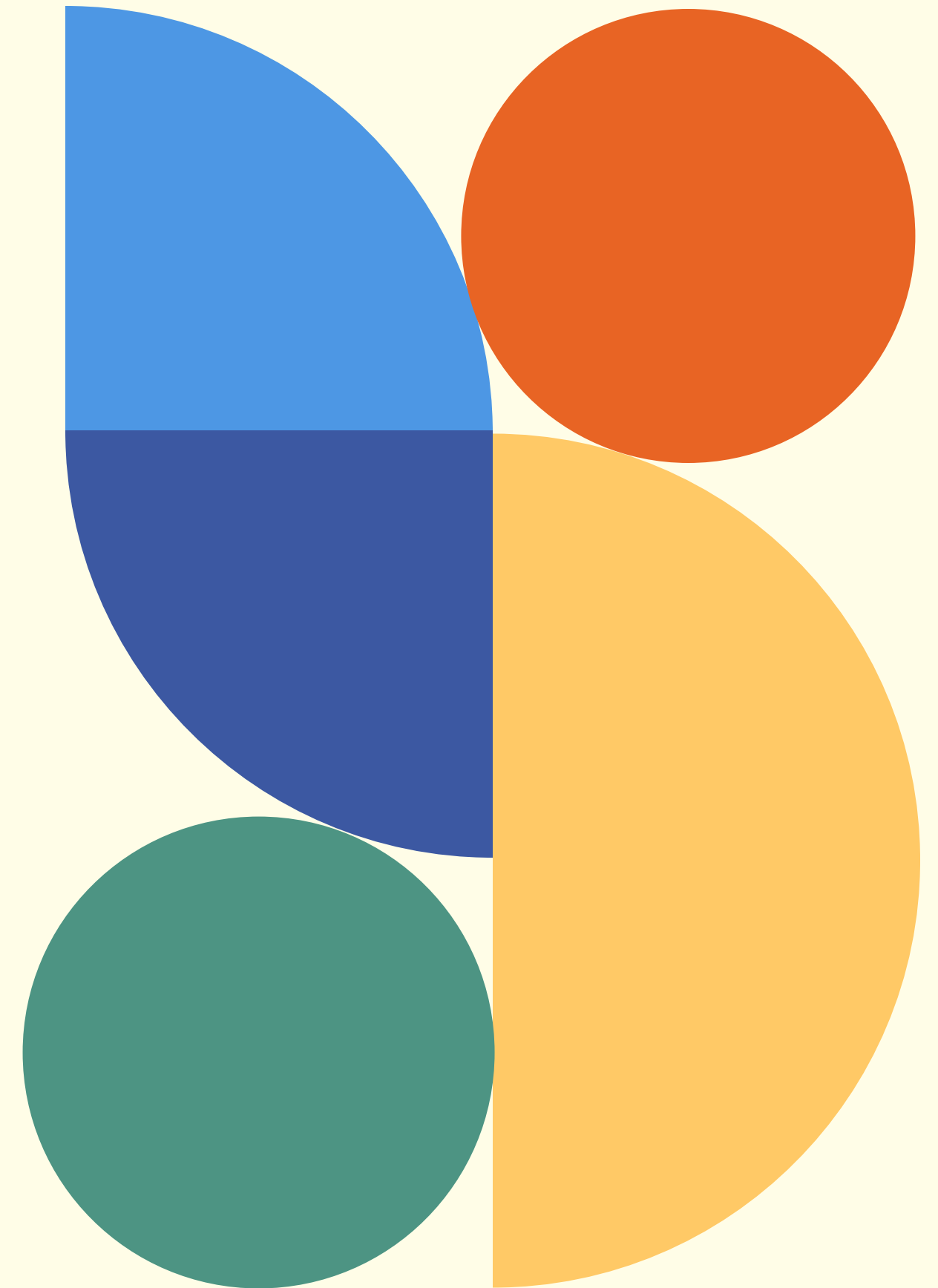


# Junior Planning Day

What should I be doing during junior year to prepare for what comes after high school?



# Agenda

**01**

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What to take  
from today's  
college fair.

