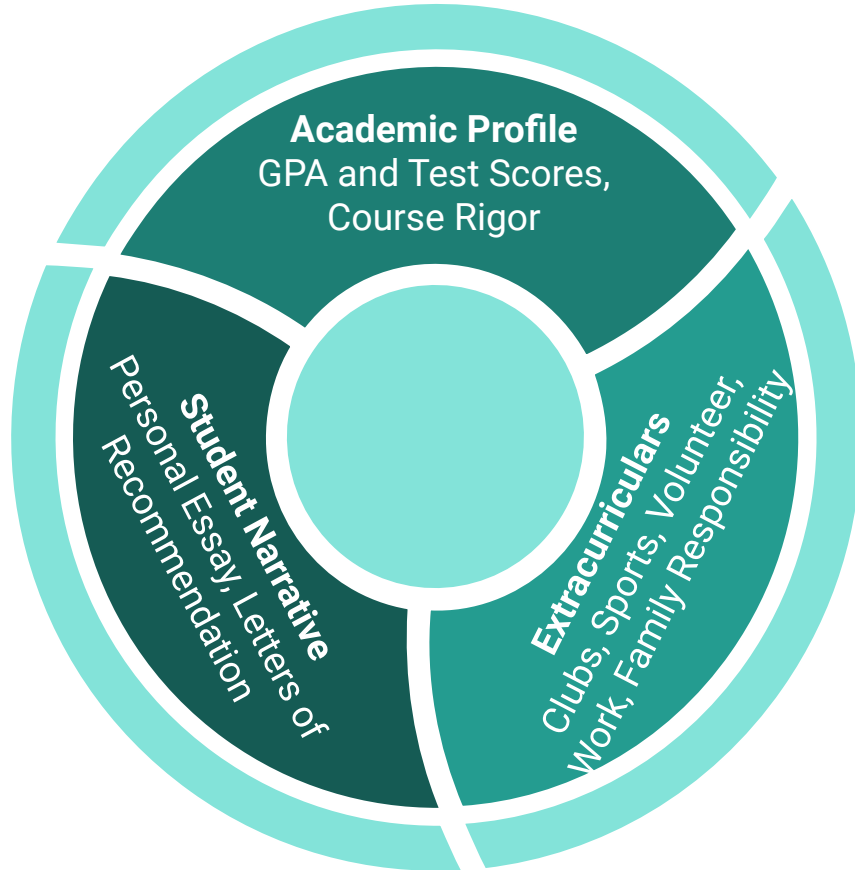
Remediation

- If a student fails a class in a trimester they are required to recover that credit before graduation otherwise they will not walk at graduation in May
- Students/parents will be notified of remediation plans at the end of the trimester

College Application Process

College Success Team - College and Career Counselors

FYI - Components of College Application



Academic Profile:

GPA from 9 - 11 is used to apply
Senior schedule is also sent with applications
Trimester 1 grades can be sent and may help
or hurt application status (**grades still matter**)

Student Narrative:

Personal Essay and Letters of Recommendation
will be more important than ever!

Extracurriculars:

Stay involved and stay engaged, even in a virtual
setting and school experience
Senior Project can support applications

The 5 Most Important Websites This Year For Students & Parents

1. Overgrad - Parent can make co-account
2. Common App
3. College Board - SAT, AP, CSS Profile
4. Student Aid (FAFSA) - Parent will use
5. Individual College & University Websites

FYI - Applications and the SAT

- Some schools are returning to requiring the SAT and many are not
 - Test Optional: Not requiring SAT as part of their application
- We recommend for most of our students that they do not submit their SAT score in their application

CGHS Counselors: We will meet and check in with students one on one to counsel them if they should or should not submit SAT scores for each school they apply to.

Timeline - FYI

- General overview - each student is unique in their plans
- **Highlights:**
 - Every student will apply to an average of 6 schools (4 ideal minimum)
 - Overgrad is our tool for helping in this process
 - Students will have College Seminar and 1:1 meeting times through the year to support

Parent Timeline and Checklist:

- ❑ **Ongoing:** File 2021 Taxes (if not please connect with student's counselor)
- ❑ **October:** Student & at least one parent create FSA-ID at www.studentaid.gov
 - ↳ Student Social Security number required - If not applicable check with counselor
- ❑ **October:** Student completes FAFSA with parents' financial information at www.studentaid.gov
- ❑ **October 19th** Colorado Free Application Day - all CO Applications FREE. Applications + support during the school day.
- ❑ **December 16, 2022:** Ensure student has submitted all applications
- ❑ **March 2023:** Ensure student applies for 3 Scholarships
 - ↳ Will be student-specific based on schools and goals
- ❑ **April:** Parent and student meet with counselor for final check out meeting & confirm postsecondary plans
- ❑ **April 27, 2023:** Attend/Watch Senior Signing Day
- ❑ **May 2023:** Attend Graduation

