



THE SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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*** ATTENTION SENIORS ***

If you are going to college, your parents need to do the Free Application Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov.

Senior Yearbook Portraits

Due December 22, 2023

Requirements:

- *Formal head and shoulder portrait
- *Formal attire recommended but not required
- *Background color "Moonlight Blue"
- *May NOT include hats, props, cap, gown, full body

3 ways to submit:

1. Have your photo taken by Upstate Images (**THERE IS NO COST FOR THE BASIC YEARBOOK PICTURE**). They will send in your photo to the yearbook for you. (If you plan on using another photographer, the pictures need to be high resolution digital format, of professional quality and meet the requirements above).
2. Email your photo to Ms. Krawczy at kkrawczy@cvcasd.stier.org (Include student's first and last name in email)
3. Upload the photo to <https://cvwarriorsyearbook.com>

\$\$SCHOLARSHIPS\$

See Mrs. Petersen in the Guidance Office for applications.

***Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship** is offered to graduating seniors who meet eligibility and service requirements. See application or go to www.nrotc.navy.mil for more information and how to apply.
Application deadline is December 31, 2023

***The GHS Federal Credit Union Scholarship** is available to high school seniors who are members of the credit union and plan to attend a 2- or 4-year accredited educational institution or a vocational/trade school for the first time in the fall of 2024. Please go to <https://www.GHSFCU.com/scholarship>
Applications need to be submitted to your credit union by January 5, 2024

***The Port Crane Youth and Civic Association Scholarship** is available to seniors entering college, trade school, the military or the workforce who have participated in PCY&CA or is currently living in the Port Crane area.
Applications must be returned to the Guidance Office by April 19, 2024

Please feel free to contact your senior's counselor at 762-6918 regarding academic progress, future plans and any other issues related to the senior year.

7 Common Mistakes Students Make on their College Applications

Abby Siegel, a College Entrance Consultant with 24 years experience recently listed the 7 common mistakes students make on their college applications. Here is a summary:

1. Using generic reasons for picking a college: Students shouldn't say they want to go to a particular school because of classroom size or teacher-student ratios. That answer is too generic because there are plenty of colleges with small classroom sizes. They should really investigate something unique they like about the school and express that in the admissions essay.
2. Forgetting to proofread: This is self-explanatory. Grammar errors and misspellings can quickly move student's application to the rejected pile.
3. Missing the opportunity to fully explain extracurricular activities: The activity section of the Common Application is limited with only a certain number of characters allowed. Students shouldn't miss the opportunity to talk about all their extracurricular activities, despite this limitation. They should utilize the "additional information" section to finish anything that didn't fit in the activity section.
4. Sending in low test scores, even if the school doesn't require them: Not all schools require you to send standardized test scores; many are "test optional" now. If your student's scores aren't the best, it is OK to leave them off.
5. Applying on the day the application is due: It is highly recommended that students send in their applications prior to the deadline. Colleges track when students send applications, and it reflects negatively when they send in their applications the day they are due. Siegel says that applying on the day the application is due may indicate to admissions officers that students are lazy or that the school you are applying isn't their first choice.
6. Neglecting to show an interest in the college beyond the application: Colleges have started to look in other areas to prove the demonstrated interest of applicants, including looking at students' social media pages. They notice when students "like" their Facebook page and follow them on Twitter and Instagram.
7. Requesting teacher recommendations at the last minute: Students should give adequate time for teacher recommendations. Siegel recommends asking a teacher in spring of a student's junior year, and then following up as soon as school starts senior year, if that time has passed talk to teachers as soon as possible.