



WELCOME SENIOR PARENTS

RSJ Counseling Dept



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MEET THE ADMIN TEAM



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SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

CLASS OF 2027

PRESENTED BY THE RSJHS COUNSELING TEAM

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RSJHS



AGENDA

- **Graduation Requirements**
- **College and Career Information**
- **Financial Aid**
- **Participation Eligibility Requirements**
- **Senior Activities– Mrs. Hinton**
- **Closures (Q&A)**



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **COUNSELORS HAD ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH EACH AND EVERY SENIOR TO REVIEW**
 - **GRADUATION STATUS**
 - **POST-SECONDARY PLANNING**
 - **CALENDAR OF SENIOR EVENTS**



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August _____, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of: _____
This Senior Graduation Status Report indicates whether or not your student is on-track for graduation or still has some outstanding requirement(s) to complete. If your student does not meet all of the following requirements, they are in danger of not graduating in May 2027.

Your student:
☐ IS on track to graduate
☐ IS NOT on track to graduate. The student must pass all currently enrolled courses AND, in addition to the scheduled coursework, must remediate the following subjects/or requirements:

Your student's current standing towards meeting the graduation requirements:

220 credits required to graduate. Current Credits: _____
Graduation Grade Point Average 2.0 (minimum) Current GPA : _____
85% minimum attendance each year (9-12): Attendance % 9: _____ 10: _____ 11: _____ Remediation Plan: ☐ Saturday Attendance Recovery ☐ After School Trail Center ☐ 0/7 Period and/or Winter/Spring Intersession
40 Community Service Hours. Currently has completed: _____

Note: Remediation options for students not on track to graduate:
☐ Edgenuity before and after school program at RSJHS
☐ Fall / Spring Intersession (Saturday School) ☐ Summer School (if offered)
☐ Other Alternative Education Program Settings: El Puente, Mt. Toro, HiSet)
☐ ROP (Co-Op; outside of school hours)

Sincerely,

Counselor, Rancho San Juan High School

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **SENIORS MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**
 - **220 CREDITS**
 - **2.0 MINIMUM GPA**
 - **85% ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT PER YEAR**
 - **COMMUNITY SERVICE: 40 HOURS**



CREDIT RECOVERY OPTIONS

- **ROP CO-OP**
- **EDGENUITY**
 - **BEFORE SCHOOL**
 - **AFTER SCHOOL**
 - **BY COUNSELOR REFERRAL**
 - **20 CR LIMIT PER SEMESTER**
 - **DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2027**
- **SUMMER SCHOOL (IF NECESSARY)**
- **FALL INTERSESSION**
 - **STARTING OCTOBER 17TH**
- **SPRING INTERSESSION**
 - **TBD**
- **HARTNELL COLLEGE**
 - **DUAL ENROLLMENT**
 - **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED**
 - **PROCESS NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED**

Grading Periods | 2026-2027

P.R. 1



1st Qtr



P.R. 2



2nd Qtr

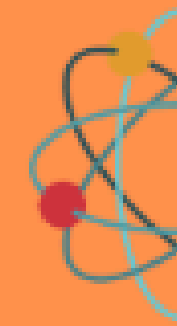


P.R. = Progress Reports, which are warning and are not official grades.

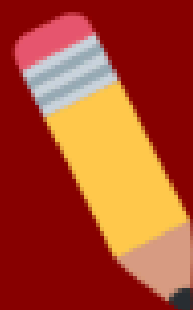
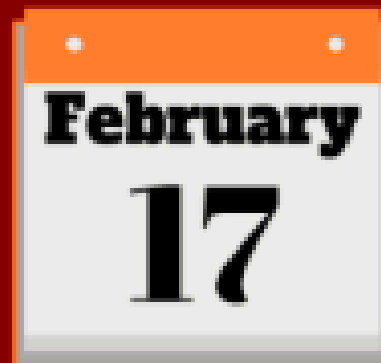
1st Semester



