



US Class Dean Update

September 16, 2026

Welcome to Senior Year! We are only 7 days into the 26-27 school year and already, so much has happened. As a class, we have decorated campus and cars, painted and signed the school rock, and celebrated Senior Sunrise together. It was good to see so many of you on Monday for Senior Family College Night, and I look forward to having a great year together as we head towards graduation. Only 262 days to go!



For now, though, let's look at where we are and what is ahead for the fall.

Scheduling

After a full week of classes and initial assessments happening this week, students are now making their final schedule adjustment requests. Before I make any changes, all schedule modifications are discussed with a college counselor to ensure they will not adversely impact the college process. At this point, we try not to disrupt schedules as much as possible, but we still have time to finalize course lists before the end of the ADD/DROP period. The deadline to **ADD** or change a course is September 24 and the deadline to **DROP** a course (without replacing it) is October 7.



Class Trip

Following the tradition of the last few years, the senior class will go apple picking at [Apple Ridge Orchards](#) on Friday, September 25. We will leave

campus at 8:45am and return by 2:00pm. Box lunches will be provided, and cider and donuts are available for purchase.

Senior Privileges

Even before our first day on campus, seniors started asking about their senior privileges. Here is the message I shared with them last week:

The first senior privilege you have access to is parking. The second is that you do not need to sign in if you have first period(s) free. You can just go to your first, required commitment when you come to campus. You must, however, be to school by 10am and attend Morning Meeting, Advisory, and/or Assemblies. These are the privileges you have now. **At this time, you may NOT leave campus for lunch or after your last class if you have free.** You need to stay at school for the duration of the school day, starting when you arrive in the morning until dismissal.

Lunch and leave-free privileges are awarded later in the school year, and determined by a discussion between your dean and the upper school principal. In the past, these privileges have been awarded as early as after Spirit Week or as late as second semester. The stronger we start off the year and the more consistent we are at following the rules and serving as leaders in the upper school, the sooner Ms. Choi will be willing to have that conversation with me.

Community Service

The Class of 2027 is doing an amazing job completing the required community service hours and reflections. At present, only about 20% of the class are missing any portion of their paperwork. I am quite diligent and persistent in sending reminders, but please feel free to check in with your student to ensure that they are all set in this area.

Below, please find a calendar of upcoming events this fall, but please know that we are working to create and share a more comprehensive calendar of Senior Class events soon.

As always, if you have any questions with which I can be helpful, please let me know.

Have a wonderful evening.

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