

Hilton Head Island High School

70 Wilborn Road * Hilton Head Island, SC * 29926

Class of 2026 Informational Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

HHIHS Media Center

Dear senior students and parents/guardians: This document contains information about senior events. Please note that we will update information as needed throughout the year.

Senior Information

- **Senior Class Google Classroom** for students enrolled at HHIHS; parents have no access to this site without their student logging in; Fall Finishers lose access to this site when they leave HHIHS

Senior GCR Code: **pkuqvgq**

- **Mr. Schidrich's weekly email** is sent via the school messaging system each week. Please check your email folders to read all important school information. *Fall Finisher families lose access to this weekly correspondence as well.*
- **School Website** – hhihs.beaufortschools.net – Student Life – Class of 2026
Fall Finishers should check the website regularly starting in January.
- **Fall Finishers and their Parents/Guardians** - We need your **PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES** so that we can email you. We will have no other way to stay in touch with you after December 19th. We don't email weekly like Mr. Schidrich does, but we will email when there is an approaching deadline and/or new information to share.
- If you need to **order graduation supplies such as a cap and gown**, please go to <https://gradnow.com/> or contact our Herff-Jones representative. *Expect price increases the first of each month starting in December.*
info@gradnow.com 912-764-9314
- An updated version of this letter will be posted to the school website and sent electronically in May.

Dates and Details as of November 18, 2025

- **November 18** **Senior Parent Meeting Media Center, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**
- **November 26-28** **Thanksgiving Break**
- **December 9** **EOC Extravaganza - Test Prep for EOC Courses**
- **December 15 – 18** **Final Exam Week**
 - **Fall Finishers get a senior check out sheet from their counselor, complete it, and turn it in to their counselor before the end of the day on December 18**
 - December 15 – Block 1
 - December 16 – Block 2
 - December 17 – Block 3
 - December 18 – Block 4
 - December 19, January 7 - Exam Make-up Days
- **December 19** **Fall Finisher and IB Diploma Celebration at 10:00 am in the SCC**

- December 22 Weather Make-Up Day (if needed)
- December 23 – January 6 No School, Winter Holiday
- January 5 Weather Make-Up Day (if needed)
- January 7 2nd Semester Starts (Quarter 3)
- January 9 First Semester Report Cards distributed
- January 19 No School, MLK Day
- January 28 Open House Second Semester
- February 12 Half-day for Students
- February 13 - February 18 No School for Students
- **March 14** **HHIHS Prom, Hilton Head Beach and Tennis**
- March 17 End of Quarter 3
- March 18 Start of Quarter 4
- March 19 Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 20 Half Day for Students
- March 23 Weather Make-Up Day (if needed)
- **March 30** **Herff-Jones Graduation Regalia Distribution Day**
Caps/Gowns/Stole distributed
- April 3 Good Friday, No School
- **April 10** **Senior Cap and Gown Parade, 8:30 AM**
 ■ **Wear cap, gown, Seahawk stole but NO TASSEL**
- April 13 - 17 Spring Break
- **April 24 - 25** **Senior Grad Bash Trip, Universal Studios**
- April 29 - May 20 IB Exams
 - All seniors in IB classes return to HHIHS to take their IB (or AP) tests. IB exams are multi-day exams, and *there are no make-ups*. Fall Finishers must get testing dates and times from their IB/AP teachers. Spring dual enrollment students - work out these IB/AP exam dates with your college professors.
- May 12 EOC Extravaganza - Test Prep for EOC Courses
- **May 19** **Yearbook Slideshow, Senior Breakfast, volunteers needed (sign up in spring)**
- **May** **Final Exams Dates Not Set Yet (probably the week of May 18th)**
 - May Block 1
 - May Block 2
 - May Block 3
 - May Block 4
 - May Make-up Exam Day for Seniors
- May 25 No School, Memorial Day
- **May 26** **Senior Awards Night**
- **May 27** **Hawkspys - Athletic Awards Evening**
- **May 28** **Mandatory Graduation Practice, 8:30 AM**
- **May 29** **HHIHS Graduation, 7:00 PM, HHIHS Stadium (weather permitting)**

Fall Finisher Ceremony, December 19, 10:00 am, SCC

- Fall Finishers may dress up if they would like to; no cap and gown
- **Fall Finishers arrive in the SCC lobby no later than 9:45; wait there to process in**
- THIS IS NOT A GRADUATION CEREMONY. We are just recognizing these seniors for finishing their high school requirements. You'll be called on stage to receive a congratulatory certificate.
- Your families are invited to attend.
- The ceremony is brief, about 30 minutes with a cake reception following.
- If Fall Finishers are in good standing and don't owe seat time, Mr. Schidrich allows them to leave after the ceremony