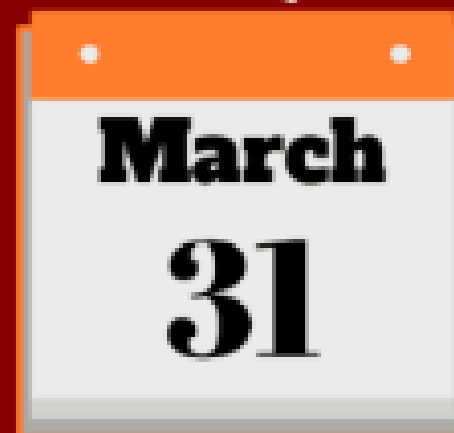
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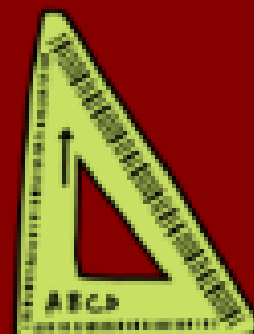
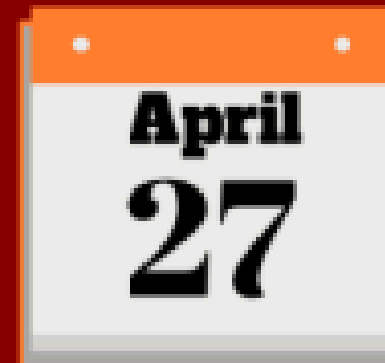
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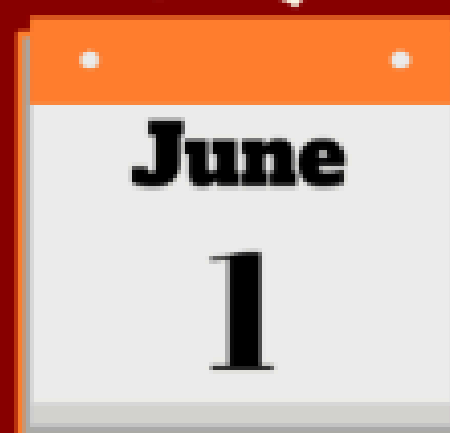
3rd Qtr



P.R. 4



4th Qtr



2nd Semester



**The third and fourth quarter grades determine the second semester grades.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **40 HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION; YOU MAY NOT BE PAID OR GIVEN CLASS CREDIT**
- **PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES (I.E JOB SHADOWING, ORGANIZATION NOT ON THE PRE-APPROVED LIST)**
- **INITIAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FORMS: APRIL 16, 2027**
- **FINAL DEADLINE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR 300+ HOURS AND SENIOR AWARD RECOGNITION: MAY 3, 2027**
- **FINAL GRADUATION DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FORMS: MAY 14, 2027**
- **MRS. WREN IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH JOB APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW SKILLS, AND OTHER WORK BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (THERESA.WREN@SALINASUHSD.ORG)**



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Cord : 100 – 199

Cord and Medal: 200 – 299

Cord, Medal, and White Sash: 300 – 499

Cord, Medal, and Light Blue Sash: 500

- **Senior Hours must be completed and submitted by May 3, 2027 in order to be recognized at senior awards for 300+ hours**
- **Students will be given cord and/or medal at graduation practice**



Race to Submit Financial Aid Challenge

★ **Criteria 1:** Students must complete their Financial Aid Application and provide proof of submission to the counseling department.

*Completing your FAFSA/CADAA is crucial step to help you pay for college. Completing FAFSA/CADAA is also required for Salinas Valley Promise, which will allow you to receive 2 free years at Hartnell.

★ **Criteria 2:** Any of the following 3 listed below ↓:

Meet A-G Requirement

CTE Completer

Apply to either:

- 4 year college
- Community college
- Trade school
- Military

Completed the Salinas Valley Promise

Pass senior mock interview

Apply for a scholarship



To receive a Rancho San Juan graduation stole, students **MUST** meet Criteria #1 and Criteria #2. Please note, Criteria #2 offers 9 different options, and students are required to meet just 3 of these options to fulfill criteria #2.



SENIOR CLEARANCE



- **All seniors students must complete a final clearance in order to graduate and participate in any seniors events**
 - **All required courses MUST be passed**
 - **If credit recovery is needed, courses must be completed**
 - **Dual enrollment courses (off campus) must be cleared**
 - **Submit early grade form**
 - **All fees must be paid (finance office, textbook room, library, etc) jesse.tamayo@salinasuhsd.org**
 - **Any unexcused absences or truant attendance codes need to be cleared**
 - **Final stop: counselor signature**

ATTENTION SENIORS :

RSJ COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

26/27 College Planning & Financial Aid Events



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SEP.
2026

September 17th and 24th

Financial Aid Overview in Advisory classes



OCT.
2026

OCTOBER 7th and 8th

Financial Aid FSA ID creation in GOV/ ECON class



OCT.
2026

OCTOBER 19th–October 23

Counselors will be available for families for Financial Aid Assistance completion M 11:30–3PM T,W,TH,F from 8:45– 3 pm at RSJ Library Bring 2025 TAX INFO



OCT.
2026

OCTOBER 28th and October 29th

Counselors will assist with CSU applications during English classes



NOV.
2026

November 4th and 5th

Students will have the opportunity to sign up to receive help with their PIQ's for their UC application or personal essay for Common App in the small gym



