



Chippewa Valley High School  
Counseling Office

Class of 2024  
Senior Parent Meeting  
September 20, 2023



Class of 2024 Commencement: June 9th, 10AM, CVHS Stadium

# Agenda:

- Part 1:  
Communication, Credits, Graduation Requirements, Career Planning Ideas
- Part 2: College Application Process
- Part 3: Financial aid and scholarships
- Part 4: Dates and Senior Class Info
- Part 5: Yearbook, Senior Photos, Josten's



Stay connected:  
updates on  
colleges,  
scholarships,  
and career  
opportunities.



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SchoolMessenger is set up to  
receive all communications: voice,  
email, text.



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messages text @ge9gc7f to  
the number 81010

# Schoology Counseling Group—Please join!

- Once in Schoology, go to the Groups tab, click join and use this Access Code: 4PNK-T82B-V25SW
- The Counselor will post content to help you with your academic issues, career/college questions, and personal concerns.

# Which counselor do I talk to for more info?

| <i>Counselor</i>       | <i>Students Last Name</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs. Kimberly Koskos   | A – D                     |
| Mr. Scott Merchant     | E - K                     |
| Mrs. Sydney Radzinski  | L - Ro                    |
| Mrs. Stephanie Pitcher | Rp - Z                    |



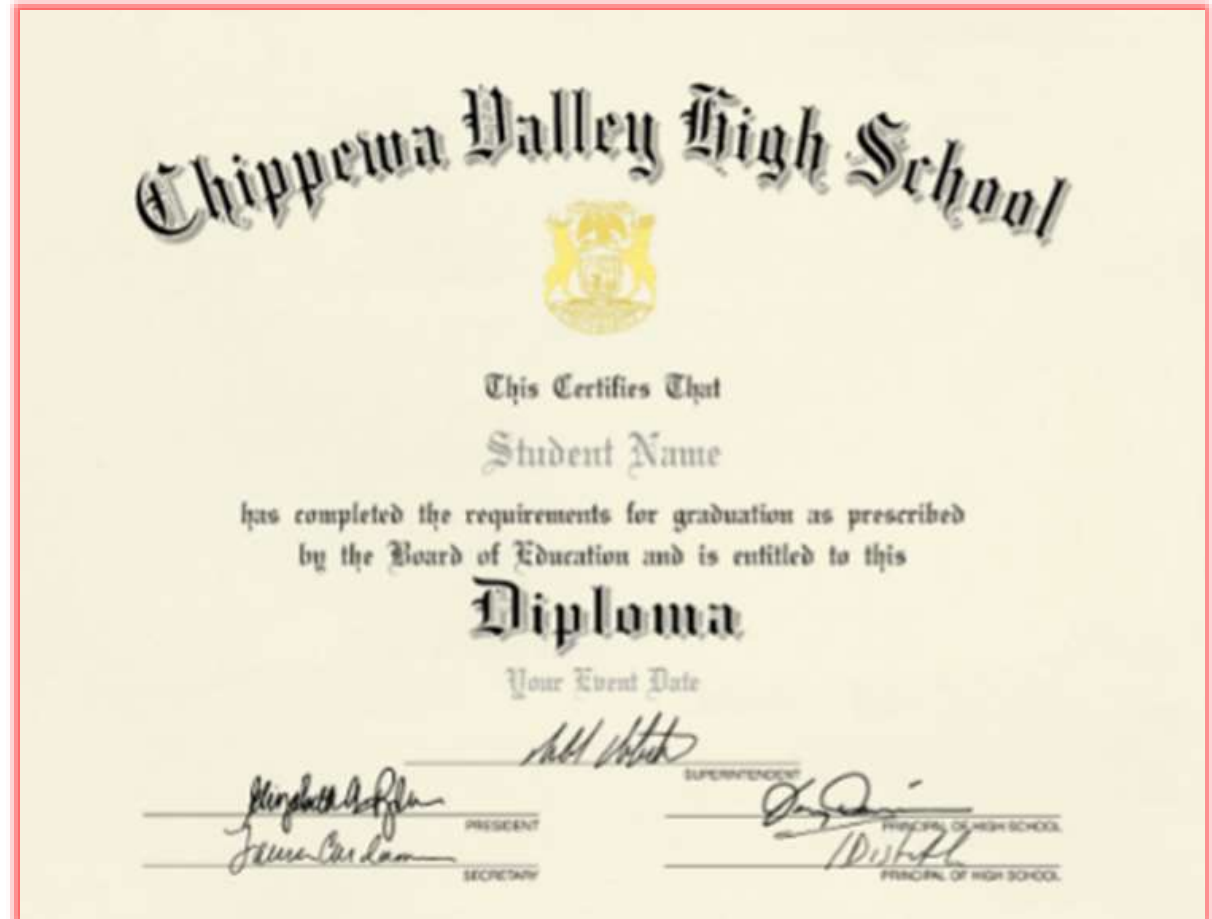
# How do I request to meet with my counselor?

