

Important Dates for Graduating Class of 2026 - Smoky Mountain High School

Tuesday, August 19th

Senior Information Night – Kick off the year with key information for seniors and families.

Wednesday, August 27th

Open House.

Monday, September 15th

College Rep from NC State for Goodnight Scholars Presentation, 9:30-10am

College Rep from UNC Chapel Hill Presentation, during both lunches (old chorus room)

Tuesday, September 16th

College Rep from NCSSM presentation, 9:30-10am

Monday, September 8th

College Fair at WCU - open to juniors/seniors. Limited spots available.

Tuesday, September 23rd

Senior Class of 2026 group photo - Football Field - Third Period.

Monday, September 29th

Prestige Senior Portraits – Last Call / Retakes (Formals Only).

Wednesday, October 1st

FAFSA Opens – Seniors and families can begin applying for federal aid

Monday, October 6th (during homerooms)

Jostens (Cap & Gown) | **Early Grad forms go out** – Representatives from Jostens will visit during homeroom to provide seniors with important information about ordering their caps and gowns. Early graduate forms will also go out today.

Tuesday, October 14th (during lunches)

Jostens (Cap & Gown) - Jostens will be here during lunches to collect money for cap and gown orders.

Thursday, October 23rd

Senior Movie Day-Catamount Cinemas. 8:30-2pm.

Monday–Sunday, October 20th–26th

College Application Week – Events and workshops to support seniors in applying to college.

Monday-Wednesday, October 27th-29th

ACT Workkeys Test - For seniors who have successfully completed a CTE pathway. Can earn a credential.

Tuesday, November 4th

FAFSA Night – Hands-on FAFSA completion event.

Friday, November 21st

Senior Quotes Due – Submit quotes for yearbook through link in student email.

Friday-Sunday, November 21st-23rd

SMHS Fall Musical

December 2025 – May 8, 2026

Slideshow Submissions – Seniors may submit informal and formal photos for graduation slideshow through link in student email.

Tuesday, February 10th

FAFSA Follow-Up Night – Assistance available for students and families.

Friday, February 20th

Cap & Gown Portraits (Optional) – Highly recommended for seniors who did not attend either formal session in the fall.

Week of April 27th

Senior Week Activities –

- Monday, April 27th– Senior Trip-Dollywood
- Tuesday, April 28th - – Decision Day
- Friday, May 1st -Senior Walk (tentative)
- Saturday, May 2nd - Prom

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Prom – Harrah's Cherokee Casino

Friday, May 1st (tentative)

Senior Walk – Seniors walk in cap & gown through Downtown Sylva and all elementary schools. Families and the community encouraged to attend at the downtown event.

Friday, May 15th

Senior Sunset – 7–9 PM on the football field

Wednesday, May 27th

Graduation Ceremony – 7pm, WCU Ramsey Center