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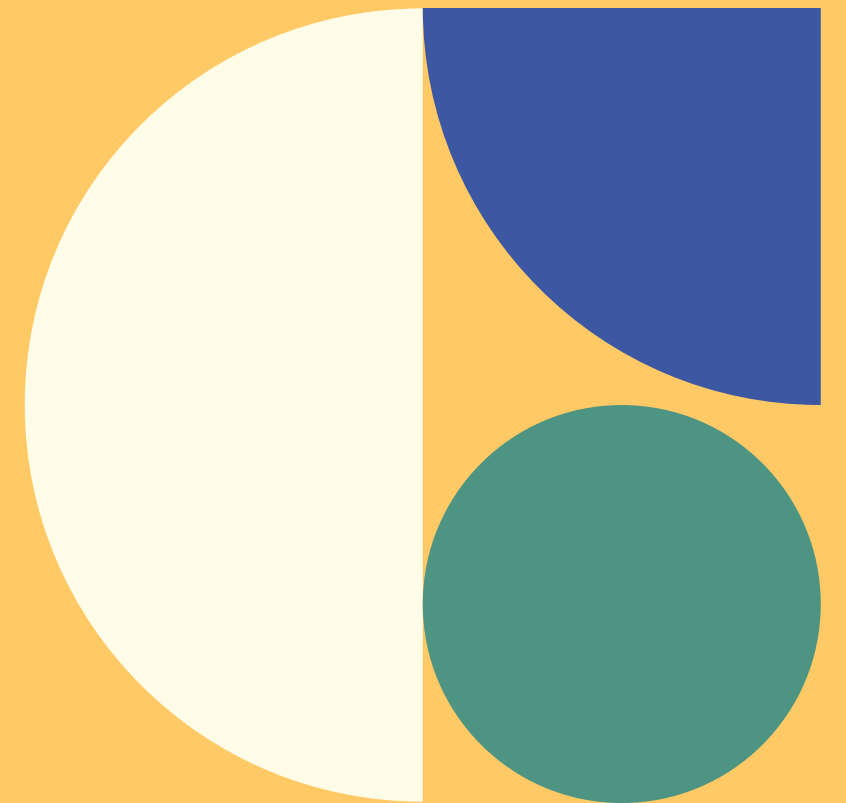
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Postsecondary  
Options

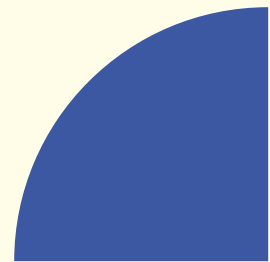
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College  
Considerations



# What to do with what you learned from the college fair:



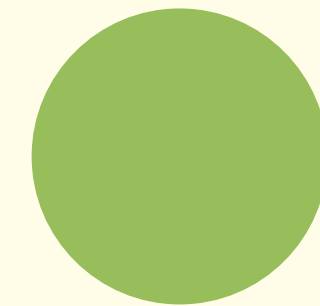
## **Follow up with schools you're interested in**

- Research the site
- Contact the rep with any questions
- Set up a tour
- Go to the college visits when they come to OGHS



## **Beware of mail**

- It's okay to throw the mail and delete the emails of the schools you aren't interested in



## **Start the conversation**

- Start discussing and planning with the adults in your life
- If you know of anyone who has attended the school, ask for their input!

# Junior Year



- Focus on doing well in your classes
- Audit your transcript for graduation, scholarships, NCAA, and postsecondary requirements
- Stay active and engaged in extracurricular activities (take on leadership roles if appropriate)
- Express continued interest in postsecondary
- Develop a well rounded list of postsecondary options with reach, target, and safety schools

- **A “safety” school is one which the student’s credentials are within a range above what the college is looking.**
- **A “target” school is one which the student’s credentials are within a range above or below what the college is looking.**
- **A “reach” school is one which the student’s credentials are below what the college is looking. Ivy League schools are reaching schools for all applicants, as their applicant pool is made up of top students from all over the country and the world.**



# Postsecondary Options

The world is changing and every student should consider the best fit for them based on career goals, learning methods, etc. This decision is unique to you, so try not to fall into the "comparison trap"

## Gap Year

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- [What is a Gap Year?](#)
- [Why take a gap year?](#)
- [2021-22 Options](#)
- Internship
- Travel Programs
- Online Programs
- Work

## World of Work

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- [Internships vs. Apprenticeships](#)
- On-the-job training

## Armed Forces

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- [Military Academies](#)
- [Active Duty vs. Reserve](#)
- Army National Guard  
(605) 939-1519
- Air National Guard  
(605) 988-5700

## Technical/Trade School

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- Affordable
- Fast Programs
- High Earning Potential
- Job Security
- [Southeast Tech](#)
- [Lake Area Tech](#)

## Bachelor Program

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- [SD Schools](#)
- [SDMyLife](#)  
Username:  
SD-  
Password:  
MMDDYYYY

# Finding a good fit.



- Type:
  - Public or private
  - Liberal arts/pre-professional/research university
- Philosophy:
  - Traditional or experimental
  - Career-oriented or primarily scholarly
- Size
- Location:
  - Distance from home
  - Setting
  - Climate
  - Activities nearby
- Facilities:
  - Academic and athletic
- Academic Life:
  - Curriculum, faculty, class size, atmosphere, programs
- Students
  - Composition and community
- Affordability
- Feel\*\*\*

# ACT

- ACT Prep Course
- Methodize Test Prep
- October, April, and June dates at OGHS
- Put OGHS in during registration
- Put NCAA/NAIA when putting where you want scores sent.