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- Visit our website and fill out the CVHS Counselor Meeting Request form.
- QR codes are posted in the building for quick access to the counselor request form.
- Here is the link to the form:  
<http://cvhsguidance.weebly.com/request-to-talk-with-your-counselor-online.html>
- Here is the link to schedule an appointment directly:  
<http://cvhsguidance.weebly.com/appointment-request.html>
- Your counselor is ready to talk; feel free to reach out.

# Name on your diploma

- The name on the diploma must match PowerSchool and birth certificate. (example, John E. Doe).
- Request changes filling out a Change Form in the Counseling office or by emailing your counselor.
- Deadline for change requests is 10/31/23.
- Once we place the order for the diplomas then it will be final.





# Graduation and diploma

In June, All 22 credits in the required subjects to participate in the commencement ceremony



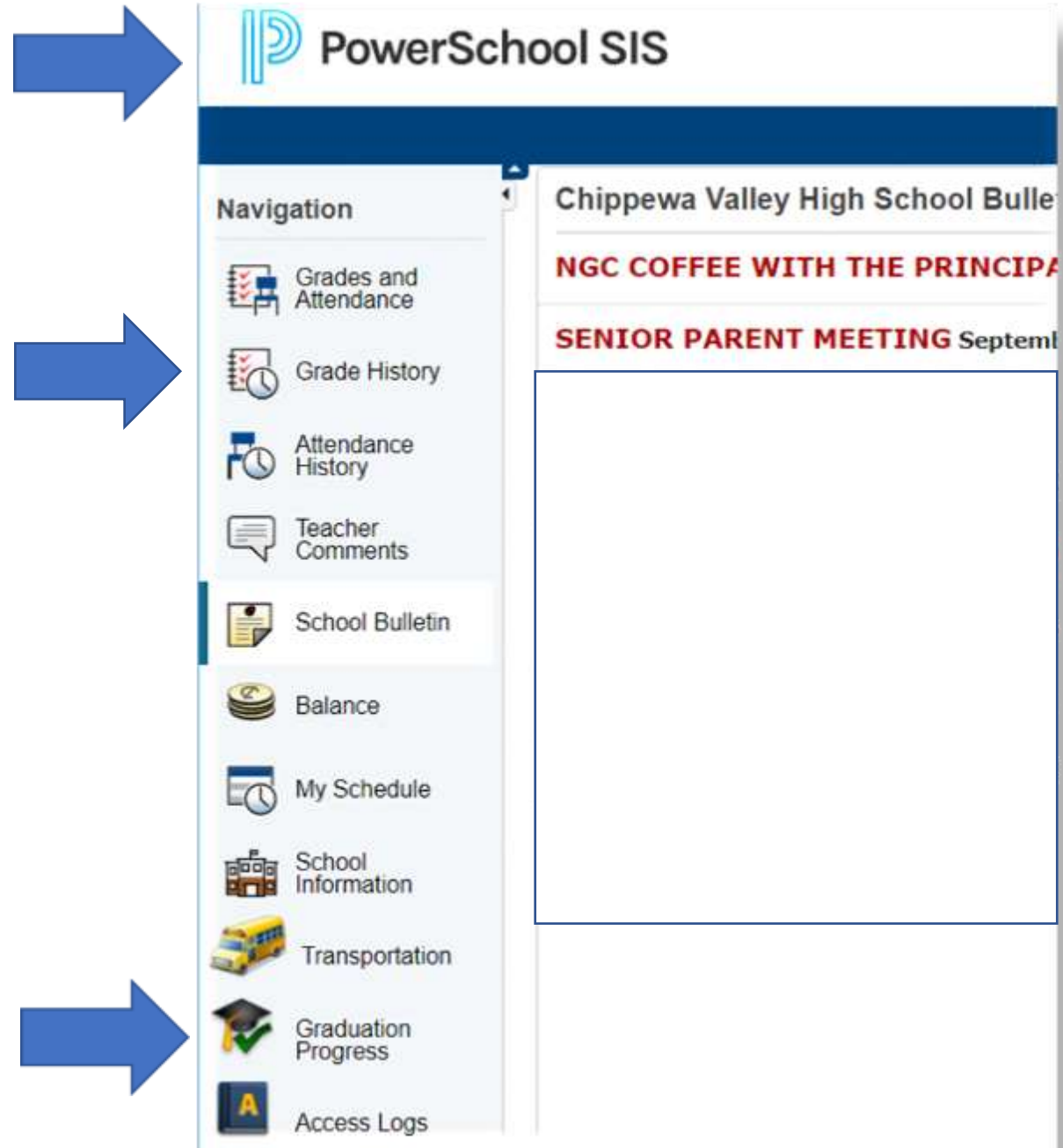
On track for graduation? at least 16 credits at the start of your senior year