Student Timeline and Checklist

Timeline	Criteria For Success Crossing in on these steps in this general timeline will guide you through out senior year. Remember you are each unique and individual, you may be slightly different from this outline. Working with your Counselor and Advisor will help ALL student through the process.	Check off as you complete!
August	I have reviewed my college list in Overgrad and have the right number of schools specific to me (4 average)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have requested all my letters of recommendation in Overgrad to the correct teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>
	My family and I have met with my counselor for our Fall Meeting to review post secondary plans	<input type="checkbox"/>
	In Overgrad I have added schools from my list to my applications and am working on all parts of applications	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have created my Common App account	<input type="checkbox"/>
September	I have shared a College Essay google doc with my counselor	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have received all my letters of recommendation - Teacher and Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A parent and I have created our FSA ID (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have completed my primary College Essay / Personal Statement & am working on supplemental statements	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I know if I am applying EA or ED and I have all the materials started	<input type="checkbox"/>
October	I have started my FAFSA (opens October 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have completed the CSS Profile because I am applying to some private schools.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have applied to at least 2 colleges	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have completed my FAFSA	<input type="checkbox"/>
November	I have applied to 75% of my colleges	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have identified at least 3 scholarships I can apply for	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I am applying for schools specific scholarships at at least 1 school	<input type="checkbox"/>
December	I have submitted 100% of my applications (average minimum is 4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
January	I have applied to at least 1 scholarship I am eligible for (COF, DSP, Schools Specifics, External Orgs.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I know if I have been selected for verification and am working with my Counselor on this process	<input type="checkbox"/>
February	I am uploading my Award Packages into Overgrad to track and compare my options	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have applied to at least 2 scholarships I am eligible for (COF, DSP, Schools Specifics, External Orgs.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have searched school specific scholarships for at least 2 schools I applied to (and know what I am eligible for)	<input type="checkbox"/>
March	I have applied to at least 3 scholarships	<input type="checkbox"/>
April	I have uploaded all of my award letters into Overgrad to compare options and opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>
	My family and I have met with my Application Manager about financial aid, enrollment, or other options	<input type="checkbox"/>
May	My family and I are prepared and aware of any deposits or enrollment requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I have committed to a college and/or know my best fit option after High School	<input type="checkbox"/>

FAFSA - Parent Why & FYI

Completing the FAFSA is the only way to clearly know how much you & your student will be expected to pay for any program, college or university!

School	Cost Before Financial Aid	Cost After Financial Aid
CU Boulder	\$32,500	\$21,000
DU	\$67,000	\$21,000
CSU - Fort Collins	\$28,000	\$17,000

FAFSA - Supports

Parents: Know when and how you and/or your student will complete the FAFSA

Support Events and Opportunities:

1. DSST Network event **Tuesday 10/4** @ 5:30 on Teams
2. Free Application Day LUNCH **Wednesday 10/19**
3. CGHS Open House **Wednesday 10/26** 1:30 - 5:00
4. Student Meetings during **Trimester 1 Finals November**
5. Student and Parent check in during **Trimester 1 conferences December 9th**

Family Meetings and Support

- **CGHS Meeting Support:**
 - Schedule a meeting with your student's counselor **THIS FALL**
 - Meet again in the **SPRING** for final check out and confirmation of plans after High School
- **Families:** Be sure that you are checking and using ReachWell - this is always our primary way of communicating with families!

Immediate Parent & Family Support

- Talk to your student and **ask them about the process and their goals.**
- **Connect with your students Advisor and/or Counselor** any time that you have questions about your students or the year.
- **#1 - offer them support, let them know you are there**, this will be year of growth and transition

Top 5 Websites For Students and Parents Senior Year

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Additional Parent and Students Resources

1. Follow our **Instagram** @cgcollegesuccess
2. **CampusReel.com** - Virtual tours of colleges and universities
3. **GrownandFlown.com** (parent resource)
4. First Generation resources and guides on **individual school websites** (ask counselor for any support!)
5. **IRS.gov** - Request a Tax Transcript to help verify income information with individual schools
6. **Scholarship Hubs & Resources:**
 - a. Unigo
 - b. Denver Scholarship Foundation
 - c. Scholarships360
 - d. Chegg Scholarships
 - e. Scholarship America

Wrap Up & Q and A

Register / RSVP for the virtual network FAFSA event **NOW!**

Information to be sent after this meeting:

- A copy of this presentation
- Senior Year Timeline
- Parent Overgrad Resource
- Direct contact information for College Counselors
- Senior Picture Information / Reminders

