



# CARROLLWOOD DAY SCHOOL

## SENIOR NOTES – CLASS OF 2025

**COLLEGE APPLICATION AND ESSAY WORKSHOP PARTY:** Signing up for one session is considered mandatory. Please bring your laptop to this student - only event. Lunch will be provided both days from 11:30am - 12:30pm. You are welcome to attend more than one session! Mrs. Hollingsworth will also be available to assist with CAS work and questions.

August 1st - 9:00am - 11:30am

August 1st - 12:30pm - 3:00pm

August 6th - 12:30pm - 3:00pm

### SENIOR PARENT PORTAL PAGE:

A page has been created on the website to be a central resource for information important to senior parents. This page will continue to be updated throughout the year.

- [Senior Parent Portal - Carrollwood Day School](#)
  - Password: CDSPP23!

### CAP AND GOWN AND DIPLOMA INFORMATION:

A form has been created to capture cap and gown and diploma information. Please note that for the cap and gown information, ladies should use their height with heels.



**SENIOR PARENT COLLEGE & INFORMATION NIGHT:** Thursday, August 22, 2024  
6:45 pm in the theatre. This is a mandatory program for seniors and parents. In addition to pertinent information about the college admission process from college counseling, important beginning of the year activities planned for the Class of 2024 will be discussed. Information will be presented regarding the IA calendar, EE/CAS, Registration Calendar, Disney World/Typhoon Lagoon trip, Senior Privileges and Homecoming. A recording will also be available.

**PATRIOT BUDDIES KICK-OFF:** Friday, August 30, 2:00 pm  
Join us in the Theatre for this well loved tradition where the Seniors and their 1st Grade Patriot Buddies are officially introduced.

**SENIOR ATHLETE NIGHTS:**

- October 1, 2024 - Swim
- October 19, 2024 - Volleyball - 10:00am
- November 1, 2024 - Football - 6:30pm
- November 7, 2024 - Cheer, Cross Country, Golf - Halftime
- January 13, 2025 - Soccer
- January 14, 2025 - Basketball

**HOMECOMING WEEK:** September 23 - 27, 2024

**SENIOR SUNRISE BREAKFAST:** Monday, September 23, 2024, 6:45am  
Seniors will gather for this early morning tradition on Thursday during Homecoming Spirit Week. Seniors are welcome to bring folding chairs and blankets to relax on the lawn as they enjoy breakfast together. The menu will include coffee, water, juice, bagels and of course, plenty of donuts. Parent's help is needed in providing bagels, donuts, and cream cheese.

**PEP RALLY and HOMECOMING GAME:** Friday, September 27, 2024  
The homecoming court will be announced at this game. If you have a golf cart to lend for the event, please let Jenn Nolen know.

**HOMECOMING DANCE:** Saturday, September 28th: 7:30pm -10:30pm, Hayes Family Gymnasium

**COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 6:30 pm - Theatre  
Understanding the financial options to pay for your student's college education is just as important as choosing the right college. Whether you are looking for merit scholarships or need-based aid (or a combination of both), it is not too early to begin to learn about the types of financial aid that are available. With the FAFSA form changing for the 2023-2024 school year, consider this a must-attend session where you will learn

the intricacies of both the new FAFSA form as well as the CSS Profile from members of the financial aid office at the University of South Florida and Stetson University.

**GRADUATION PICTURES:** Studio Artistry is the official photographer for Carrollwood Day School. You are not obligated to purchase any pictures from Studio Artistry; however, **only official Studio Artistry formal graduation pictures will be published in the yearbook.** Studio Artistry will also take a group picture of the entire class and will be at the graduation ceremony to take candid and formal pictures before and after the ceremony. These pictures will be available for purchase from the photographer's website.

- Families will be emailed directly by Studio Artistry to set appointments for senior yearbook pictures in November. Appointments will be scheduled November - January.
- The senior class picture will be taken on February 12, 2025. Students should be dressed in **business casual attire.**
- Students will autograph a class picture for their Advisors.

**SENIOR MIDTERM EXAMS:** Friday, December 13 – Friday, December 20, 2024  
Midterm exams will be held off campus to familiarize the students with the testing environment used for the IB exams at the end of the year. Senior exams will be held at Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa, FL 33618.