Short credits? Make sure you are working with your counselor on a graduation plan

## Look to PowerSchool now and often

- Make sure grades are accurate.
- If you retook a course and don't see an "R" grade that replaces the lower grade, contact your counselor.
- Check the "Graduation Progress" screen for required courses.
- Address any questions about grades teachers or your counselor.



The image shows a screenshot of the PowerSchool SIS interface. The top header displays the PowerSchool SIS logo and the school name, Chippewa Valley High School. A navigation menu is visible on the left side, listing various options: Grades and Attendance, Grade History, Attendance History, Teacher Comments, School Bulletin, Balance, My Schedule, School Information, Transportation, Graduation Progress, and Access Logs. Three blue arrows point to the top, middle, and bottom of the navigation menu. The main content area on the right shows a bulletin board with the title "Chippewa Valley High School Bulletin" and two items: "NGC COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL" and "SENIOR PARENT MEETING September".

# Senior grades matter!

**Graduation with Honors is based on the cumulative GPA following 1<sup>st</sup> semester in January.**

**Check your transcript for any errors...if you retook a class for a higher grade make sure the previous grade is replaced with an "R" on your transcript.**

**Graduating with Honors? Students with:**

- **3.50 to 3.74 are Cum Laude**
- **3.75 to 3.89 are Magna Cum Laude**
- **3.90 to 4.00(+) graduate with highest honors or Suma Cum Laude.**



For all the attendance and behavior expectations for this school year, visit this website:

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- <https://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/schools/high-schools/cvhs/students-parents/positive-behavior/>



Career and  
college planning  
basics:

What are your  
postsecondary  
goals?





Attend a college or university





Find an entry level job







Choose military service





Your counselor can help you explore the options.

