

August 10, 2021

Dear Parents of the Class of 2022,

Graduation Day for Class of 2021 has come and gone! So, it is now time to turn thoughts to the Senior year for the Class of 2022. 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 during the fall semester for school visits, provided official documentation from the Office of Admissions is presented within two days upon return to school.

Seniors just had a meeting with OC Tech about Dual Credit and learned there D2L accounts should be ready for them to log in. It is important to remember that since they are taking classes other than just English 101 on our campus that classes start August 16. We talked to the students about this as well.

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
- *Yearbook Ads for Seniors (cost depends on size of ad)
- *Take SAT

September:

- *College Applications (fee varies from school to school)
- *Take College visit
- *SAT/ACT application fee
- *Senior Class Trip deposit (\$200 – Non-refundable PAID TO KELLY TOURS!)

Reminders will be sent out periodically.

- October: *Homecoming (Senior football players and escorts)
 *Halloween Carnival Haunted House/Halloween Costume
 *College applications (fee varies from school to school)
 *Take College visit
 *Take SAT/ACT/application fee
- November *Senior Class BBQ (10-20 tickets to sell at approximately \$12.00 each)
 *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)
 *Winter clothes for Senior Class Trip while on sale (**boys will need coat and tie**)
- February: *Parent Meeting for Senior Class Trip information (Date TBD)
 *Clothes- for Senior Class Trip (**boys will need coat and tie**)
- March: *Senior Class Trip (March 7 - 11, 2022) - spending \$\$ for non-inclusive items
 *Junior-Senior Prom (March 22, 2022)
- April: *Spring Break (April 15-22, 2022)
 *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 (flowers)
 *Graduation pictures (in years past - approximately \$25 for basic package)
 *End of year picnic for Seniors and parents
 *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. And do not hesitate to call upon us at any time during the summer or school year if you have concerns and or questions. We are looking forward to a great 2020-21 school year!

Sincerely,
 Barbara Askins

Senior Class Sponsor