DEC.
2026

December 3rd Cash for College

Financial Aid lab from 4pm–7pm at RSJ Library
Bring 2025 TAX INFO



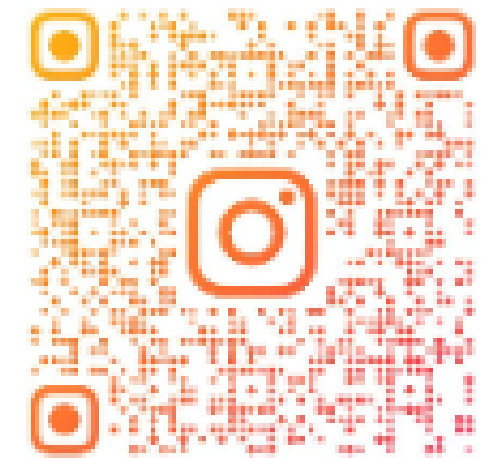
TBD
2026

Hartnell Steps to Success

Hartnell representatives will assist seniors with the first step of the application during Govt/Econ classes



**FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM FOR
WORKSHOP
INFORMATION,
UPCOMING EVENTS
AND REMINDERS**



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FINANCIAL AID



- **AB 469 TO ENSURE EVERY SENIOR COMPLETES A FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION**
- **FAFSA OR CADAA**
- **YOUR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION IS THE GATEWAY TO FREE MONEY**
- **APPLICATION OPENS ON OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND IS DUE BY MARCH 2ND, 2027**
- **\$184 BILLION IS AVAILABLE TO HELP PAY FOR COLLEGE IN THE US**
- **MOST FULL TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS GET SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL AID**
- **UMBRELLA OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF MONIES (CAL GRANTS, PELL GRANTS, UNIVERSITY GRANTS, SCHAFEE, MIDDLE CLASS, LOANS)**





FINANCIAL AID



- COLLEGES REQUIRE THIS FORM FOR ANY ASSISTANCE
- SALINAS VALLEY COLLEGE PROMISE GRANT REQUIREMENT
- YOU WILL FILE THE 2027-28 APPLICATION
- USE 2025 TAX RETURNS (IRS RETRIEVAL TOOL)
- FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION MUST BE FILED ANNUALLY WHILE IN COLLEGE
- SUBMIT EARLY! SOME \$ IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!
- APPLICATION INCLUDES AID FROM THE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FROM COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
- STUDENTS SHOULD BE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AS WELL!
- GATHER YOUR DOCUMENTS
- FSA ID FOR BOTH THE STUDENT AND PARENTS!



WHO'S INFO WILL YOU NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA

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MARRIED OR REMARRIED

If the parent that provides the most financial support remarries **by or before** FAFSA date the step parent's income, assets, and dependents must be reported as well

Both parents' taxes will be needed to complete the FAFSA (married or remarried)

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SINGLE

If parents are divorced, separated, or never married AND do not live together

Information should be from the parent that provides the most financial support, **NOT** just the parent that you live with

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NEW "JARGON"

- Contributor
 - Whoever starts the FAFSA application will decide who the contributor is
 - Will be notified via email and **will have to agree to link IRS info.**
 - Will not be financially responsible for education cost
- Consent
 - FAFSA cannot be filed until both student and contributor consent

***FAMILY SIZE= REPORTED NUMBER ON FEDERAL INCOME TAXES
IE . PARENTS AND DEPENDENTS**



WORKSHEET: CREATING AN FSA ID

Creating an FSA ID is the first step to completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online, which is the quickest and easiest way to submit the application. Each student and their parent(s) must have a unique FSA ID in order to electronically sign the FAFSA. The FSA ID username and password are used to electronically sign the FAFSA and other important financial aid paperwork. It also grants you access to your online Federal Student Aid (FSA) account. Use this worksheet to help you create an FSA ID.