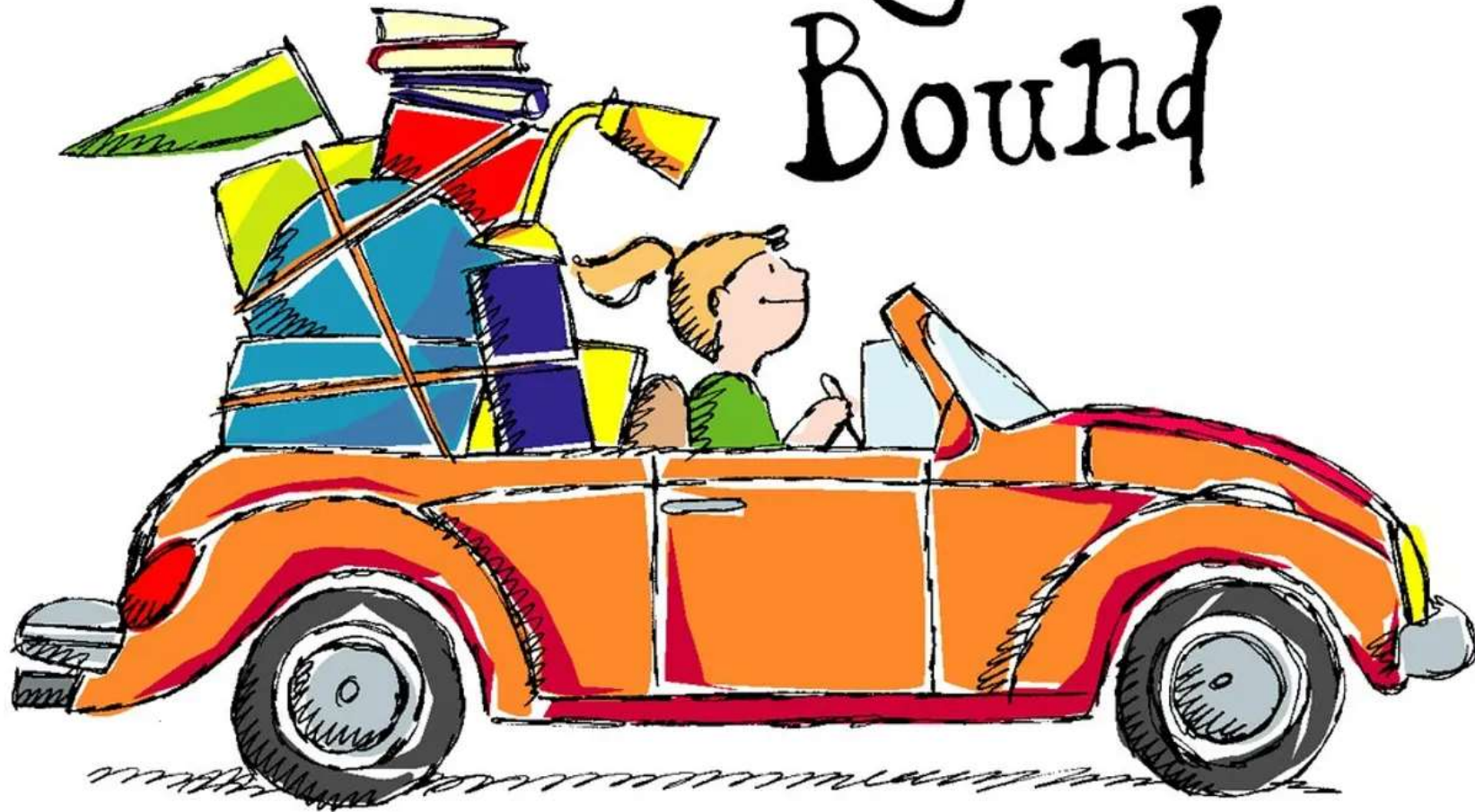




Go to a vocational school or apprenticeship program



# College Bound



# Things to consider when choosing 4-year college?



What major or course of study?



Public or private(independent) college?



Small or large campus?




Urban, suburban, or rural?



Living on campus or commuting from home?



Most important: affordability of tuition/cost?



What about a  
community  
college?

- Transfer to a “4 year” college and save thousands
- Complete an “2 year” degree in a career area
- Earn a certificate for a specific work skill
- Start an apprenticeship

# How to apply for admission to college:

- Apply to 3 to 5 colleges.
- Remember most will have application fees (fee waivers are available students in need)
- Complete the college's online application
- Send your transcript (grades) through Parchment: <http://cvhsguidance.weebly.com/transcripts.html>
- Request to have your official SAT/ACT score sent to the colleges – many are still test optional





When applying, most colleges will look at your GPA, high school courses and test scores.