# SAT

Offered at Lincoln

# ASVAB

- During senior year for students wanting to pursue the military

# Accuplacer

- For students wanting to pursue technical school

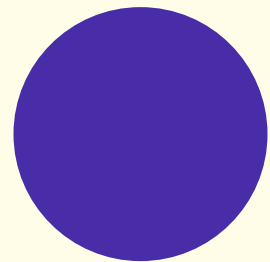
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# Postsecondary Testing

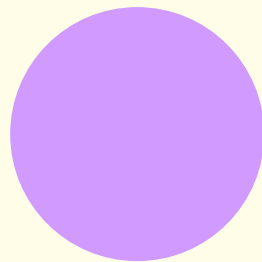


# How we communicate

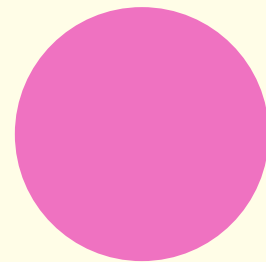
Here are a few ways to stay up-to-date with all counseling resources.



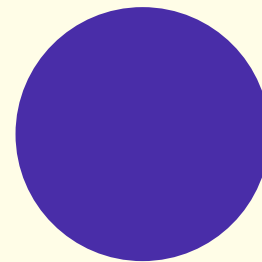
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(Campus visits,  
upcoming events)



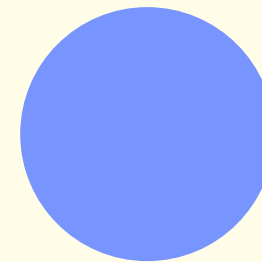
Class of 2024  
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Classroom



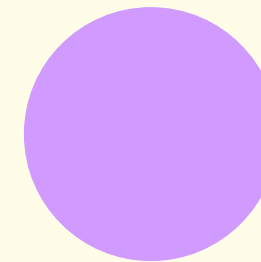
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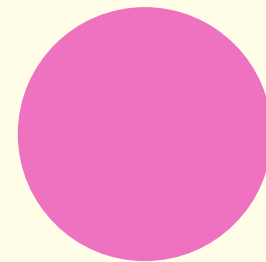
Weekly Updates  
from Mrs.  
Mahoney



Email



In-person  
(Stop in to Mrs.  
Hefner to make  
appointment)



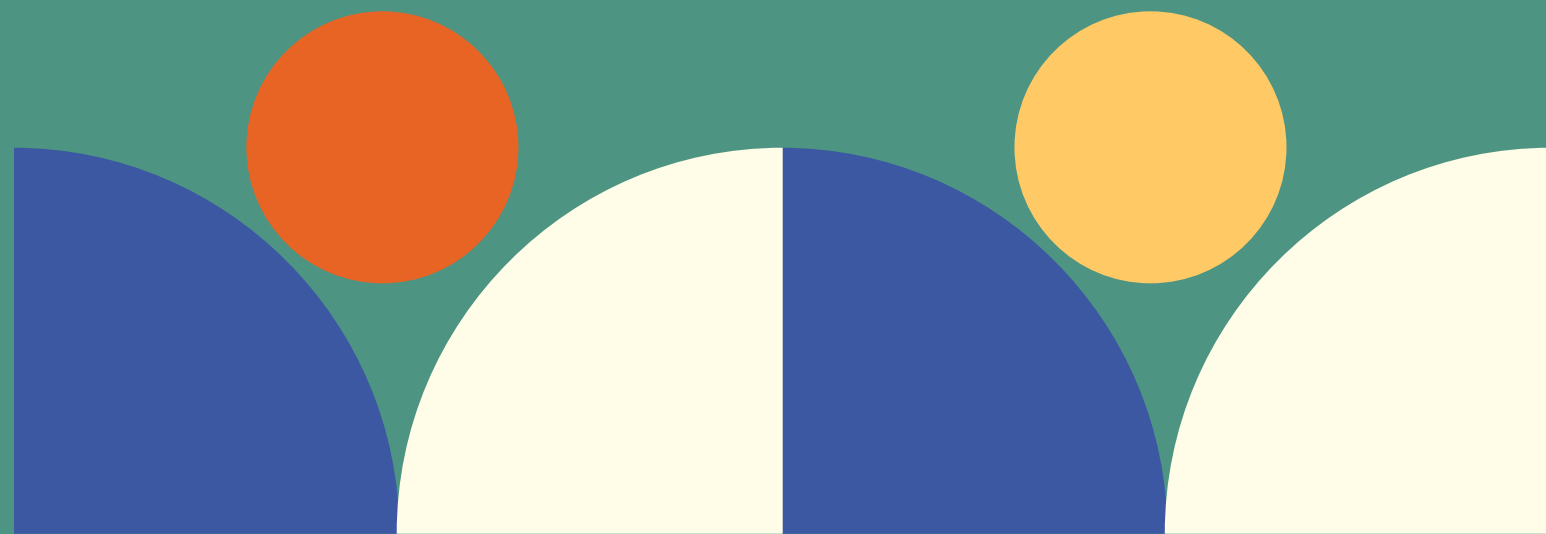
Peer Relations  
Reporting Tool  
(Anonymous)

