

August 22, 2023

Dear Parents of the Class of 2024,

Graduation Day for Class of 2023 has come and gone! So, it is now time to turn thoughts to the Senior year for the Class of 2024. The year has flown by, and this time next year you will be saying the same thing about your own senior as they are heading on to their next big adventure. In this letter you will find a plethora of information, so keep it handy and refer to it often as it should answer at least some of your questions.

Please call the office of admissions of the colleges/universities to schedule a visit. While Clemson and Carolina remain our more popular choices, South Carolina has many other wonderful public and private schools - all within a day's journey from Orangeburg. These schools would love to take you on a tour and show off what they are best known for and don't forget to make an appointment with the Office of Financial Aid. It is amazing what these schools can offer in the way of scholarships. We cannot emphasize enough how important the school visit is. Putting a face with an application can make a world of difference to college admissions counselors. Seniors do have two "college cut" days for school visits, provided official documentation from the Office of Admissions is presented within two days upon return to school.

There is no doubt that senior year can be quite expensive, and we wanted to give you a "heads up" about what to expect. Below please find a calendar of events that may be helpful in planning for next year.

- August:
- *Senior Parent Orientation
 - *Dual credit books purchased before classes begin
 - *AP Exam fees for those taking AP Courses
 - *Back to school picnic for Seniors
 - *Take SAT
 - * Sports banner pictures (\$60)
- September:
- *College Applications (fee varies from school to school)
 - *Take College visit
 - *SAT/ACT application fee
 - *Senior Class Trip deposit (\$250 – Non-refundable PAID TO KELLY TOURS!)
- Reminders will be sent out periodically.
- October:
- *Yearbook Ads for Seniors (cost depends on size of ad)
 - *Homecoming (Senior football players and escorts)
 - *Halloween Carnival Haunted House/Halloween Costume
 - *College applications (fee varies from school to school)
 - *Take College visit

- November
 - *Take SAT/ACT/application fee
 - *Senior Class BBQ (10-20 tickets to sell)
 - *College Applications (fee varies from school to school)
 - *SAT/ACT application fee
 - *Take College visit

- December:
 - *SAT/ACT application fee

- January:
 - *Dual credit books purchased for Second Semester
 - *Order Graduation accessories (at the least \$30 minimum - for cap and gown)

- February:
 - *Parent Meeting for Senior Class Trip information (Date TBD)
 - *Clothes- for Senior Class Trip

- March:
 - *Senior Class Trip (March 4-8, 2024) - spending \$\$ for non-inclusive items
 - *Junior-Senior Prom (April 12, 2024)

- April:
 - *Spring Break (April 1-5, 2024)
 - *Graduation accessories arrive (balance due depends upon individual orders)

- May:
 - *All tuition and 2nd semester fees/obligations fulfilled before Senior exams can be taken or participation in Graduation and Baccalaureate
 - *Baccalaureate/Graduation (volunteers to help with flower costs)
 - *Graduation pictures (in years past - approximately \$25 for basic package)
 - *End of year picnic for Seniors and parents – Hosted by the Meyers
 - *OC Tech transcripts sent to colleges (\$5.00) (Seniors are responsible for requesting)

We know senior year can be a bit overwhelming for both students and parents, and we hope that this letter will give you a better overview. We ask that you check your e-mail often and read anything that is addressed to senior parents as we do communicate through e-mail concerning senior issues. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have concerns and/or questions. We are looking forward to a great 2023-24 school year!

Sincerely,

Megan Dangerfield
Senior Class Sponsor