



GETTING READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**YOUR GUIDE TO SENIOR YEAR
CLASS OF 2025**



MEET YOUR COUNSELOR!

MRS. PONTI

LET'S CONNECT!

Answer one of the following questions:

1. Tell me a fun or surprising thing about you.
2. Choose one vacation destination: mountains or beach. Why did you pick that place?
3. What is one of your personal pet peeves?

<https://bit.ly/calvertseniors25>

Link is case sensitive!

SENIOR SURVEY



WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

→ **Make a plan!!**

- Identify colleges, trade schools, etc. that you will apply to
- Research what is required from you
- Research military options and process
- Research job opportunities

WHERE DO I GO NEXT?

College

- Start researching application requirements and deadlines ASAP!
- Common App



WHERE DO I GO NEXT?

Trade School

- Hands-on learning to prepare for a specific job/career
 - Examples: Electrician, carpenter, dental hygienist, phlebotomist, cosmetologist, chef, HVAC technician, mechanic

Unions/Apprenticeship Schools

- Paid on-the-job training & benefits
- Often times have a math & drug test associated with joining
 - Examples: Local 5 – Ironworkers, Local 602 – Steamfitters, Local 10 - Ele



WHERE DO I GO NEXT?



Military

- Meet with recruiter to see what is required
- Take the ASVAB

NEED HELP FIGURING OUT WHERE TO GO NEXT?

Mrs. Boyle, CHS Career Advisor, can help you identify your strengths, interests, and values and how they might match up to future career paths

Make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Boyle:

- <https://bit.ly/CHSBoyle>
- Email: boylem@calvertnet.k12.md.us



College Visits

- Representatives from many different colleges have set up times to meet – just with CHS students!
 - This is a great opportunity to connect with admissions reps – these are the people who will most likely be reviewing your application!
 - Sign up to attend - complete the form by 12 PM the day before to participate in a college visit.
 - On the day of the visit, you will receive a pass to attend.
- Link to College Visit Sign Up Form:
 - <https://bit.ly/calvertcollegevisits>
 - Links are case sensitive!
 - Contact Dr. Perry with questions



Chesapeake College Plan

- Mrs. Kidwell is our CHS representative
- Can help with anything – college search, college applications, scholarships, FAFSA
- Will be at CHS starting in late September
- Can meet for group sessions during lunch or for individual sessions
- Email: collegeplan.mk@gmail.com or see your counselor for a referral



The image shows two yellow pencils. The top pencil has 'or SAT' written on it in blue, and the bottom pencil has 'ACT' written on it in blue. The background is a blurred blue and white pattern.

SAT & ACT

- Scores should be ready to send out with your applications
- If you feel that you may qualify for a fee waiver, please reach out to your counselor.
- Next SAT deadline: September 20 for October test
 - October 18 for November test
- Next ACT deadline: September 20 for October test
 - November 8 for December test
- Many colleges have made SAT/ACT scores **OPTIONAL**, but you may still need it to be considered for scholarships. Check on this!
- When sending scores, see how the college wants them – self reported or sent directly from the testing agency!



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Most college applications require AT LEAST one recommendation – from a teacher, counselor or coach
 - **NOTE: CSM does NOT require letters of recommendation for admission**
- **ASK EARLY!**
 - Give your recommender time to give you their best recommendation
- Use Request for Recommendation form
 - Available on Schoology and will be emailed to you
 - Can also download it: <https://bit.ly/calvertdocrequests>
 - It's a Word document – you can type right in the document, save it, and then email it to the person you are asking to write the letter

TRANSCRIPTS

- Your transcript lists all the high school courses you have ever taken (including any middle school courses you took for high school credit, like Spanish, Intro to Engineering or Algebra 1/Geometry)
- Includes FINAL end-of-year grades for each of your courses (not current or report card grades, although we will include a current copy of your senior year report card if you request after the first quarter)
- Includes GPA and class rank



TRANSCRIPTS

- Request your transcript from your counselor by using Transcript Request form (this is available on Schoology, online at bit.ly/calvertdocrequests and will also be emailed to you)
- One form per college (unless you are using the Common App)
- If transcript needs to be mailed, you will need to pick up your transcript from the CHS counseling office and mail it on your own.
- BE MINDFUL OF DEADLINES!!
- Request **AT LEAST** 10 school days before the deadline!



