



August

- August 15, 2025, 7:00 am - Senior Sunrise Gathering
- August 15, 2025, 7:50 am - Senior Playground Photo
- August 24, 2025, 3:00 pm - Senior Blessing Ceremony
- August 25, 2025 - Meeting with Jostons, Homeroom, Auditorium
- Scoir: Take your *Principles You* and *Career Interest* Assessments
- Scoir: Review Scout's Guide to The Common App®
- Scoir: Update your Scoir profile
- Create a Common App account <https://www.commonapp.org/> (List Ms. Powers as your Counselor.)
- ***Commemorative HCA Brick order form. (Due 3/7/25)

September

- September 5, 2025 - Baby Crusader Photo Due
- September 10, 2025 - Senior Superlative Voting (Homeroom)
- September 22, 2025 - Senior Superlative Photos Week
- September 29, 2025 - Senior Superlative Photos Week
- September 29, 2025 - Senior Portrait Make-up and Retakes
- Visit your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate.
- Plan to visit college campuses (if possible). (2 days in the fall)
- Scoir: Explore virtual College Sessions and CampusReel.
- Narrow down your list of colleges.
- Scoir: Within My Colleges, move colleges from Following to Applying and Applied.

October

- October 1, 2025 - the FAFSA 2026-2026 (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens. File the form as soon after Oct. 1 as possible. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- October 21-24, 2025 - Homecoming Week
- October 14, 2025, 8:00 am - ACT at HCA. ALL seniors are required to take this.
- October 20-26, 2025 - College Application Week (when many NC colleges have free applications) <https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college>
- October 31, 2025 - Yearbook Business Ad Contracts & Money Due
- October 2025 - Mandatory Jostens Informational Meeting (Homeroom)
- October 2025 -Jostens orders due (Homeroom)
- Watch the mail for your Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Finalize your college essay.
- Request personal recommendations from teachers, school counselors, or employers.
- Research the possibilities of scholarships.
- Submit scholarship award letters for all colleges and universities (This will be an ongoing process).

November

- November 17 and 19, 2025 - Senior + Kindergarten Play Dates Homeroom
- November 21, 2025, Senior Portrait Page Photos & Form Due
- Finalize and send any early decisions or early action apps.

- If you choose to report your ACT, AP, and SAT scores, make your request at <https://www.act.org/> or <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

December

- Begin to organize regular decision applications and financial aid forms.
- Register for the January SAT (If needed). It is the last one colleges can consider for a senior.

January

- January 9, 2026 - Miss Crusader
- January 16, 2026 - Pinkout Night
- If necessary, register for the February ACT and the March SAT (some colleges will be able to consider it).
- Scoir: Within My Colleges, move colleges from Applied to Accepted

February

- No Senioritis! The college that you attend will want to see your second-semester transcript.

March

- March 3, 2026 - Cap & Gown Pictures. 8:30 am, Founder's Hall, (individual and group)
- March 12, 2026, 1:05 pm - SR Beta Graduate Recognition Ceremony
- March 7, 2026 - Commemorative HCA Brick order form due/ Submit Class Gift ideas to your Class President
- March 14, 2026 - Mandatory HR meeting to discuss Class Songs & Senior Celebration Video

April

- April 3, 2026 - Senior Spotlight Google Form Due
- April 24, 2026, 6:00 pm - HCA Prom

May

- May 1, 2026- Most colleges require a commitment and deposit. Accept financial aid offers.
- May 1, 2026, 8:00 am - Field Day and Senior Lunch
- May 13, 2026, 1:05 pm - Senior Celebration and Walk
- May 12, 2026 - 1:30 pm - Upper School Academic Awards
- May 11, 2026, Homeroom - **Mandatory** Baccalaureate Practice #1
- May 14, 2026, 6:00 pm - JV & Varsity Athletic Awards
- May 15, 2026, Homeroom - **Mandatory** Baccalaureate Practice #2
- May 17, 2026, 3:00 pm - Baccalaureate for the HCA Class of 2026
- May 19, 2026, 1:00 pm - **Mandatory** Graduation Practice 1
- May 20, 2026, 7:00 pm - Senior Sunset Gathering
- May 21, 2026, 9:30 am - **Mandatory** Graduation Practice 2
- May 21, 2026, 7:00 pm - Graduation for the HCA Class of 2026
- All students who took dual enrollment classes must request transcripts to be sent to the colleges they plan to attend. Here is the link to request transcripts: <https://tsorder.studentclearinghouse.org/school/select>. Make sure that you request a Curriculum Transcript.

July - August after Senior Year

- Read all mailings from your college carefully**
- Often important registration and housing materials are sent in the summer.
- Register for your classes as soon as possible.
- Please go to AP Central to request that AP scores be sent to the college you plan to attend.