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Class of 2026 - Senior Information

Greetings to the Creekside High School Graduating Class of 2026 & Families,

It is hard to believe that graduation is taking place in a several weeks. The Class of 2026 has overcome obstacles no one anticipated; we are so proud of you! The purpose of this letter is to inform you of upcoming events and information. It is especially important that you read this letter and thoroughly understand what is expected of you in the weeks ahead.

Creekside High School is proud to celebrate our Class of 2026 Seniors. The details for our commencement for the Class of 2026 have been finalized and are outlined below. Commencement is an optional ceremony, and participation is a privilege not required to receive a high-school diploma. Seniors must exercise good judgment to ensure they may participate in this long-awaited ceremony. Because the ceremony is optional, any action, behavior, or potential behavior that the administration believes is a detractor to the dignity of the commencement ceremony may result in the senior being excluded from the ceremony. Any behavior by any graduate that is considered by the administration to be inappropriate may result in a hold being placed on your final transcript and/or diploma for an amount of time to be determined by the principal.

Graduation is a formal ceremony that is steeped in academic tradition. Graduates are asked to conduct themselves in a manner that does not draw attention to them, does not detract from the ceremony, and does not bring embarrassment to Creekside High School and Fulton County Schools. We also expect our guests to behave in a manner that respects the ceremony. Please refrain from excessive noise so that all families can hear their child's name being announced.

Lifetouch will take pictures as each graduate crosses the stage. Information about the purchase of photographs and other information will be communicated by Lifetouch.

Thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with the content of this letter in order to make commencement an enjoyable experience for all. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Grimmage or Ms. Troutman at Grimmagej@fultonschools.org and TroutmanT@fultonschools.org

And, on behalf of the faculty and staff of Creekside High School, we want to congratulate you on nearly completing your high school career - what an achievement.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

Sincerely,

Dr. Awak

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Date	Activity	Important Information
Friday, March 20 th	Senior Yearbook Updates	 <p>Want a special page in the yearbook just for YOU? Senior ads are the perfect way for parents, guardians, grandparents, aunties, uncles, and loved ones to celebrate you in print forever.</p> <p>Ad Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🕒 \$150 Full Page https://bit.ly/48ntYrq 🕒 \$75 Half Page http://bit.ly/4gwL2SR 🕒 \$40 Quarter Page http://bit.ly/4n8hHM1
Tuesday, March 31 st	Senior Brunch at Top Golf <i>(Optional outing <u>not</u> included in Senior Dues)</i>	Students who are NOT on the No Fly List will have the option to purchase their ticket to Top Golf. The fee is \$50 which includes 2.5 hours of golfing and a full brunch menu of French toast, bacon, sausage, eggs, tater tots, muffins, fruit, and bottomless soft drinks.
Tuesday, April 14 th	Senior Field Trip: Andretti's	Students must have dues paid IN FULL in order to attend this trip. This trip includes a lunch buffet, laser tag, bowling, a race, and 3 hour arcade play. The No Fly List is enforced
Saturday, April 18 th	Prom	Location: The Twelve Hotel Midtown Atlantic Station 361 17th St NW Atlanta, GA 30363 Time: 7:00pm-11:00pm

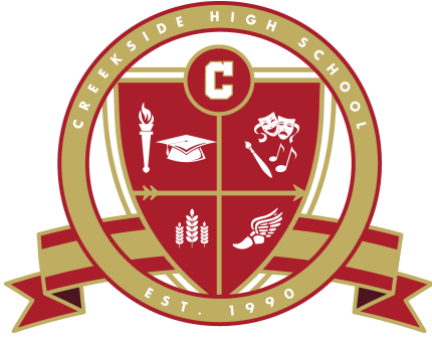


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		<p>Theme: Hollywood Glam</p> <p>Link to Purchase: https://osp.osmsinc.com/FultonGA/BVModules/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=EN705-1094</p> <p>The No Fly List is enforced</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 22nd 3:30 – 5:30 Tuesday, May 5th 12:30-2:30</p>	<p><i>Cap & Gown</i> <i>Pick Up</i></p>	<p>Location: Top Main Gym Be ready to present proof of purchase and ID.</p>
<p>Monday, April 27 Tuesday, April 28 Wednesday, April 29 Thursday, April 30</p>	<p>Senior Final Exams</p>	<p>Students will report to school as normal. There will be no modified bell schedule for Senior Finals. Students will take their finals during their designated Class period.</p>
<p>Friday, May 1st 8:30am- 10am</p>	<p><i>National Decision Day Celebration</i> <i>Auditorium</i></p>	<p>May 1st is recognized as National Decision Day where students all over the country announce what post- secondary school they plan to attend. Each year, we allow our students to participate in this tradition. Students are encouraged to wear any gear relating to the post-secondary school in which they are enrolled.</p>
<p>Friday, May 1st 10am- 12pm</p>	<p><i>School Materials Return</i> **Mandatory**</p>	<p>Return all equipment and laptops. Seniors must return all Fulton County Schools issued uniforms (Chorus, Band, JROTC, Athletics), devices, textbooks, and pay all outstanding fines by Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Seniors can turn in all items and pay fines on the Senior Clearance dates. Failure to return all uniforms, devices, textbooks, and pay all outstanding Fulton County Schools fines will cause disruption to the graduation clearance process, forfeiting your opportunity to participate in commencement activities and diploma distribution.</p>
<p>Friday, May 1st 12:00pm- 3:00pm</p>	<p><i>Senior Field Day</i> <i>Football Field</i></p>	<p>After students have announced their post secondary plans to their peers and turned in their devices, students will celebrate their final day of high school by attending Senior Field Day. Field Day is included in Senior Dues. The No Fly List is enforced.</p>
<p>Thursday, May 7th 6:00 pm To 8:00 pm <i>Students must arrive to Creekside High School by 5:00 pm</i></p>	<p>Baccalaureate Ceremony in the Auditorium **Invite Only 2 Invitations**</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this ceremony, students are awarded regalia they have earned academically (cords, stoles, medals, pins, etc.) • Attire is ALL black (same as graduation). • Professional dress. Wear attire appropriate for semi-formal occasions or church. • Sneakers, heels, crocs, sandals are prohibited. • Mandatory attendance for ALL seniors