TRANSCRIPTS

→ Our transcript request form is a fillable PDF, so you can type right in the form, **SAVE IT**, and then email it to Mrs. Ponti

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM, SAVE IT, AND EMAIL IT TO YOUR COUNSELOR!



REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Student Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Transcript Recipient: _____
(Name of college, scholarship, organization, military personnel, company, etc.)

Transcript must be received by (deadline date): _____
REMEMBER TO ALLOW AT LEAST 10 SCHOOL DAYS FOR YOUR TRANSCRIPT REQUEST TO BE PROCESSED!

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Do you need anything additional included with your transcript?

A transcript includes your transcript from grades 9 – 12, most current report card, and school profile.

*Should a copy of your counselor recommendation be included? YES NO

*If yes, have you provided your counselor with a copy of your completed Request for Recommendation form? YES NO

*Is a counselor form required to be completed by your counselor? YES NO

*If yes, please email your counselor a blank copy of the form. **BE SURE TO COMPLETE ANY PORTION THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE FILLED OUT BY YOU.**

How does your transcript need to be sent? (Check one option)

MAILED (You are responsible for mailing your transcript to the recipient. We will provide a transcript in a sealed envelope and give it back to you so that you can mail it).

YOUR TRANSCRIPT WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP NO LATER THAN 10 SCHOOL DAYS FROM THE DAY YOUR TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM WAS RECEIVED BY YOUR COUNSELOR. BE MINDFUL OF POSTMARK/DEADLINE DATES.

SUBMITTED ONLINE

Select the online program you are using:

- Common App
- Standout College Admissions
- Send EDU / Parchment
- Common Black College Application

EMAILED We can send you a copy to your personal email address, but know that it will be considered an unofficial copy. Typically, colleges, scholarship representatives, military representatives will want an official copy emailed directly from your counselor.

Name of transcript recipient: _____

Email address of transcript recipient: _____

I WILL PICK UP A COPY (For use with scholarship applications, to be hand carried to a representative, etc.)

THIS SECTION IS FOR COUNSELOR USE ONLY

Date Request Received: _____ Date submitted or ready for pickup: _____

Items included: Transcript School Profile Other: _____
 Report Card Letter of Recommendation

IF PICKED UP, date and student initials: _____

DEADLINES & REQUIREMENTS

- Be aware of deadlines and expectations to be sure that you can turn in all required information on time!
- Colleges will NOT accept late applications!
- Get organized and know what is expected of you
- **You CAN turn in transcript requests and recommendations early!**





SCHOLARSHIPS

- FREE MONEY! (but you have to apply!)
- View CCPS Scholarship List
 - <https://bit.ly/ccpsscholarships>
- FAFSA (can fill out starting in December) to get money from your school

CSM PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

- Scholarship of up to \$5,000 just for CSM
- Income requirements; GPA minimum 2.3
- **Must complete FAFSA ASAP after December and send results to CSM**
- Also must complete application on MDCAPS account
- Money is limited – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!



TYPES OF COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Common App
- Common Black College Application



GET EDUCated!



EDU, Inc.

COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APPLICATION

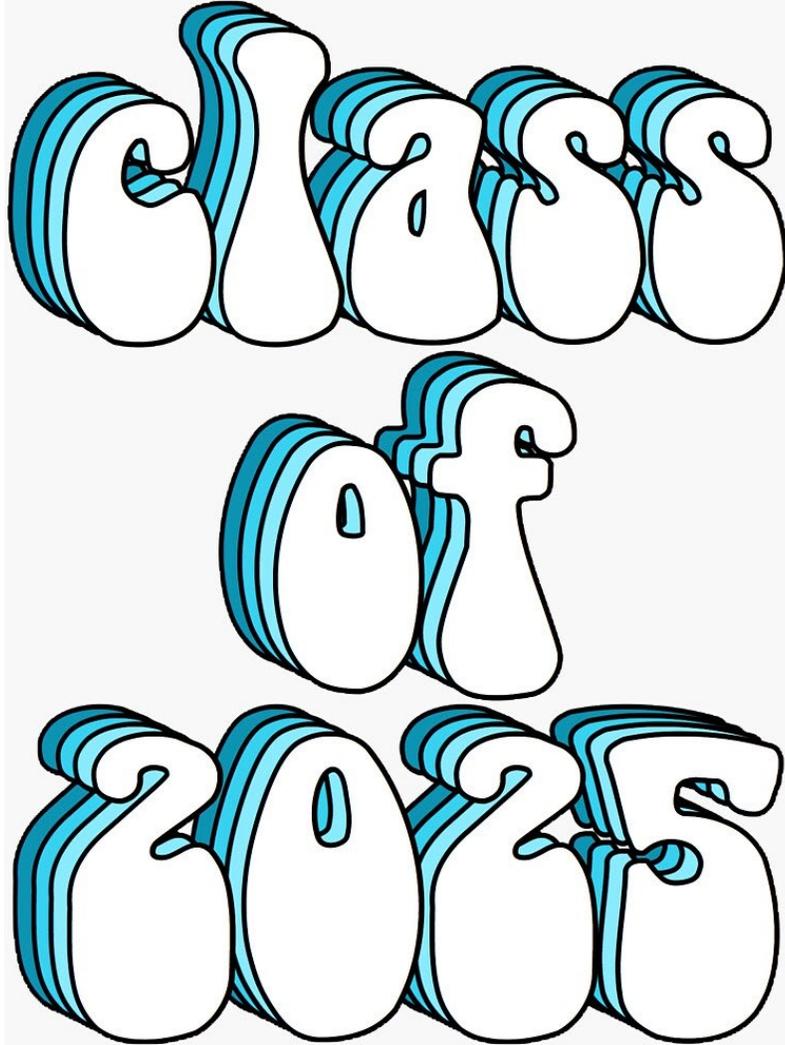
COLLEGE APPLICATION FEES

- Expect to pay anywhere from \$35 - \$90 per college for application fee
- Your counselor may also be able to help with application fee waivers if you are on free or reduced lunch or have extenuating financial circumstances at home
- See your counselor for directions on how to access these

REGISTERING WITH NCAA

- If you plan to play a college sport at the Division 1 or Division 2 level, you will need to register with NCAA
- See Mr. Cranford or me for more information on how to do this





SENIOR UPDATES

→ 2 ways to receive important information from CHS

Guidance:

1. Check your school email DAILY!
2. Follow us on social media:
 - Instagram:
[@CalvertHSCounselors](#)

SENIOR CELEBRATIONS



- WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS! 😊
- Turn in acceptance letters so we can celebrate and put you up on the Senior Celebrations wall (across from the main office) AND the virtual Senior Celebrations page (posted on Schoology!)

ADVICE TO LIVE BY!

- **Put your blinders on!** Stay focused on YOUR process, not your friends and what they are doing!
- **Put the work in!** The process of figuring out what to do after graduation isn't easy or simple – it's going to require you to pull up your sleeves and put in some work.
- **Stay organized and know your deadlines!** Stress can be avoided if you know what's expected of you by when. It's your responsibility (not your parent's or your counselor's!) to know what is required of you. Don't miss out!
- **Follow up!** Some colleges will email you with additional instructions after you submit your application. Keep an eye out for this so you don't miss anything!

SENATE PAGE PROGRAM

- Are you interested in government and politics?
- Do you want to know how State government works?
- Do you want to boost your resume?

- Apply for Senate Page program!
- Be a student helper in the MD House & Senate from January – April 2025
- Contact Dr. Perry for more information

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



- Classes
- Attendance!!!!
- Service learning hours
- State tests (HSA/PARCC/MCAP, etc)

- **Make sure you are meeting all your requirements – your graduation depends on it!**

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?



- Don't stress – while this is your first time going through this, I help seniors out with this process every year and have done it plenty of times before!
- I am planning on meeting with every senior by Halloween.
- If you'd like to pick your time to meet with me, schedule an appointment