

Class of 2025: Important Dates to Remember

All dates are tentative and subject to change.

***All fees can be paid in advance.** The dates listed below are the **LAST** days the fees can be paid.**

Senior Class Sponsor – Christin Burlison (christin.burlison@jcsd.ms)

Senior Counselor – Sherry Hart (sherry.hart@jcsd.ms) (228)283-3124

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Yearbook Sponsor - Morgan Mizell mmj3027@jcsd.ms

August 6th - August 16th – 1st Half of Senior Fees Due (REQUIRED) Cost \$50

Senior fees cover the following senior events: Senior Fun Day, Senior Awards Day, Decision Day, Baccalaureate, Senior Sunset (and t-shirt), and Senior Walk-Through, and one additional senior event (TBD). These fees also include the senior class shirt. If you would like to order any **additional** shirts for your senior or yourself, prices are as follows: adult S-XL are \$16 and 2XL-4XL are \$18. Please put all payments in an envelope with your senior's name and what they are paying for on the front of the envelope. Cash & check payments are accepted. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ECHS. Mrs. Burlison (rm 207) will ONLY be taking senior dues before/after school or during 1st block.**

September 6th – Senior Breakfast @ 7:30AM

This event is organized and hosted by parents every year. If you are interested in helping with this event, please see us after the meeting for a brief discussion. (Jessica Rivers)

October 24th – Homecoming Parade/ Powder Puff Game

More information will be sent out once the Student Council has released the information.

October 31st – Senior Portrait Make-up Day

Jim Owens will be at ECHS on October 31st to take senior portraits for those who did not take them over the summer. These appointments will be on a first come, first served basis. Mrs. Mizell is the only person who can schedule your appointment; see her ASAP! If you are not able to take your portraits on that day, you will have to contact Jim Owens in Mobile and take portraits at their studio.

October 28th-November 1st - 2nd Half of Senior Fees Due (REQUIRED) Cost \$50

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November 1st – Senior Pep Rally/ Senior Parade

More information will be sent out once the cheerleaders have released the information.

December 6th – Senior Movie Night @ 6:00PM

This event will be held in the gym. More details will come.

September - February 20th – Cap and Gown Fees Due (REQUIRED) Cost \$100

**** December Grades MUST pay before December 15th ****

**** Graduation Fee payments made from March 1st – 31st will include a \$50 late fee.****

Graduation fees cover the cap, tassel, gown, stole, diploma, and diploma cover, all of which are yours to keep. This year all payments will be made ONLINE with Balfour at <https://spa.ms/order-cap-gown>

You will need to know your senior's height and weight when completing the payment. If the cap/gown does not fit because you do not enter the correct information or because your child gains weight OR if your child loses/damages the cap/gown before graduation, you will be required to purchase another cap/gown. **MAKE SURE THIS LINK IS THE CURRENT 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR BEFORE PAYING. It should open in September, I will send a message out.**

March 31st - Slideshow Pictures Due

All students should submit pictures to be included in the slideshow shown at graduation by March 31st. You can send in a baby picture, and a current picture, etc. Only SENIORS are allowed in the pictures. (2 pictures only)

April 1st – Senior Yearbook Ad Fee Due

The Hornet Yearbook senior ads are a special way for families to highlight and celebrate their graduate! **Please understand that our AD SPACE IS LIMITED. These will be sold on a first come, first serve basis! We allot a certain number of pages for ads, so we will not be able to make any exceptions as our page count is set in our contract.** You may pay with cash or check made payable to **ECHS Yearbook**. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Mizell at mmj3027@jcsd.ms. **To guarantee your spot in the yearbook, you must pay and submit any photos and verbiage that you'd like on the ad.** If you or your family own a business, you can also purchase an ad space for that. ****All payments and questions related to yearbooks and ad space will be handled by Mrs. Mizell.***

April 25th – Decision Day @ 10:00AM

Decision Day will take place on the football field. This is an event where we will celebrate seniors' plans for their education/career after graduating. Students can wear uniform shorts or jeans with a t-shirt representing their choice of college/military/work force or their senior shirt. Parents/guardians/family are invited. More details will be shared closer to this date.

April 25th - Cap/Gown pick up @ 11:30

Seniors will pick up their caps and gowns from Mrs. Burlison directly following Decision Day. More information will be sent via Remind/School Status

April 29th – Senior Awards Day @ 9:00AM

Senior Awards Day will take place in the ECHS gym. We will present ECHS club and academic awards, announce college scholarships, recognize students enlisting in the military, etc. Parents/guardians/family are invited. “Sunday Dress” is encouraged but not required. If students do not dress up, they are required to wear their school uniform. (See Dress Code)

May 8th & 9th – Senior Exams

May 8th – 3rd/4th block exams

May 9th – 1st/2nd block exams

May 9th – Senior Sunset @ 6:00PM

Senior Sunset will take place on the football field. A picnic style dinner will be provided for the students. We will have multiple water slides and yard games. Students need to wear athletic shorts/swim trunks and the Senior Sunset t-shirt. The shirt is included in your senior dues and will be given out a couple of days prior to the event. Girls may want to wear a swimsuit under their clothes. Bring a towel to sit on/dry off with. This event will end shortly after sunset.

Senior Walk-Through - TBD

Students will report directly to the ECHS gym.

Parents/guardians/family are invited, but they will not be able to walk down the halls of any schools because of safety issues. Parents can follow the students from school to school and take pictures while the students are outside. During the walk-through, students will have the opportunity to present a Thank You Certificate to one teacher (at any grade level) who impacted their lives. This certificate will be given to the students with their caps/gowns. Students walk from ECHS to ECLE, and then they will be bused from ECLE to ECUE. They will

walk from ECUE to ECMS and then be bused back to ECHS. **Students must wear their caps and gowns.**

May 18th – Baccalaureate @ 5:00PM

Students will arrive at Wade Baptist Church by 4:00 PM. We will practice before the program. Students will wear their caps and gowns with “Sunday Dress”. Parents/guardians/family are invited. (See Dress Code on back.)

May 22nd – Graduation Practice @ 8:00AM

Students will report to the ECHS gym by 8:00AM. They will be bused to the coliseum. We will go over everything they need to know for graduation. We will be back before noon. **If you do not attend practice, you cannot attend graduation.**

May 22nd – Graduation @ 7:00PM

Students will arrive at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center at 5:30PM. Parents, handicap seating is available on a first come first served basis. Doors open at 5:00PM. Metal detectors will be used.

Senior Awards, Baccalaureate, & Graduation Dress Code

Dress Code -Males

- White button-down oxford-style shirt with tie or bow tie (no polos)
- Appropriate dress **PANTS** - khaki, navy, or black (no rips - **NO JEANS! NO SHORTS!**)
- Dark dress shoes with dark socks (**no tennis shoes**)

Dress Code – Females

- Appropriate **DRESS** of any color (no open back, off the shoulders, strapless, cut outs, too short, low cut, etc.)
- **OR** appropriate dress **PANTS** - khaki, navy, or black (no rips - **NO JEANS! NO SHORTS!**)
- Dress shoes (no bright/distracting colors - **spiked or extremely high heels are NOT recommended due to tripping concerns**)

****If you cannot obtain the appropriate attire or have any questions as to whether something is appropriate or not, please come see Mrs. Burlison, or Mrs. Hart****