

2026-2027 SENIOR CHECKLIST

The following checklist represents a partial list of the many and various activities for CVCA seniors. We want to assist you in having a profitable senior year. Please keep this checklist handy and refer to it during the year so you don't miss any important deadlines.

_____ **DIPLOMA and CAP & GOWN ORDER FORM:** Please order your student's diploma and cap and gown by using this link: [DIPLOMA and CAP & GOWN ORDER FORM](#) or from the [Seniors Page](#) of the CVCA website by **Friday, October 4**. The fee for caps and gowns is included in this year's senior fees – no additional payment is needed.

_____ **SENIOR MEETING & GROUP PORTRAIT: Thursday, October 8 at CVCA. No morning or afternoon classes!** Meet in the Rasnick Center at 9:00 a.m. Please use the Rasnick Center Doors.

Activities will include:

- A light breakfast will be served with a brief class meeting, including a representative from Herff Jones to go over all they have to offer.
- Class Picture – see details below.
- Composite Photo – Visualizations will be available after the group photo to take composite photos! Save some time and get your photo done that day! See below for more details.
- **No morning or afternoon classes!** Students will be dismissed after the class picture and meeting. Some options for seniors to consider for the afternoon:
 - Work on college applications and/or SAT and ACT test preparations.
 - Work on the college research process and/or plan to visit a local college campus.

_____ **SENIOR CLASS GROUP PORTRAIT:** The senior class will have their portrait taken on **October 8** at the senior meeting. **Formal business dress is required.** Refer to the Student/Parent Handbook (pp. 24-25) for hair and dress requirements.

- **Gentlemen:** Coat and tie. No exceptions.
- **Ladies:** Suit or dress/skirt. No low cut or off the shoulder tops.

_____ **SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENT ORDERS:** The Herff Jones rep will pass out packets at the Senior Meeting or use the link to the [Seniors Page](#) of the CVCA website. These items must be ordered early from Herff Jones to ensure a timely arrival in the spring. **PLEASE DO NOT ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN FROM THE HERFF JONES WEBSITE.**

_____ **YEARBOOK SENIOR COMPOSITE PHOTO:** You are REQUIRED to have a FREE senior picture taken for both the wall composite and yearbook by [Visualizations Photography, Inc.](#) **no later than Thursday December 31**. This is a professional portrait, not the photo that is taken at school picture day. If you don't get your photo taken at the class meeting on October 8, you may schedule an appointment online using the link above. More dates may be added, check the link frequently if there is not currently any availability.

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 - **Gentlemen:** Coat and tie. No exceptions.
 - **Ladies:** Suit or dress/skirt. No low cut or off the shoulder tops.
- **Any student missing the December 31 deadline** may be subject to a late fee and the possibility of his/her senior picture not being included in the yearbook.

_____ **SENIOR BABY ADS: [2026-27 CVCA Yearbook Baby Add Form](#).** Further information and order forms will be available on the Seniors page of the CVCA website as well. **The final deadline for reserving ad space is Monday November 30th.** There is an early bird deal with lower prices if you order before November 2nd. Please see previous yearbooks for examples, baby ads vary greatly depending on size. Email a student Yearbook representative at babyads@cvcaroyals.org if you have any questions regarding your ad.

_____ **COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING:** As a graduation requirement, all CVCA seniors must take the ACT at least once. Most seniors took the ACT at CVCA in March of their junior year. If you have not taken the ACT, would like to retake it to better your score, or would also like to take the SAT, please use the following link – [ACT and SAT Test Dates](#) – for available dates and testing locations. Mrs. Fridline at sfridline@cvcaroyals.org, the Director of College Counseling, is your contact in the CVCA College Counseling Office.

_____ **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:** Students will apply to colleges using the Common App or the application on the college's website. If using Common App, students will create an account at [Common App](#). This website includes the list of Common App schools. Seniors are encouraged to use a personal email address for all college applications. Each senior is expected to complete one college application by November 1, but students are encouraged to complete all applications during the fall.

_____ **TRANSCRIPTS/RECOMMENDATION LETTERS:** Students will request transcripts and teacher recommendation letters through Naviance. To do this, log into Naviance [HERE](#). The email is the student's CVCA email address and the password they chose (it can be reset if needed). We do not have parent/guardian Naviance accounts. Please use your student's Naviance account login information.

Please request transcripts and recommendation letters two weeks in advance of the deadline. For transcripts, please speak to Mrs. Fridline in person. For letters of recommendation, speak with the teacher in person, then request the letter of recommendation through Naviance and provide the teacher with a copy of your resume and a thank you note.

_____ **TEST SCORES:** Test scores must be sent to colleges through ACT and SAT. If you did not list your colleges when registering for the test, you need to request that your scores be sent by logging into [Send ACT Test Scores](#) or [Send SAT Test Scores](#). Some colleges are test-optional, so it is the student's responsibility to know whether test scores need to be sent or not.

_____ **SENIOR RESUME:** Your resume will be submitted to your senior English teacher as an English assignment in the fall. You must provide a copy of your resume when requesting letters of recommendation from College Counseling, teachers, or the Administration. The resume should list all of your activities in school, church, work, and the community during high school. Be sure to include special honors and/or awards in these areas. Your resume becomes a part of your permanent file.

_____ **COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID MEETING – OCTOBER 6:** The FAFSA application opens October 1 at [studentaid.gov](#). Both students and parents need to complete the form, and we strongly recommend submitting it in October to maximize aid eligibility.

To learn more about the FAFSA and Financial Aid in general, please join us for a **College Financial Aid Informational Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Learning Commons. The guest speaker will be Will McGinley, CVCA Parent and Assistant Vice President of College Partnerships at College Raptor. You'll learn key strategies and step-by-step guidance to help your family secure college aid.

_____ **FINAL SENIOR TRANSCRIPT:** In May, you will receive a form indicating to which institution we are to send your final transcript.

_____ **COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM:** In the spring, seniors will be given a form to complete regarding college applications and scholarships offered. This will be completed through Apologetics classes. This form is due before the last day of senior classes.

_____ **SENIOR CLASS BREAKFAST AND MEETING** will be at the school on **Wednesday, April 28th**. Enjoy breakfast with your class, learn about becoming an alum, and get your picture in your college sweatshirt!

_____ **JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM:** This is a dress-up affair and a highlight of senior year. Please plan to attend. The banquet is scheduled for **May 8, 2026**. More information to come!

_____ **SENIOR TRIP:** Save the dates for Senior Trip: May 25-27! Watch for more details in the Spring!

_____ **SENIOR EXAMS:** Senior exams are scheduled for **May 17-18** (Refer to the *Student/Parent Handbook*, p.32, for the senior exemption policy).

_____ **SENIOR/PARENT WORSHIP CELEBRATION:** **Thursday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Anne Tell Chapel. Seniors and their parents are invited to a night of prayer and worship.

_____ **COMMENCEMENT:** **Attendance at Graduation Practice at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 28 and the Graduation Ceremony on Sunday, May 30 are required. No exceptions!** Both will be held at EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall in Akron. Tickets will be available for order in the spring.