



August 7, 2026 | Worship Center

Thank you to everyone who attended our Senior Parent Meeting. This recap provides the information shared during the meeting and serves as a reference for all senior families throughout the year. Please watch your email for additional details, forms, deadlines, and possible schedule updates.

> Welcome and Senior-Year Expectations

Brett Unger, Principal

Senior year is a special season, and we want students to enjoy every part of it. Our seniors know the school's expectations regarding attendance, punctuality, dress code, appearance, and conduct. These expectations remain in effect throughout senior year.

As leaders of the school, seniors are challenged to:

- Lead faithfully in both large and small ways.
- Model maturity, responsibility, and positive behavior.
- Mentor and disciple younger students.
- Allow faculty and staff to guide them as they prepare for the next step God has for them.
- Make the most of the year—it will pass quickly!

Off-Campus Lunch

Off-campus lunch is a privilege. A student may lose this privilege because of concerns involving conduct, attendance, or grades.

Work Study

Additional information regarding work-study opportunities and requirements will be communicated separately.

> Senior Communication, GME, and Graduation

Melanie Michaelis, Events Coordinator

Athletic Signing Days

Families of student-athletes who plan to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level should watch for emails announcing Athletic Signing Day dates and participation details.

Global Missions Experience

Global Missions Experience teams will be announced by email during **Senior Sip & Sign on Wednesday, August 12.**

Students are expected to fulfill all requirements for their assigned trips. Brandon Moore, Dean of Spiritual Development, will lead the training and preparation for each team.

Minor Forms for International Travel will be required for each trip. Please make sure that both parents listed on the student's birth certificate have signed the form AND please make sure the parent signature matches the signature on parent's ID/passport. Melanie Michaelis will notarize all documents.

Graduation

Graduation for the Class of 2027 will be held:

Monday, May 10, 2027

Cross Church Pinnacle Hills

Melanie Michaelis and Helen Peters will work with seniors and their families to gather the information needed for graduation.

- Melanie will communicate ceremony-day and graduation-program information.
- Helen will communicate information related to scholarships and post-secondary planning.

> Senior Counseling and College and Career Information

Helen Peters, College & Career Counselor

Graduation Information

The collection of information for the graduation program will begin during the first week of school. Melanie and Helen will visit World View classes to collect information from seniors and their families.

After all responses have been received:

1. An email will be sent to each senior's legal guardian or guardians to proofread the student's submission.
2. In the spring, each senior will review and approve a printed draft before the program is finalized.
3. Additional instructions for submitting scholarship information will be shared in the spring.

Counselor Communication

Senior families will receive emails about important post-secondary dates and deadlines, including:

- FAFSA information
- Arkansas Department of Higher Education scholarships
- College and scholarship deadlines affecting large groups of students
- Other college and career planning opportunities

Post-Secondary Readiness Support

Throughout the year, post-secondary support videos will be posted on the counseling department's YouTube page and shared with families. These videos will address common questions and timely college and career topics.

Transcripts

All transcripts must be requested through the student's [Parchment account](#).

Students created their accounts during junior year using a personal email address. Shiloh will cover the cost of transcripts sent through Parchment until the student graduates.

College Applications and Common App

Most college applications are now open. Students are strongly encouraged to apply to every college they are seriously considering **by the end of August**, before the school year becomes increasingly busy.

Common App may be helpful for students applying to:

- More than four or five colleges
- Multiple out-of-state universities

- Schools that accept the Common App

Helen will check Common App weekly for counselor tasks that require completion. Students may add both Miss Miller and Mrs. Peters as counselors.

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College Visits

Seniors may take **two college-visit days per semester**.

Families should send the visit dates and electronic proof of the visit to the front desk. Acceptable proof includes a college confirmation email, a photo taken on campus, or similar documentation.

Social and Emotional Support

Senior year can be both exciting and stressful. Helen is available to help students navigate academic, personal, and post-secondary pressures. Her office is a safe and private place for students to talk. Information will be handled confidentially, except when a concern involves a student's safety.