Some colleges will require these things:



You will apply to most through their website. A few colleges will ask for the Common App and fewer will give you the choice of using the Coalition App

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION



- Always follow “how to apply” info on your college’s admissions website.
- The Common App and Coalition App can be used to apply to several colleges at once.
- Both applications are complicated, and you should do your research before submitting.
- The Common App has a longer track record and is accepted at more schools, if you are trying to decide which one to use.





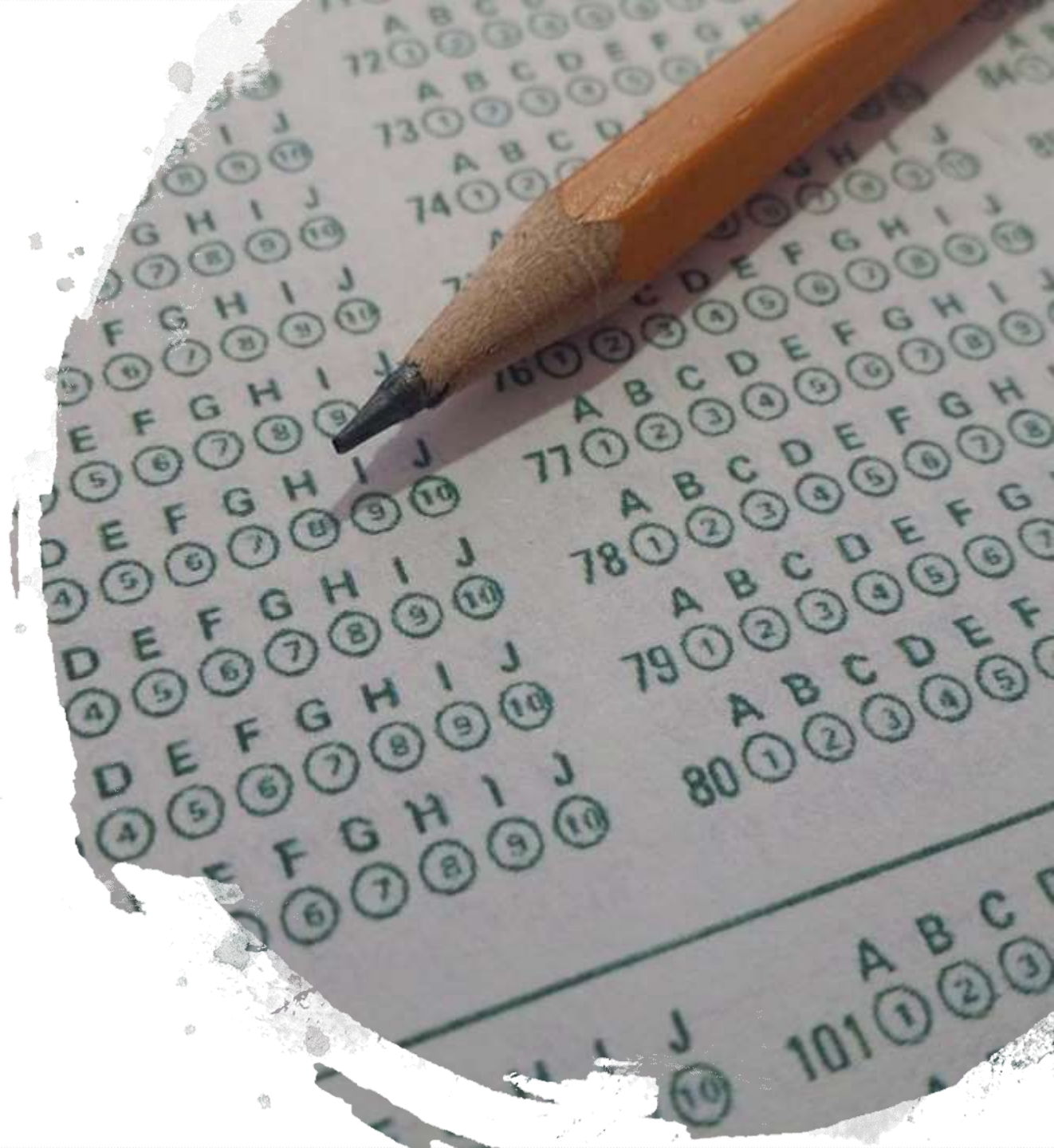
After you apply, the college will need your official high school transcript (grades from CVHS).