## **IB REGISTRATION**

Mid-November - Registration deadline

- Changes to full DP / Course Candidate status
- Extended Essay
- CAS first 12 months
- Internal Assessment Progress
- Sustained motivation

Upload deadlines in the spring (March 15th/April 20th)

**SENIOR SAFETY SERIES:** During the second semester, the CDS Wellness Department hosts a series of speakers to provide seniors with information and tools they will need to be safe and smart as they prepare for the opportunities, independence, and challenges of college life and adulthood. These presentations are for students only and attendance is mandatory. Past presentations have included topics such as:

- **Crowd Safety**
- **Assault Prevention**
- **Finances and Budgeting (Part 1)**

- **Hazing Prevention**
- **Finances and Budgeting (Part 2)**
- **Presentation from USF Health**

**SENIOR CLASS TRIP:** January 9-10, 2025: Magic Kingdom/Hollywood Studios

**Registration and payment are due by October 31, 2025**

<https://events.veracross.com/cds/207-G12-disney-25>

**PARENT MEETING:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 8:45am and 6:45pm - Theatre

All senior parents are strongly encouraged to attend this informational meeting to go over important end-of-year and graduation activities planned for the Class of 2025.

Jenna Alpert, DP Coordinator, will present information about the policies and expectations for the upcoming IB exams. We are also excited to share with you the CDS senior class traditions that have been handed down from class to class.

**SENIOR SUNSET:** Thursday, March 27, 2025, 7:30pm - Wagner Athletic Field

Additional details to be announced

**SENIOR SKIP DAY:** Friday, March 28 2025

**JUNIOR SENIOR PROM:** Saturday, March 29, 2025 - Florida Aquarium

Parent volunteers are needed to help coordinate decorations with the Dance Committee/Student Government. Tickets are \$100 each.

Registration: <https://events.veracross.com/cds/347-Prom-tickets-24-25>

Guest Form: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vk4H9u9U9rmAMf-lxaTlyEWxbz75quUWH4Odp6W0ctw/edit?usp=sharing>

**ALUMNI PARENT PANEL:** April 2, 2025 - Student Union

The Alumni/Senior Parent Roundtable event allows CDS Alumni parents to provide CDS Senior Parents with insights and tips of information that might assist with the process of their child going into their freshman year of college. The group will cover general topics like dorm room organization, Greek life, getting sick at college, and other points of interest. In order to give well-rounded information, the alumni panel is made up of parents from both public/private universities, in-state/out of state universities, as well as parents of male/female students. It is important to note that every university, major, student, and family has different needs and this information is meant to be a broad view.

**GRAD BASH:** Friday, April 11, 2025 - Universal Orlando Resort

Seniors will have the opportunity to participate in Grad Bash at Universal Orlando. Cost is \$210.

Registration is due by Friday, March 7th.

<https://events.veracross.com/cds/359-G12-gradbash-25>

**Details:**

Location: Universal Studios Orlando

Time: Leave CDS at 4pm and return to CDS at 4am

NOTE: ALL seniors attending must be in school a half day of class/arrive by 12:35pm in order to attend. If they are not in school, they may not go regardless of whether a ticket was purchased.

All participants including chaperones must arrive in the buses together. No private vehicles are allowed per Universal.

This event is provided by Universal Studios, so CDS and Universal rules/expectations must be observed. Any student who does not abide by the expectations will be sent home and their parents must arrive in a timely manner to the park to get them.

Both parks will be closed down to the general public and opened up to the seniors who have registered to participate. If there are questions, they can be directed to Mrs. Hall: [jhall@CDSPatriots.org](mailto:jhall@CDSPatriots.org)

**COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:**

- Please be sure to submit to the College Counseling office copies of all college acceptances and all scholarship letters your senior receives; even if your child does not plan to attend that school.
- Students should meet with College Counseling prior to Senior Send-off to ensure that their Bright Futures accounts are correctly set-up, even if they are planning to attend a school out of state.

**SENIOR CLASS GIFT:** The Class of 2025 will raise funds for a legacy gift to the school. The Class of 2025 will raise funds for a legacy gift to the school. This year's Senior Class Gift is a beautifully branded Victory Bell that will stand as a powerful symbol of achievement and school spirit.

More than just a decorative piece, the Victory Bell will ring in celebration of key CDS victories, from graduations to merit scholars and beyond. It will bring our community together and honor the accomplishments of our students for generations to come.

[https://giving.veracross.com/cds/give/2025\\_CDS\\_Annual\\_Giving#gift-amount-step](https://giving.veracross.com/cds/give/2025_CDS_Annual_Giving#gift-amount-step)

**COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENT ASSEMBLY:** April 24, 2025

Seniors will be announcing their college choices during the upper school assembly at 11:30am in the theatre and taking a class photo immediately after in the gymnasium. Parents are welcome to attend.