For a video on how to create an FSA ID, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITbYhMVFzco.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO CREATE AN FSA ID	
Student Information	Parent(s) Information
• Student Social Security card • Student email address* • Student mobile phone number*	• Parent(s) Social Security card* • Parent(s) email address* • Parent(s) mobile phone number*
STEPS TO CREATING AN FSA ID	
STEP ONE Personal Information	A. Go to the Create an Account (FSA ID) webpage at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/faweb. B. Click Get Started. C. Enter your name exactly as it appears on your Social Security card, date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) and Social Security number. If your name is too long and you can't fit your full name into the box, type as much of your name as you can.
STEP TWO Account Information	A. Create a username 8-30 characters in length using any combination of numbers and uppercase or lowercase letters. Student username: _____ Parent(s) username: _____ B. Enter and confirm your email address. It is recommended to use a non-school-based email address since you will need to access your FSA account after you graduate high school. Student email address: _____ Parent(s) email address: _____ C. Create and confirm a password 8-30 characters in length. The password is case sensitive and must include a combination of numbers, uppercase letters and lowercase letters. Do not use personal identifiers (e.g., date of birth, name). Student password: _____ Parent(s) password: _____
STEP THREE Contact Information	A. Enter your permanent mailing address. If you don't have one, you may use your high school address. B. Enter and confirm your mobile phone number. C. It is highly recommended to check the box allowing for quick and easy mobile phone account recovery.
STEP FOUR Communication Preferences	A. Select if you would like to receive U.S. Department of Education communications via email (recommended) or postal mail. B. Select your preferred language (English or Spanish).
STEP FIVE Challenge Questions	A. Select Challenge Question 1: _____ Answer: _____ B. Select Challenge Question 2: _____ Answer: _____ C. Select Challenge Question 3: _____ Answer: _____ D. Select Challenge Question 4: _____ Answer: _____
STEP SIX Confirm and Verify	A. Review your information for accuracy and make any necessary edits. B. Review FSA's terms and conditions and agree to them by checking the box.
STEP SEVEN Account Recovery	A. Select to verify your mobile phone number, email address and/or authenticator app by receiving the six-digit secure code sent to you and entering it into the box provided. Two of these three verification methods are required, and you must verify both methods chosen. Student backup code: _____ Parent(s) backup code: _____

You can begin to use your FSA ID immediately for activities such as electronically signing your FAFSA; however, some of your activities will be limited until the Social Security Administration (SSA) verifies your information (3-5 business days). Keep your FSA ID username, password and backup code in a safe place and do not share this information with anyone.

*Parent(s). If you are undocumented or do not have a Social Security number, go to <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filing-out-to-find-alternative-methods-to-signing-the-fafsa>.

*The student and parent(s) email addresses and mobile phone numbers must be different.



Creating an FSA ID worksheet is part of the 2025-2026 Opportunities Preparing for College Guide and Workbook. This free college planning publication provides students and families with important information and tools to guide their pursuit of postsecondary education. These books are available in English and Spanish. Full PDFs of each Opportunities booklet can be downloaded at www.mnhs.org/opportunities.

FINANCIAL AID OPEN LAB

October 19-23, 2026
Monday 11:30am-3pm
Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 8:45am-3pm
Place: RSJ Library

Please bring a charged
chromebook, 2025 taxes
cell phone & your student!



Counseling Department



SENIOR ACTIVITIES



SENIOR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

IMPORTANT: ELIGIBILITY & REFUND POLICY

- **NO REFUNDS:** IF A SENIOR BECOMES INELIGIBLE FOR GRAD NITE FOR ANY REASON OR CANNOT ATTEND DUE TO PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEPOSIT AND ANY PAYMENTS MADE WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.
- **MANDATORY SEARCHES:** ALL STUDENTS WILL BE SEARCHED BY K9 AND ADMINISTRATION BEFORE DEPARTING FOR GRAD NITE.
- **AUTOMATIC INELIGIBILITY:** STUDENTS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES OR INAPPROPRIATE ACCESSORIES DURING THE SEARCH WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND GRAD NITE.
- **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:** STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THE RSJHS BEHAVIOR CODE. VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY FOR GRAD NITE.
- **LOSS OF SENIOR PRIVILEGES:** ANY BEHAVIOR VIOLATIONS DURING GRAD NITE WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF SENIOR PRIVILEGES FOR EVENTS OCCURRING AFTERWARD, INCLUDING POSSIBLE EXCLUSION FROM THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.

LOSS OF PRIVILEGES

- **SUSPENDED FOR FIVE DAYS DURING THE 4TH QUARTER.**
- **SUSPENDED TWICE DURING THE 4TH QUARTER.**
- **MORE THAN ONE UN IN CITIZENSHIP OR AN F**
- **AN UN-CLEARED TRUANCY; EITHER A FULL DAY OR PARTIAL TRUANCY.**
- **OWES MONEY TO THE TEXTBOOK, LIBRARY OR FINANCE OFFICE.**
- **FALSIFIED INFORMATION DURING ENROLLMENT.**
- **COMMITTS A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE BEHAVIOR CODE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A SENIOR PRANK.**

GRAD NIGHT TRIP

WHEN?: MAY 2027

WHERE?: DISNEY GRAD NIGHT

HOW MUCH?: \$495

FORMS OF PAYMENT

**ACCEPTED: CASH,
CHECK, MONEY ORDER,
CASHIER'S CHECK,
DEBIT/CREDIT CARD,
APPLE PAY.**

Disney
GRAD • NITE

**YOU CAN PAY ALL AT ONCE OR
THE FIRST NON-REFUNDABLE
DEPOSIT OF \$100.**

PROM

**WHEN?: MAY 1, 2027 @ 7PM
TO 11 PM**

**WHERE?: GILROY GARDENS,
GILROY, CALIFORNIA**

THEME?: TO BE ANNOUNCED!