Senior Breakfast, Yearbook Slideshow: May 19, Blocks 1 - 2, SCC and Cafeteria

- Catered breakfast in honor of seniors
- Parent/guardian volunteers help set up/decorate the cafeteria starting at 8:15; Sign Up Genius coming
- Seniors attend the yearbook slideshow first (parent volunteers can also attend once set up is over)
- Seniors pick up yearbooks and eat breakfast/sign yearbooks

Senior Awards Night, May 26, Seniors check in at 5:30 in the cafeteria; event starts at 6:00 PM, SCC

- Please plan to stay for approximately 90 minutes - 2 hours
- Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Top 10, Outstanding Seniors, Super Seahawk recognized
- Local scholarships are awarded by any organization who chooses to attend; students are responsible for knowing if they should be in attendance for this (we don't know who the recipients are)
- Students will be notified by honor society sponsors and/or counselors about honor cords they have earned; if students are unsure, THEY NEED TO ASK the faculty advisor of the club. We will publish more information about this in the spring.
- Students CHECK IN at 5:30 in the cafeteria or their names won't be announced
- Students are called on stage to receive any honor cords they've earned
- Families are invited to attend

Graduation Practice: May 28, 8:30 AM - noon, MANDATORY to participate in the graduation ceremony

- Please schedule college orientation, grad parties, etc. so that seniors can attend this practice in full.
- 8:30 AM, main gym to start; late students won't be admitted; DON'T schedule work or anything else before noon
- Seniors submit check out sheets to their counselors as a ticket into practice
- Dress comfortably for the heat/bring water as we practice both inside and outside.
- Rain tickets are distributed at the end of practice (3 tickets per graduate for seating in main gym bleachers)
- Scheduling conflicts about grad practice go straight to Mr. Schidrich.

Graduation, May 29, HHIHS Stadium with no tickets needed unless we move inside because of weather:

- **Because of the construction, parking will be tricky. We will update you closer to time about the parking arrangements, but be prepared to arrive early and carpool if possible.**
- **Dress Code for Graduation:**
 - Semi-Formal attire. Cap, gown, tassel, Seahawk stole required; honor cords from Awards Night. Acceptable attire includes a light colored dress, light colored shirt and tie with dress pants, dress shoes. Be careful with shoe choices because of the turf field. No flip flops, please.
 - Caps may be appropriately decorated.
- **When? Graduates should arrive at the main gym by 5:30 pm for the 7:00 pm ceremony. No tickets necessary for an outdoor ceremony.**
- **Potential rain plans** will be communicated via social media as they are finalized that day.
 - **Seniors:** LEAVE YOUR 3 RAIN TICKETS WITH YOUR GUESTS WHO MAY NEED THEM.
 - **Guests:** BRING YOUR 3 RAIN TICKETS REGARDLESS OF HOW THE WEATHER LOOKS JUST IN CASE.
- All **obligations** must be paid in order to participate in any graduation-related activities.
- If a student is **suspended at the time of any event**, they may not participate in that event.
- All **school rules will apply** throughout all events. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to participate and will face consequences.

Fall Finishers: Students who have met graduation requirements by December of the Senior Year and have registered with their counselors to finish in December.

- Will NOT receive a class rank – therefore class rank cannot be used to meet eligibility requirements for scholarships, including the SC Life, Hope, and Palmetto Fellows. Please contact your school counselor for clarification on this requirement.
- Will NOT have access to Google Classroom or any files on the Beaufort County School Drive.
- May walk in the parade in April and the graduation ceremony in May.
- May attend end of year senior activities (prom, awards night, slideshow, breakfast)
- May NOT participate in spring sports or be allowed on campus during the semester 2 instructional day.
- MUST return to HHIHS for AP/IB testing or pay the testing fees.

HHIHS Contact Information for Seniors

- Dual Enrollment/Early Graduation information – Contact your student's counselor
 - Mr. Keck, Timothy.Keck@beaufort.k12.sc.us (A - CL)
 - Ms. Mielcarek, Nancy.Mielcarek@beaufort.k12.sc.us (CM - HER)
 - Ms. Raniszewski, Amanda.Raniszewski@beaufort.k12.sc.us (HES - ME)
 - Ms. Langley, Nicoleta.Langley@beaufort.k12.sc.us (MF - ROD)
 - Ms. Dopson, Cheryl.Dopson@beaufort.k12.sc.us (ROE - Z)
- Graduation supplies – Herff Jones at info@gradnow.com or 912-764-9314
- Yearbook – Ms. Schoelkopf, Patricia.Schoelkopf@beaufort.k12.sc.us
- Prom – Ms. Pierce, Kaytlyn.Pierce@beaufort.k12.sc.us
- Grad Bash Senior Trip - Mr. Ewing Curtis.Ewing@beaufort.k12.sc.us
- Other Senior Information – Ms. White and Ms. Hartman Mary.White@beaufort.k12.sc.us
Michelle.Hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us