> Senior Luncheons and Class Events

Nathan and Staci Bodenstein, Senior Class Sponsors

Leslie Fett will coordinate the senior luncheons. If you have not received communication about the luncheons, please contact Leslie at leslief@shilohsaints.org.

Leslie or the designated luncheon team leader will communicate volunteer needs and event details. Luncheon themes will also be shared with seniors in advance.

Senior Luncheon Schedule

Senior luncheons will be held in the **Cross Church Student Building** from **12:27–1:13 p.m.**

- **September:** Back to School theme
- **November:** Friendsgiving theme
- **January:** Winter theme
- **April:** Off-campus luncheon at Fast Lane in Rogers

Additional details will be shared before each event.

Additional Senior Events

Special events planned for the Class of 2027 include:

- **August:** Senior Sip & Sign and Senior Sunrise
- **October:** Fall treat
- **December:** Global Missions Experience
- **February:** Valentine's week treat
- **March:** Senior Trip
- **May:** Graduation and Senior Sunset

Parent and Volunteer Check-In

Parents helping with food or setup must check in at the **Champions Hall front desk**.

Parents who are only attending the luncheon may go directly to the Cross Church Student Building.

> Senior Trip

Alicia Brown, Director of Leadership Programs

The Senior Trip will be held at **Crooked Creek Ranch in Fraser, Colorado**.

Travel Schedule

- **Departure:** Late evening on Saturday, March 13, 2027
- **Return:** Early Saturday morning, March 20, 2027

Estimated Cost

The estimated cost is **\$1,850 per student**. Travel expenses will be divided evenly among participants, so the final cost will depend on the number of students attending.

Registration and Payment

A Senior Trip Decision Agreement Google Form will be emailed to families within the next one to two weeks. Submitting this form is the first step in registering a student for the trip.

- **Decision Agreement deadline:** September 9, 2026
- A nonrefundable deposit equal to approximately one-fourth of the total trip cost will be required.
- The business office will bill families through FACTS.

- Families may establish a payment plan through FACTS after receiving the bill.
- The trip must be paid in full by **February 26, 2027** for the student to participate.

Travel Standards Form

The Shiloh Travel Standards form will be included in the email containing the Decision Agreement.

Although families will complete the same type of form for GME, a separate signed form is required for each trip.

> Senior Photos and Yearbook Deadlines

Lindsay Ramsey, Yearbook Editor and Social Media Coordinator

Lindsay will send a separate email containing photo instructions, submission links, and important dates.

Senior Portrait

Submission deadline: December 1, 2026

Senior portraits will be submitted through PhotoCircle. Families will receive an upload link in August. If a portrait is not submitted by the deadline, the student's school portrait-day photo will be used.

The senior portrait will appear in:

- The 2026–27 yearbook
- Graduation materials
- Spring 2027 graduation social media posts
- The Class of 2027 framed wall composite

Portrait Guidelines

- The photo must be vertical and framed from the waist up.
- Regular school dress-code compliance is not required, but clothing should reflect the style and modesty of Honor Dress.
- Strapless or low-cut dresses are not permitted.
- Gentlemen should be clean-shaven and have neatly groomed hair.
- The school reserves the right to edit a photo as needed to meet these guidelines.

Graduation Slideshow Photos

Submission deadline: March 2, 2027

Each senior should submit:

- A current family photo suitable for display in the church worship center
- A baby or toddler photo

Questions regarding senior or graduation photos may be directed to Lindsay Ramsey at lindsayr@shilohsaints.org.

> Key Dates at a Glance

Date	Event or Deadline
August 12, 2026	Senior Sip & Sign and GME team announcements
End of August 2026	Recommended college application target
September 9, 2026	Senior Trip Decision Agreement due
December 1, 2026	Senior portrait deadline
February 26, 2027	Senior Trip balance due in full
March 2, 2027	Family and childhood photos due
March 13–20, 2027	Senior Trip
May 10, 2027	Class of 2027 Graduation

We look forward to partnering with our senior families during this memorable year. Please continue to monitor your email for official information, forms, and updates.