**SENIOR SEND-OFF:** April 25, 2025

The Senior Appreciation Brunch for the Class of 2025 will be held from 9:00am – 11:30am at Cheval Country Club. (Senior students only) The entire school (grades 1 – 12) will assemble in the Hayes Family Gym to wish the seniors well at 1:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

**LOCKER CLEAN OUT:** Friday, April 25, 2025

Locker clean-out will be held on April 25, 2025. Any unclaimed items will be discarded, recycled, or donated. CDS assumes no liability for items left in lockers after April 25, 2025.

Textbooks and class materials should be returned to your classroom teacher after your IB exam and prior to graduation.

**IB EXAMS:**

- **Dates:** April 29 - May 21, 2025
- **Location:** IB Exams will be administered at Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa, FL 33618.
- A complete schedule of IB exams will be provided in the Spring. These dates are set by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
- **Missed Exams:** If a student misses an IB DP exam, the earliest he/she will be able to make-up the exam is November 2025.
- Exam results are posted online July 6th. Students should keep a copy of their log-in information (Personal Code & PIN) so that they can access the results over the summer at [candidates.ibo.org](https://candidates.ibo.org). If you have any questions about results or accessing results, email Jenna Alpert, [jalpert@cdspatriots.org](mailto:jalpert@cdspatriots.org) for assistance.

**COMMENCEMENT**

**GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:** CDS partners with an outside vendor to provide commencement announcements, thank you notes, and other commemorative products. Here is a video explaining what they offer.

<https://www.beautiful.ai/player/-O9uue3XW5ReDeNekzWh/SY25-CARROLLWOOD-DAY-SCHOOL-SENIOR-GRAD-VIDEO-Final>

Please click the link below for more information and to order.

<https://hub.jostens.com/ls/7ed522a8-6ef6-433e-a669-a571dd80545b/Qyn1BJjyO8tPD Tpa#/>

**GRADUATION CAPS, GOWNS, AND REGALIA:** The upper school office will take care of ordering your graduating seniors cap and gown and any honoring regalia he/she has earned. These items will be kept at school and graduating seniors' gowns will be pressed and ready for the graduates on graduation day.

**SENIOR HONORING DINNER: FRIDAY, MAY 16, 6:00PM**

- **Location:** Armature Works
- **Set-Up: Junior and senior parent volunteers help decorate and set up for this event.** iVolunteer will be used for sign-up.
- **Ticket Price:** Graduates' dinners will be complimentary; for parents and guests the cost is \$50. Currently the tickets are limited to 6 per family with the possibility that we can accommodate more.
- **RSVP:** Parents must make reservations for all guests, including their graduate, by **Monday, April 28**. Due to the size of the graduating class, tickets are limited. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate "walk-in" guests the evening of the event.

<https://events.veracross.com/cds/355-senior-honoring-25>

**SENIOR SLIDESHOW:** A special slideshow will be prepared that will showcase pictures of the Class of 2025. Each family is asked to send in 4-5 pictures from their baby albums through their senior year to include in the slideshow. Group shots of current 12th grade students from throughout their years at CDS are also welcome and will be used as time and space allow. **Extra pictures of individual students cannot be included.**

All pictures must be received by **Friday, April 11th**. No printed pictures. Pictures must be digital pictures on DVDs/CDs, thumb drives, or emailed to [seniorpictures@carrollwooddayschool.org](mailto:seniorpictures@carrollwooddayschool.org) (Please enter your child's name in the subject line of the email.)

**SENIOR PARENT REFLECTIONS:** At the Senior Honoring Dinner on Friday, May 16, 2025, we would like to incorporate reflections from parents. These reflections can be overall impressions or thoughts about what being part of CDS meant/means to you and your child ... or simply sharing of a specific memory/event that had an impact on your child during his/her time at CDS. Reflections should be no longer than 500 words. A booklet with these reflections will be distributed at the reception. Please email reflections to Mrs. Nolen and include your child's name in the subject line ([jnolen@cdspatriots.org](mailto:jnolen@cdspatriots.org)).

Reflections are due by **Friday, April 11th**. Thank you in advance for helping to make the Senior Honoring Dinner a personal and meaningful night for all in attendance.

**COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL: SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

- All graduating seniors must participate in the full length of the commencement rehearsal on May 17th in order to participate in commencement. **Seniors who do not participate in the entire commencement rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.**
- Girls should wear the shoes that they will wear to the commencement ceremony.
- In order to participate in the commencement rehearsal and commencement ceremony, students must meet all graduation requirements including: meeting all academic criteria, completion of all CDS service hours, turning in all books and athletic uniforms, and satisfying all financial obligations to the school.

**COMMENCEMENT: SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025 5:00pm**

- The Commencement Exercises will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The procession will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. Commencement will be held in Carrollwood Day School's **Hayes Family Gymnasium**.
- Graduating seniors must arrive at CDS by **3:00 pm** for robing in the Student Union and class pictures in the gym. Faculty will assist the graduates with their robes and regalia.
- Graduates will **not be available** for pictures with family and friends until after the cap toss following the graduation recessional.
- Proper Attire for graduates:
  - No jeans, tennis shoes or casual footwear (i.e. flip-flops, crocs, or flat thong sandals) are permitted. Please leave all bags with family members. Do not leave valuables visible in your car, even if the car is locked.
  - Young Women: Underneath their gowns, young women should wear dresses, black or navy dress slacks, and dress shoes. Young women are encouraged to leave their purses and or bags with their families.
  - Young Men: Underneath their gown, young men should wear **white/neutral** collared, dress shirts with dark ties and black or navy dress slacks. They should also wear dark colored dress shoes and dark socks.
  - All school policies for dress apply; graduates should look neat and prepared for a formal ceremony.

**COMMENCEMENT SEATING:**

- There will be a section of seating reserved for families of the graduates on the gymnasium floor. Each family will receive eight (8) tickets for the reserved family section. **Seats cannot be reserved in advance** with the exception of seats for the families of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian and seats purchased at the annual auction. Additional guests are welcome to attend; seating for additional guests will be behind the family seating and in the bleachers. Once the seating area for additional guests is filled to capacity, they will be invited to view graduation via livestream in the theater.
- A block of seats are also reserved for faculty and staff.
- Family commencement tickets will be mailed home in the packet containing the invitations to the Senior Honoring Dinner. Please make sure that your address is correct in Veracross.
- Accommodations can be made for guests in wheelchairs. Please notify Mrs. Nolen by Friday, May 2, 2025 if arrangements are needed

#### **FAMILY AND GUEST ARRIVAL:**

- Doors to the gymnasium will open at 4:30 pm. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. The graduation processional will begin **promptly** at 5:00 pm (and is scheduled to end by 6:30 pm).

It has been our pleasure to partner with you in preparing your children to “go confidently in the direction of their dreams.” The faculty and staff of CDS salute you for the huge role you have played in bringing your children to this momentous milestone.





# CLASS OF 2025

# 2024-25 KEY DATES

CARROLLWOOD DAY SCHOOL

<b>August 15</b>	Last First Day of School
<b>August 22</b>	College Information Night (Mandatory)
<b>August 30</b>	Patriot Buddies Kick Off
<b>September 2</b>	No School - Labor Day
<b>September 10</b>	Individual Photos
<b>September 24</b>	Senior Sunrise Breakfast
<b>September 27</b>	Pep Rally & Homecoming Game
<b>September 28</b>	Homecoming Dance
<b>October 10</b>	College Financial Aid Night
<b>October 14</b>	No School - Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
<b>October 24</b>	No School - Conference Day
<b>November 8</b>	No School - Professional Development Day
<b>November 11</b>	No School - Veterans Day
<b>November 25-30</b>	Fall Break
<b>Dec. 23 - Jan. 7</b>	Winter Break
<b>January 9-10</b>	Senior Class Trip
<b>January 20</b>	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
<b>February 17</b>	No School - Presidents' Day
<b>March 17-21</b>	Spring Break
<b>March 27</b>	No School - Conference Day - <b>SENIOR SUNSET</b>
<b>March 28</b>	Senior Skip Day
<b>March 29</b>	Prom
<b>April 10</b>	Senior Parent Reflections Due
<b>April 11</b>	Senior Slideshow Photos Due
<b>April 11</b>	Grad Bash
<b>April 18-21</b>	No School
<b>April 24</b>	College Announcement Assembly
<b>April 25</b>	Senior Send Off
<b>May 16</b>	Senior Honoring Dinner
<b>May 17</b>	Graduation Rehearsal - 9am (Mandatory)
<b>May 17</b>	<b>GRADUATION</b>

THIS LIST IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