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Friday, May 1st	Last Day to pay Senior Dues	<p>All seniors must pay graduation dues. Seniors cannot participate in commencement if this fee is not paid.</p> <p>Starting April 17th, ALL Senior Dues must be paid via Money Order, Cash, or Cashier's Check. There will be no other form of payments. Please be reminded that Senior Dues are required and non-refundable for every student attending graduation.</p>
Tuesday, May 6th Wednesday May 7th	Senior Clearance with Counselor	All graduating seniors will report to the Gymnasium on their assigned date for Senior Clearance.
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Friday, May 8th Monday, May 11th Tuesday, May 12th Wednesday, May 13th	<p>Graduation Rehearsal</p> <p>Top Gym 8:20am - 12:30pm</p> <p>**Mandatory**</p>	<p>Each graduating student will receive up to 10 tickets (distribution on Wednesday, 05/13). All individuals must have a ticket to enter the graduation venue. Lap babies (3 and under) do not require a ticket. Rehearsal will be held in the gym at CHS 8:20 a.m. Please arrange to be off from work and have no other commitments scheduled for this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must provide their own transportation to and from school. • Graduation tickets will be handed out on the final day of practice (05/13). • Rehearsal is mandatory. Students must attend rehearsal the entire time to be eligible to participate in commencement on May 14th. NO EXCEPTIONS. • Parents/guardians, siblings, relatives, or friends are not allowed to attend or watch rehearsals. • Only graduating Creekside seniors in the class of 2026 will be permitted inside the venue. • Dress appropriately. • Cell phones and headphones should be turned off and are not permitted during rehearsal time. Air pods must be out of ears and put away.
Monday, May 11	Face-to-Face Senior Parent Meeting	We will hold our final Senior Parent Meeting in the Cafeteria at 6:00 pm.
Tuesday, May 13th 12:00pm	Yearbook Signing after	Yearbooks will be distributed, and students will be able to sign yearbooks.

Students should arrive at Creekside High School 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time



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<p>Wednesday, May 13th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dress Rehearsal</i></p> <p>**Mandatory**</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory Attire: Professional dress. Wear attire appropriate for semi-formal occasions or church Black dress Black skirt and black or white blouse Black dress pants with black or white collared shirt & tie Black closed-toe, dress shoes No sneakers or sandals Flat-bottomed shoes Cap and Gown must be worn to this practice <p><i>*We HIGHLY recommend for students to wear the same shoes and bag they intend to wear to graduation on this day of practice. Failure to adhere to the mandatory attire standards will result in non-participation in the ceremony.</i></p>
<p>Thursday, May 14 10:00 am</p> <p style="color: green;"><i>Students must arrive to Creekside High School by 6:30 am</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Face to Face Commencement Ceremony</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE OR BE DROPPED OFF AT THE VENUE. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. No tailgating of any kind will be permitted on the venue property. No noise makers of any kind will be permitted. No balloons will be permitted inside of the venue (please leave these items in your vehicle). Students must depart from Creekside High School on the school bus to be permitted to attend graduation. The commencement ceremony will be streamed virtually for families and friends to join us online. Link to graduation will be sent out the week of graduation. *Failure to adhere to the mandatory attire standards will result in non-participation in the ceremony.
<p>Friday, May 15th 9:00 am-12:00 pm 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm</p> <p>Monday, May 18th 9:00 am-12:00 pm 1:00 pm-3:00 pm</p>	<p style="color: blue;"><i>Diploma Pick-Up</i></p>	<p>Graduates who choose not to participate in the commencement ceremony can receive their diploma at Creekside High School. All graduates should pick-up their diploma during the dates provided.</p> <p><i>*Parents can pick up their student's diploma if the parent is listed in Infinite Campus as the parent/guardian of record and must present a valid government-issued ID.</i></p>