sdmylife.com

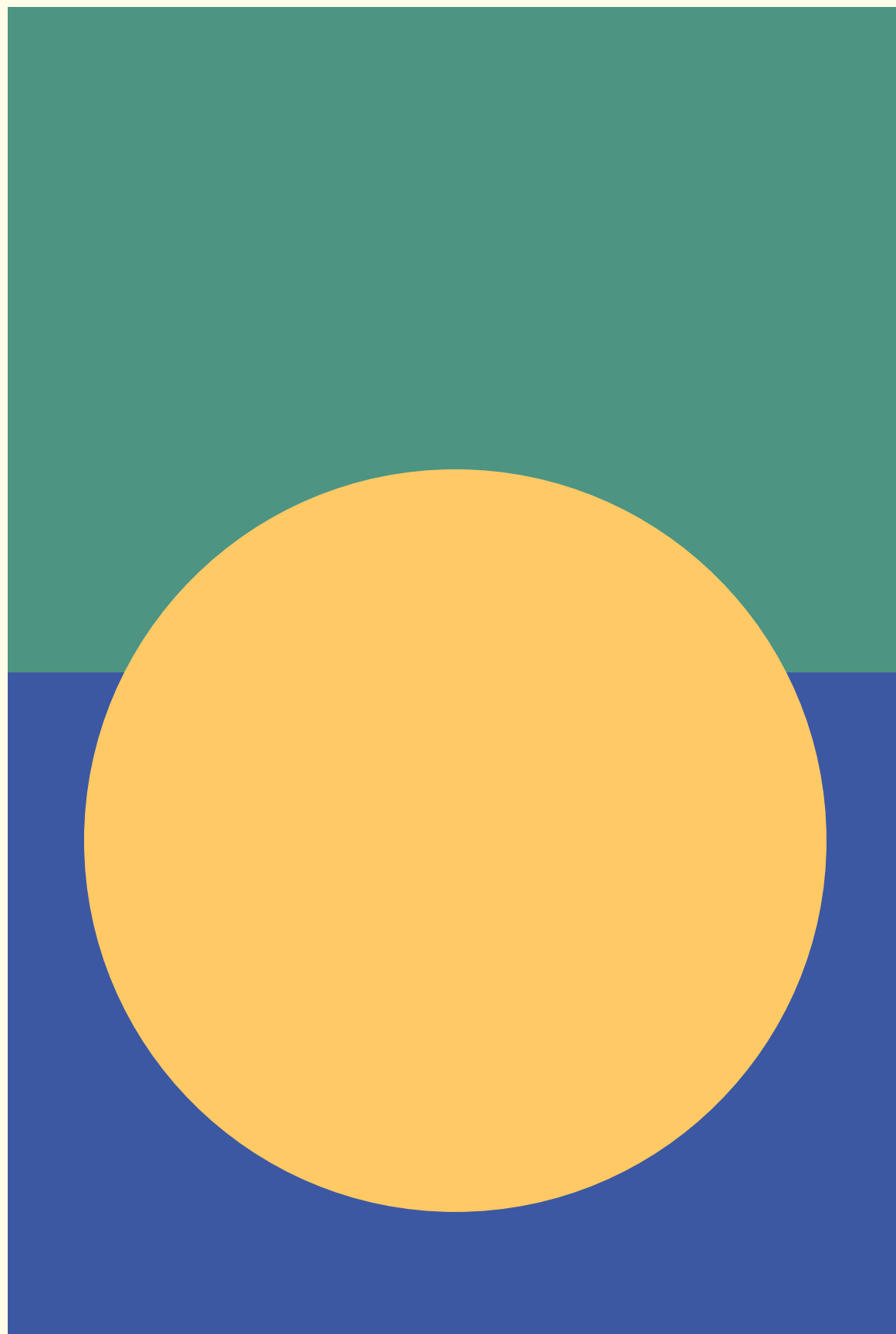


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# Make Summer Count!



Explore summer opportunities and take advantage of the time! Volunteer, shadow someone in an area of interest, take classes, or get a job.



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