**HOW MUCH?: TICKETS RANGE FROM
\$95-\$125 PER INDIVIDUAL DEPENDING
ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**
- **DOUBLE DISCOUNT (BUYING AS A PAIR)**

**FORMS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED: CASH,
CHECK, DEBIT/CREDIT CARD, APPLE PAY.**

*Prom
Night*



TRAILBLAZER GRAD-WALK



SENIOR WALK OF GLORY- SENIOR CLEARANCE DAY

- SENIORS WILL VISIT OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN THEIR CAPS AND GOWNS.
- STUDENTS WILL BE BUSSED TO GAVILAN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL.
- SENIORS WILL THEN BE DROPPED OFF AT LA JOYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND JOHN GUTIERREZ MIDDLE SCHOOL.
- THIS EVENT GIVES SENIORS A CHANCE TO REMINISCE ON THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY.
- IT ALSO HELPS INSPIRE FUTURE TRAILBLAZERS.



GRADUATION

WHEN?: THURSDAY MAY 27, 2027 TIME: TBD

WHERE?: RSJ STADIUM

TICKET INFO:

- **EACH STUDENT RECEIVES 5 FREE TICKETS**
- **CAP AND GOWNS ARE ON SALE NOW. SCAN THE QR CODE:**



SENIOR PORTRAITS

Senior photos are
available for purchase @
[https://www.ronnieesparz
aphoto.com/](https://www.ronnieesparzaphoto.com/)

We will be taking our
Panoramic Photo in April

QUESTIONS: LAURA.HINTON@SALINASUHSD.ORG

SENIOR SWEATSHIRTS!

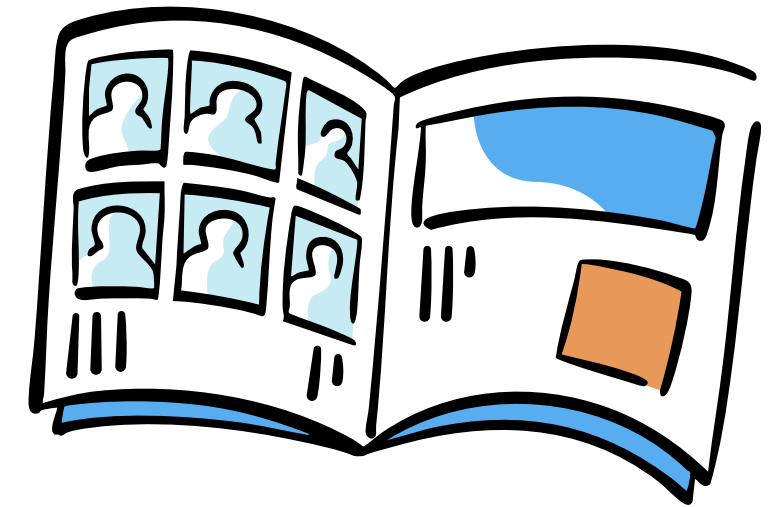
**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
ORDER NOW! EACH
ORDER RAISES FUNDS
FOR CLASS OF 2027**



RESERVE A YEARBOOK NOW!

**SENIOR ADS. ORDERS MUST BE PLACED AND DESIGNED AT
[YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](https://yearbookordercenter.com) USING SCHOOL CODE 17946.**

- **FULL PAGE – \$200**
- **HALF PAGE – \$150**
- **QUARTER PAGE – \$100**
- **EIGHTH PAGE – \$75**
- **YEARBOOK PRICE**
- **THE YEARBOOK IS SELLING FOR \$85**
- **STUDENTS CAN BUY IT ONLINE AT [YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](https://yearbookordercenter.com)**
USING SCHOOL CODE 17946
- **STUDENTS MAY ALSO PURCHASE THE YEARBOOK IN PERSON IN THE
FINANCE OFFICE ON CAMPUS**



DISCOUNT CODE IS BACKTOSCHOOL-17946

CONTACT YOUR STUDENT'S COUNSELOR:

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CONCLUSION & QUESTIONS

