Senior Year Timeline

Class of 2027

JULY/AUGUST

- Have your Senior yearbook picture taken (Cady Studios CADY.COM/SCHEDULE)
- Start online college applications – August 1st
- Senior Sunrise – Aug. 12th at 6:45am (football field)
- Finalize college application essays - PROOFREAD!
- Aug. 24th - Open House/Meet the Teacher 6-7:15pm

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 21st - Senior Presentation (CRHS Auditorium) & College/Career/Military Fair 5:30-7:30pm
- Check the Cy Ranch College & Career Center website often at www.bit.ly/crhscollege
- Make a calendar of application & financial aid deadlines, test dates, etc. for each of your schools
- Prepare to submit your college application (Don't meet deadlines, BEAT deadlines!).
- If *required by colleges*, request letters of recommendation. Allow for a 3-week turnaround AFTER you talk to your recommender.
- Register for SAT and/or ACT, if required.
- Register & pay for AP Exams by the deadline
- Create an FSA ID at www.studentaid.gov (for the FAFSA); students & parents each need an FSA ID
- Pay your senior fees by Sept. 30th to avoid increase

OCTOBER

Don't Trick-or-Treat Until You're Complete!

- FAFSA opens OCT 1st; complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (or TASFA) – GRADUATION REQUIREMENT
- Submit your college applications and all required information/documents well BEFORE the deadline.
- Senior conferences with counselors
- College Week: Oct. 5-9, 2026
- College Night @ Berry Center: Oct. 7th from 6-8pm
- ApplyTexas.org Free App Week: Oct. 12-18, 2026
- AP Exam Registration open: Oct. 1-31, 2026
- Take/Retake the SAT or ACT, if needed.
- Research and apply for scholarships.

NOVEMBER

- Take/Retake the SAT or ACT, if needed.

DECEMBER

- Check your emails & online college accounts DAILY and follow-up on any missing info - watch your admissions file status!

JANUARY

- Continue to monitor applications online.
- Continue to seek and apply for scholarships from a variety of sources.

FEBRUARY

- Request mid-year report from your counselor and order an updated transcript, if required by your college(s).
- Order your cap & gown if you haven't already! www.BalfourGrad.com

MARCH

- Watch your email for decision letters and financial aid award letters; compare financial aid packages.
- Satisfy Bac Men requirement & upload to your student account – Texas law requires the bacterial meningitis vaccine (or waiver) before a student can register for college classes.

APRIL

PROM: May 7, 2027 7:30-10:30pm @ The Ballroom at Bayou Place

- Finalize college housing arrangements.

MAY

GRADUATION: May 29, 2027 4pm @ Berry Center

- May 1st - NATIONAL DECISION DAY - notify your college of your acceptance of their offer of admission & financial aid
- Cap & gown deliver – TBD
- Take AP exams (May 3-14, 2027)
- Spring Senior Celebration – TBD
- Write thank you notes to the people who wrote letters of recommendation for you AND to those who awarded you scholarships.
- RSVP for your college's New Student Orientation
- Complete the CFISD District Senior Survey to request your final HS transcript to be sent to the college you will attend. Every college requires a final transcript be sent AFTER graduation.

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

- Take part in summer orientation programs for incoming freshmen / Meet with an academic advisor & register for classes.