Go to **Parchment.com** and set up an account.

There is no fee for this service until after you graduate from CVHS.

# SAT test

- SAT scores are on CollegeBoard.org account
- When applying to college, send official scores from your CollegeBoard.org account. Fees apply.
- Colleges use best score when making decisions.



# SAT

VS

# ACT

## Retaking the SAT? Considering the ACT?

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- Students can use their CollegeBoard.org accounts to find and register for a future SAT date and location.
- Available SAT test centers are difficult to find.
- ACT Test is equally accepted by colleges. Finding a test center and date may be as difficult as finding an SAT but it is another option. Register on [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- AP test scores from previous years should be sent to the college for credit consideration directly from CollegeBoard.org.
- Fees apply to sending score reports so wait to send until after settled on a college in the spring.



College bound athletes need to be up to speed on the requirements of the NCAA and NAIA. Talk to Mr. Merchant in the Counseling Office for help.





# The wait for an admissions decision...

After you apply, one of four things could happen:

1. Admit: you're in and have to figure out how to pay for college.
2. Defer: the college is going to make a decision about you later, usually after you send your 1<sup>st</sup> semester senior grades.
3. Waitlist: the college likes you but does not have space for you and the chances are usually slim.
4. Deny: The college's loss...you will be fine somewhere else.

After submitting your application, make sure to check your admissions account and your email. You will have to make sure the college receives everything they need to make a decision about you, like official SAT scores.



If you are accepted, you have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to commit to attend.

Some colleges may encourage you to send an enrollment deposit to reserve your spot.

**Congratulations!**  
**YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED!**

continue on your path

deposit

**APPROVED**  
**COLLEGE**  
**APPLICATION**

Lunchtime Virtual College Meeting  
with admissions representatives

- We have invited colleges to be available during our lunch period (10:30am until 12pm) Monday-Friday!
- We will post the schedule on weekly newsletter, Schoology, and



Counselors will help you get started on your college/career plans.

- First week of October, your English teacher will bring your class to a presentation.
- While there, Counselors will help you get started on your college applications, order transcripts, and provide career direction.



Financial Aid is available to those who apply and don't miss deadlines.

“Need based financial aid” are loans, work study, and grants.

“Merit based financial aid” is determined by grades, test scores, or athletic (or other) abilities.

The Federal Government and the State of Michigan administer financial aid programs.

The FAFSA application is a must for every student and should be completed by March 1 but sooner is better.

The FAFSA application opens December 1st.

Financial Aid Night will be October 5th at 7PM via Zoom

# Meet Jessie: She started her college plan without considering how much it would cost.

“No one talked to me about whether I could afford college... I knew nothing about money.”



Her story...

College: graduated from La Salle University

Occupation: Sells vacation packages makes \$39,000 a year

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|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                      | <b>\$90,000</b>          | <b>\$900</b>                        |
| <b>Student Loans</b> | <b>REMAINING BALANCE</b> | <b>MONTLY PAYMENT for 10+ years</b> |

Many colleges have scholarship programs to attract students. Begin any scholarship search at the college's website then look for their "Scholarships" or "Financial Aid" pages

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This scholarship money given by the institution is unusually tied to GPA and/or test scores. The higher the numbers the more the offer.

There are strict deadlines for most of these scholarship programs.

If you receive a scholarship from your college, you will have to keep up your grades in college or risk losing the money.

Search for scholarships.

