CLASS OF 2027

October 2026 Senior/Parent Meeting

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Thank you to all the senior parents who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for our meeting Tuesday morning. We appreciate your involvement, thoughtful questions, and support as we help our seniors navigate this exciting and busy year. It was great having you there, and we look forward to working together to make this a successful senior year!

COLLEGE & FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

Visit our Academic Guidance website for information about applying for college and financial aid. Spend some time navigating through the site — it has valuable information. Any questions, please see Mrs. Penny Boccuzzo.

Some particular pages worth a visit:

- College Admission Testing
- SAT Testing Dates 2026–27
- What and When Do I Do During My Senior Year?
- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- Senior Page

KEY DATES & EVENTS

- **Senior Serve Day at Waterman Cove Assisted Living in Tavares — Tuesday, November 17, 2026.** We will leave the school at 8:00 am, arrive at the facility at 8:30, and work till 11. We will be decorating doors and singing Christmas carols in the recreational room if time allows. You will need to bring money to cover your lunch — we usually go to the Target parking lot in Mt. Dora and students group together to eat lunch and, if time allows, do a little shopping or grab coffee. We will be back to school by 2:00 pm. We will be taking the school vans for transportation — students are not allowed to drive themselves there.
- **Fall Festival Fundraiser — Friday, November 20, 2026.** We usually rent a dunk tank to use as a fundraiser toward your senior trip. Who wants to help organize this? Parents, I will also need a parent to volunteer to be at the tank with the students — if you can and are willing to help, please let me know. We will also be running a bake sale table … more info on this later.
- **Mt. Dora Christmas Parade — Saturday, December 5, 2026, time 10:00 am.** We line up at 9:00; more information on our float location will be sent out later. I would love for y'all to come out and help with this!
- **Senior Hoodies/T-Shirts** — as always, we're happy to be working on these. We'll plan a lunch meeting to get your ideas and suggestions very soon (Sep/Oct), which will also feature the senior verse.

- **Caps & Gowns** will be ordered the first week we return from Christmas break. The graduation fee is $200.00, which will be charged to your FACTS account on **January 8, 2027**. This covers the cost of graduation and your cap and gown (yours to keep). There is no admission charge for this event. They will arrive a few weeks after we order them. We are scheduled for in house Cap & Gown pictures on campus, Thursday, **March 5, 2027**.
- **Senior Quotes** you will receive a google form from Meghan DuBose regarding this in January 2027.

SENIOR KEEPSAKES

You have the opportunity to purchase senior supplies / Class of 2027 items:

- Jostens — class rings and all Class of 2027 senior supplies.
- HDA Letterman Jacket — order an HDA Letterman jacket.
- HDA Sideline Store — spirit wear, with several options for Class of 2027 items as well.

YEARBOOK SENIOR PAGE

The deadline to design and order a Senior Page is **March 12, 2027.**

How to order:

- Visit the online parent pay portal
- Log in if returning, or register as a new user
- Use school code **214715M**
- Choose Parent Ad and select your preferred page size
- Design and submit!

SENIOR TRIP & FUNDRAISING

Casual Day sales help offset the cost of the senior trip. We'll need 6 workers each morning:

- Wednesday, November 11, 2026
- Wednesday, January 13, 2027
- Wednesday, February 3, 2027

The senior trip is booked for Lake Swan Camp in Melrose, FL, for **February 10–12, 2027**. The cost will be a maximum of $225, depending on how much is raised through Fall Festival and Casual Day sales — last year's fundraising brought it down to $135 per student. You must help with fundraisers to receive a discount on the price. We will leave Wednesday morning at 8:15 and return to school Friday around noon. Payment for the senior trip will be due end of January – first of February.

FORMAL & GRADUATION

- **High School Formal** — April 16, 2027, at the Eustis Community Center.
- **Graduation** — Friday, May 14, 2026, 7:00 pm. Location to be announced January 2027.

QUESTIONS?

- **Academic:** Penny Boccuzzo
- **Events/Activities:** Gail DuBose and Brooke Roberts