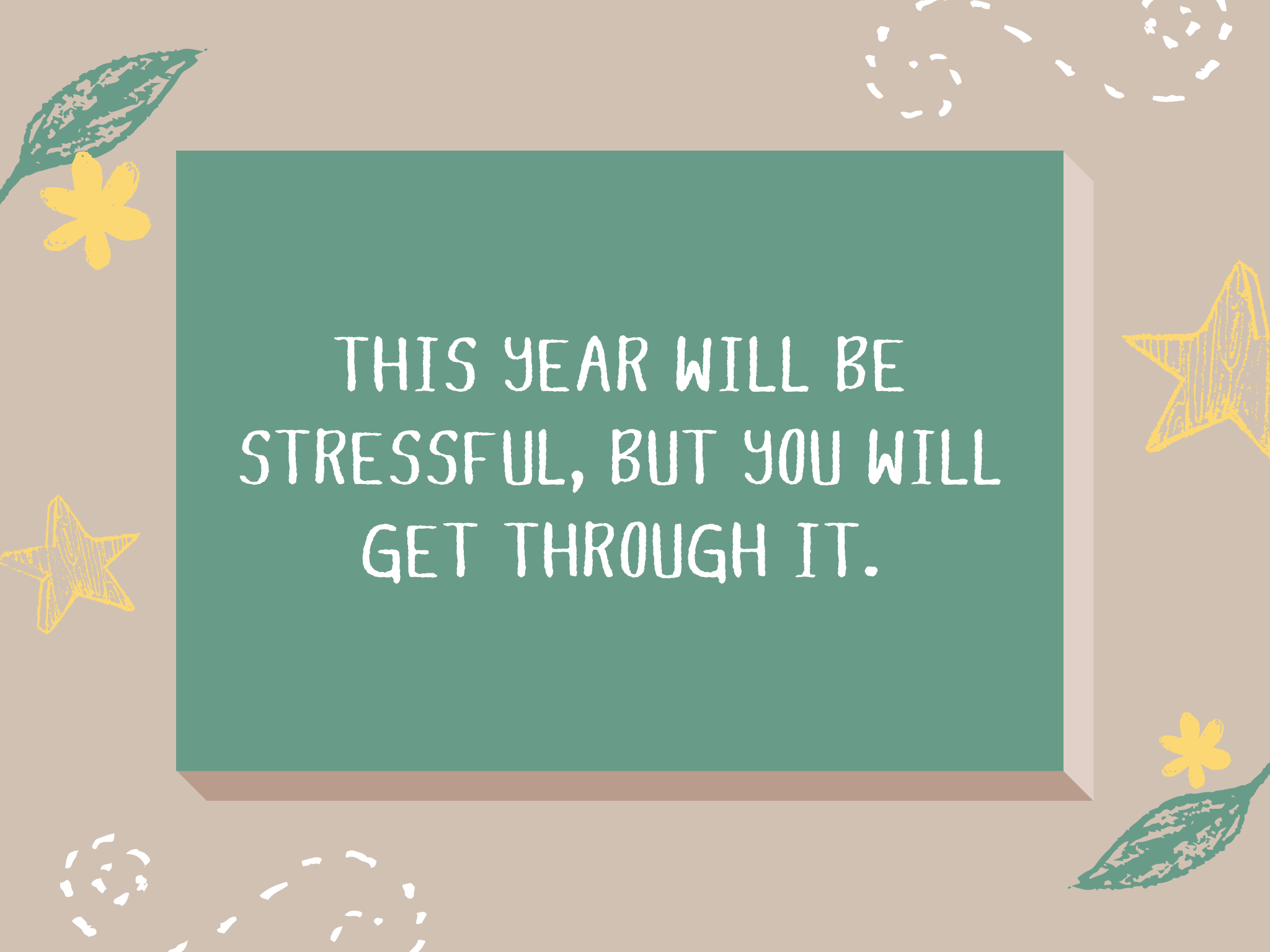
John Burroughs High School

HELP! WHERE DO I BEGIN??

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FIRST, TAKE A DEEP BREATH.




THIS YEAR WILL BE STRESSFUL, BUT YOU WILL GET THROUGH IT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL!

Check out an online interest profiler to get help on what you might be good at or interested in.
https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Complete an online personality test to see what skills you might have!
https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/career-search/career-quiz

WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT MATTER MOST TO ME?

Location? Size of School? Vibe?
Sports or Clubs? Access?
What are non-negotiables for you?



RESEARCH COLLEGES

01 Bigfuture.collegeboard.org

- If you already have a CollegeBoard account, use your log in credentials.
- You can qualify for scholarships every month!
- Search for colleges based on your preferences.

02 College Scorecard

- You can check to see how successful students are at specific campuses.
- See how much debt or income graduates earn.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE

APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN STARTING IN ABOUT DECEMBER AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE END OF YEAR.

In CA, you can get 2 years of college free if you complete the FAFSA/CADAA and enroll full-time. Community college is open to all students - it's not hard to get in!

CAL STATE UNIVERSITIES (CSU)

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- 2.5+ GPA with local area priority
- A-G completion
- No Ds
- Application mainly includes grades
- October 1 - November 30





UNIVERSITY OF CA (UC)

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Average GPAs are much higher
- A-G completion
- No Ds
- Application includes 4 personal insight questions, extracurricular activities, and grades
- October 1 - November 30

COMMON APPLICATION (PRIVATE SCHOOLS)



MANY COLLEGES ARE NOW ON THIS APPLICATION. ONE APPLICATION FOR ALL COLLEGES WITH SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC CAMPUSES.

- Requirements vary by college
- Check deadlines
- Counselor and teacher recommendations required for most colleges
- Personal statement + supplemental essays
- Academic, extracurricular, and leadership information

OTHER OPTIONS

- Gap year
- Military
- Work
- Apprenticeships
- Trades/Technical training (LATTC)



REMEMBER

NOTHING IS FINAL YET!

01 You don't need to make any huge life decisions RIGHT NOW.

02 Keep your options open.

03 Apply broadly.

04 Have a back up plan.

05 Try not to stress!

CPMS AND COUNSELORS ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Do you have any questions for me?