



# CARROLLWOOD DAY SCHOOL

## SENIOR NOTES – CLASS OF 2024

**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 2nd - 9:00am - 11:30am

August 2nd - 12:30pm - 3:00pm

August 8th - 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 24, 2023  
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:** Tuesday, September 5, 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:**

- Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm at Tampa Palms - Swim
- Thursday, October 12th at 6:15pm: Volleyball
- Friday, October 27th at 6:30 pm: Football, Golf, Cross Country & Cheer
- Winter & Spring sports will be posted when available

**HOMECOMING WEEK:** October 2 - 6, 2023

**SENIOR SUNRISE BREAKFAST:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 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:** October 6th  
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:** October 7th: 7:30pm -10:30pm, Hayes Family Gymnasium

**SENIOR CLASS TRIP:** October 16 - 17, 2023: Disney World/Typhoon Lagoon  
Registration and payment are due by August 28, 2023  
<https://events.veracross.com/cds/42-G12-disney>

**COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:45 pm - Student Union

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 8, 2024. Students should be dressed in **business casual attire.**
- Students will autograph a class picture for their Advisors.

**SENIOR MIDTERM EXAMS:** Friday, December 15 – Friday, December 22, 2023  
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**

**PARENT BREAKFAST:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 8:00am  
Carrollwood Day School PTO hosts the annual Parents' Breakfast for 11th and 12th grade parents. Coffee will be available starting at 7:45am for those that arrive early to drop off elementary and middle school students. Breakfast will be served at 8:00am. There is a fee to attend this event and reservations will be required.

**PARENT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 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 2024. Nancy Hsu, 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/ALUMNI PARENT ROUNDTABLE:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 - 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.

- [Recap From 2023 Event](#)

**JUNIOR SENIOR PROM:** Saturday, April 13, 2024 - Hotel Flor - 905 N. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL 33602 - <https://events.veracross.com/cds/159-g11-12-prom-2024>  
Parent volunteers are needed to help coordinate decorations with the Dance Committee/Student Government.

**GRAD BASH:** Friday, April 19, 2024 - Universal Orlando Resort  
Seniors will have the opportunity to participate in Grad Bash at Universal Orlando.

**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)

Registration Link - <https://events.veracross.com/cds/147-g12-universal-gradbash-2024>

**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 2024 will raise funds for a legacy gift to the school. More detailed information will be posted later in the year.

**COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENT ASSEMBLY:** Monday, April 22, 2024

Seniors will be announcing their college choices during the upper school assembly and taking a class photo immediately after.

**SENIOR SEND-OFF:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024

The Senior Appreciation Lunch for Class of 2024 will be held from 12:00pm – 1:00pm. (Senior students only). The entire school (grades 1 – 12) will assemble in the Hayes Family Gym to wish the seniors well at 1:30pm.

**LOCKER CLEAN OUT:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Locker clean-out will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Any unclaimed items will be discarded, recycled, or donated. CDS assumes no liability for items left in lockers after April 19, 2023.

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

**IB EXAMS:**

- **Dates:** April 25 – May 17, 2023
- **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 2023.
- 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 Nancy Hsu, [nhsu@cdspatriots.org](mailto:nhsu@cdspatriots.org) for assistance.

**COMMENCEMENT**

**GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:** CDS partners with an outside vendor to provide commencement announcements, thank you notes, and other commemorative products. Please click the link below for more information and to order.

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1792405/Carrollwood-Day-High-School/>

**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 17, 6:00PM**

- **Location:** This event will be held at the Hilton Tampa Downtown, 211 North Tampa Street, Tampa, FL 33602
- **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. Families will not be limited to the number of guests they can invite.
- **RSVP:** Invitations will be provided by the school. Guests will be instructed to RSVP to their host/graduate family. Parents must make reservations for all guests, including their graduate, by **Monday, April 29**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate "walk-in" guests the evening of the event.  
<https://events.veracross.com/cds/164-senior-honoring-2024>

**SENIOR SLIDESHOW:** A special slideshow will be prepared that will showcase pictures of the Class of 2024. 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 12th**. No printed pictures. Pictures must be digital pictures on DVDs/CDs, thumb drives, or emailed to [seniorpictures@cdspatriots.org](mailto:seniorpictures@cdspatriots.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 17, 2024, 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 **Thursday, 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 18, 2024 9:00 am to 11:00 am

- All graduating seniors must participate in the full length of the commencement rehearsal on May 18th 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 18, 2024 5:00pm

- The Commencement Exercises will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024. 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 and class pictures. 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** 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 3, 2024 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.

### **Overview of Deadlines & Events - Class of 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Thursday, August 24	Senior Parent College Night	This is considered a mandatory event for seniors and their parents
Tuesday, September 5	Patriot Buddies Kick-Off	Seniors and their 1 <sup>st</sup> grade buddies are introduced
Friday, September 23	Senior Night: Football and Cheer	6:30 pm in Wagner Athletic Complex
Thursday, September 29	Senior Night: Volleyball, Cross Country and Golf	6:15 pm in the Hayes Family Gymnasium
Wednesday, September 28	Financial Aid Night	6:45 pm in the Wagner Entrepreneurial Center/Theatre
Thursday, October 3	Senior Sunrise Breakfast	For senior students only
October 16-17	Senior Trip to Disney World and Aquatica	

Tuesday, November 14	Financial Aid Night	6:45 pm in the Student Union
November - January	Senior Portraits	Studio Artistry will email families with appointments beginning in November.
December 15-22, 2023	Midterm Exams	These will be held at Congregation Kol Ami
February TBD	Commencement Announcement/ Thank You orders due	
Tuesday, January 30, 2024	Parent Breakfast	This event is for 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> grade parents and students
Tuesday, January 30, 2024	Senior Parent Meeting	Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
Thursday, February 8	Senior Class Picture	Seniors come dressed in business attire.
Wednesday, April 3	Senior/Alumni Parent Roundtable	
Thursday, April 11	Senior Parent Reflections due	500 word limit; Email to <a href="mailto:jnolen@cdspatriots.org">jnolen@cdspatriots.org</a>
Friday, April 12	Senior Slide Show Pictures due	Digital photos only; Email to <a href="mailto:seniorpictures@cdspatriots.org">seniorpictures@cdspatriots.org</a>
Saturday, April 13	Junior/Senior Prom	Pricing and details forthcoming through class reps. Parent volunteers will be needed for decorations.
Friday, April 19	Grad Bash	Class trip to Universal Orlando. Pricing and details forthcoming through class reps
Tuesday, April 23	Senior Appreciation Lunch	Lunch is for students only
Tuesday, April 23	Senior Send-Off	Parents are invited to attend
Tuesday, April 23	Locker Clean Out	All unclaimed items will be discarded
April 25 – May 17	IB Examinations	These will be held at Congregation Kol Ami

Monday, April 29	RSVP due for Senior Honoring	Graduate is free; all family and guests are \$50 each
Friday, May 3	Commencement Special seating requests due	There is no reserved seating. 8 tickets per family, not including the graduate; Accommodations can be made for guests in wheelchairs; email <a href="mailto:jnolen@cdspatriots.org">jnolen@cdspatriots.org</a>
Friday, May 17	Senior Honoring Dinner	Hilton Tampa Downtown
Saturday, May 18	Graduation Rehearsal	Wear graduation shoes for practice
Saturday, May 18	Commencement	3:00 pm - Arrival for graduates, 4:30 pm - Doors open for seating (arrive early)
Thursday, July 6	IB Exam Results Posted	Students will need their personal code and PIN to login to IBO
November 2024	Make-Up Date for Missed IB Exams	