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) &  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) are great  
places to start

Scholarship info will be posted in  
Xello and thru Schoology

*CVHS Community Scholarship  
Program application process begins  
in January.*





# ASVAB Test

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- For students interested in Military Service and/or Career Exploration
- Test is free
- Test Date: 12/7/24 hours 1 & 2
- Sign up in the counseling office
- Interpretation of the results to follow shortly after



# PROM 2024

- ▶ Date: Thursday, May 30th
- ▶ Location: Zuccaro's Banquet Hall
- ▶ Time: 6 - 10PM
- ▶ Cost: TBD
- ▶ Ticket sales will be online through PaySchools. A 2-week period will be open in April.
- ▶ All school rules enforced.
- ▶ No one over 20 years of age is allowed to attend prom.
- ▶ \*More information will come in the spring\*

Official  
Senior  
Apparel  
Class of  
2024

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Class Council is finalizing designs

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Senior Apparel will be sold via Pay Schools must have student ID number to purchase

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Purchasing will open after Homecoming



Cap and gown for the Commencement Ceremony...every student must order a cap and gown from Jostens. Males order Red and Females order White.

Here is the link to the online store:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1063776/Chippe-wa-Valley-High-School/>

The Jostens logo is written in a black, elegant cursive script. The word "Jostens" is written in a flowing, connected style, with a registered trademark symbol (®) at the top right of the final letter. A thick, black, curved underline sweeps beneath the entire word.

# Class of 2024 Senior Yearbook Info

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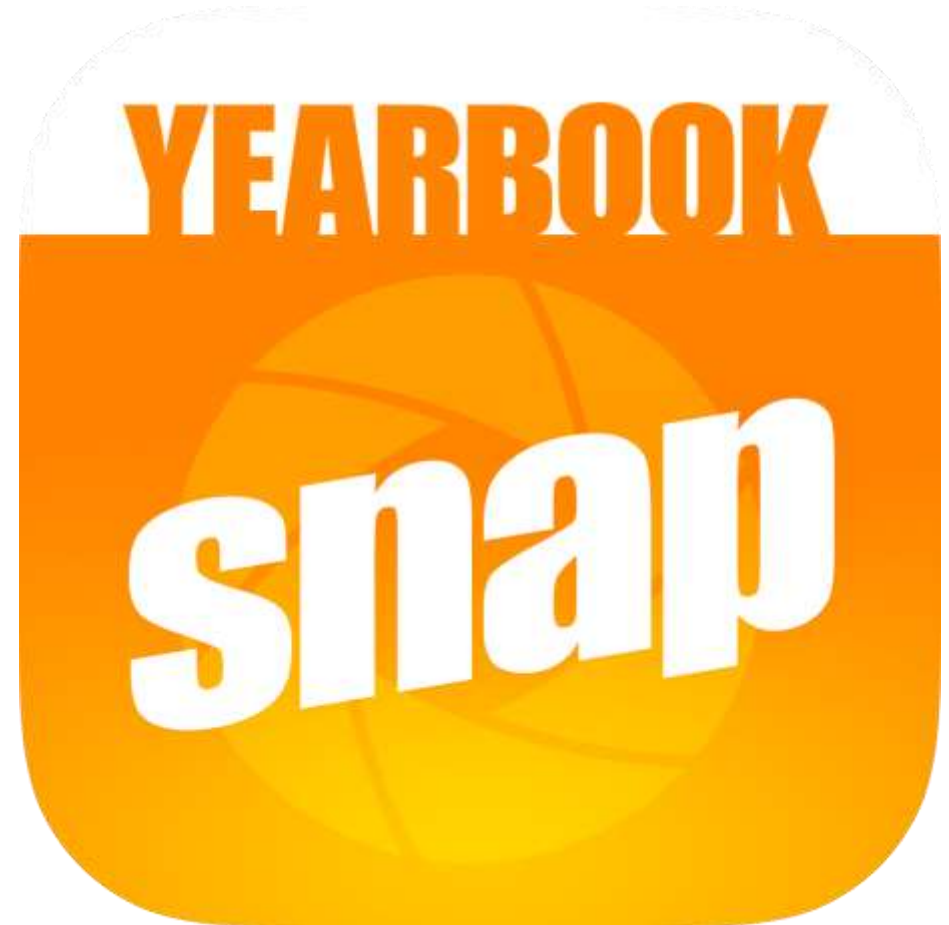
# COMMUNITY UPLOAD

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○ Simply download the **YEARBOOK SNAP** mobile app from the App Store or Google Play, and enter our access code: **bigreds**

OR

- Go to [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) and enter our school name.
- Enter our school name, click on Yearbook Snap and enter our access code: **bigreds**



# YEARBOOK SALES



Currently \$75.00 – going to  
\$85.00 on OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

**THIS IS THE LOWEST PRICE OF THE  
YEAR!!!**

Only pre-ordering yearbooks  
online.

GO TO

**[www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com)**

# YEARBOOK SALES



Get yours now before its too late!

You may feel like you do not want one now, but you may feel differently later, when it is too late.

The past two years we have **SOLD OUT** and were unable to get extra yearbooks for Senior students who want them.

# YEARBOOK - SENIOR TRIBUTES

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If you would like to purchase a tribute for your student, **ALL TRIBUTES MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE.**

Deadline for ALL Senior tributes is December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Go to [yearbookforever.com](https://yearbookforever.com) and reserve your space before it is too late!



# SENIOR PHOTOS

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- WE HAVE A NEW OFFICIAL SENIOR PHOTO PHOTOGRAPHER!
- We are excited to welcome KAISER STUDIO to CVHS!
- ONLY PHOTOS TAKEN BY KAISER STUDIO WILL BE USED IN THE YEARBOOK AND THE COMPOSITE.



*Scan me*



## SENIOR PHOTOS

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- IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD YOUR YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURES TAKEN YET, YOU NEED TO SCHEDULE THAT ASAP.

Scan me



## SENIOR PHOTOS

- BECAUSE OF CURRENT RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITED APPOINTMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE BOOKING INTO NOVEMBER ALREADY.

# FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



CVHS\_\_YEARBOOK

CHIPPEWA VALLEY HIGH  
SCHOOL YEARBOOK



# ANY QUESTIONS?

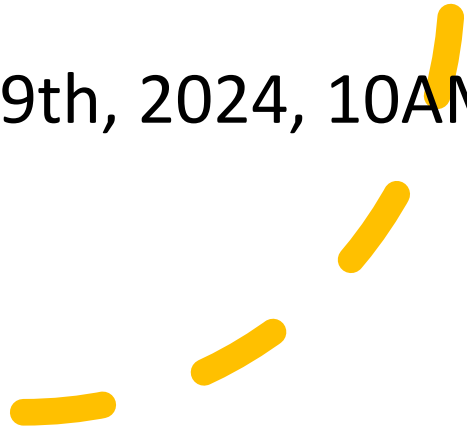
## Contact Mrs. Kiel

[RKIEL@CVS.K12.MI.US](mailto:RKIEL@CVS.K12.MI.US)

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[WWW.CVHSYEARBOOK.WEEBLY.COM](http://WWW.CVHSYEARBOOK.WEEBLY.COM)

# Senior Events from Senior Class Sponsors

- Senior All Night Party (SANP) organizational meeting September 21, 6PM, Media Center
  - Chief of the Valley - December 1st, 6pm, Auditorium
  - Big Red Oscars - March 8th, 5pm, Auditorium
  - Honors Night - May 9th, 7pm, Auditorium
  - Senior's last day of school and the Senior Breakfast - May 24th, 6am, West Lot
  - Senior All-Night Party - TBD
  - Graduation Commencement - June 9th, 2024, 10AM, CVHS Stadium
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Class of 2024...we wish you the

*best year ever*

A decorative graphic featuring the cursive text "best year ever" in a dark grey font. The text is surrounded by a cluster of colorful dots in shades of blue, teal, orange, pink, red, yellow, and green, scattered around the letters.