



Senior Year Events, Forms, & Fees

At-A-Glance: Class of 2026

The purpose of this document is to provide *12th grade students, parents, guardians, and families* with important information about Senior Year events, due dates, costs, contact persons, and other key details *all in one place*.

1. Free & Reduced Lunch Application:

✓ *Required* (if requesting financial assistance via free or reduced lunch)

- Due: Tue., Sep. 30, 2025
- Cost: N/A
- Contact: Ms. Petroccia, Counseling Secretary (epetrocc@somsd.k12.nj.us)
- Additional Information:
 - [Free & Reduced Lunch \(FRL\) applications](#) must be completed every year. Your FRL status does not carry over from the previous year.
 - Students who qualify for FRL will receive, at no charge, a yearbook, cap and gown, as well as assistance with the graduation fee, Prom, and Midnight Madness. Such students who are members of the CHS National Honor Society will also receive, at no charge, their NHS cord, which is worn at graduation.

2. Graduation Photos:

✓ *Photo Required*

★ *Purchase Optional*

- Date: See e-mail from Senior Class Assistant Principal, Mr. McCormick
- Cost: Approximately \$86-400 (varies by package, beginning with one a la carte photo), to be paid by credit card to Lors Studio
- Contact: Lors Studio (customerservice@lorsstudio.com; 908-964-0847)
- Additional Information:
 - Please be sure to have your senior photo taken. These photos will be used for your ID cards and are also used for the yearbook and video

montage shown at Graduation.

- Seniors who need assistance purchasing photo packages are asked to see Counseling Secretary, Ms. Petroccia, in the Counseling Department.
- There is no obligation to purchase a photo package to be included in the yearbook and Graduation video.

3. Yearbook Orders:

★ *Optional*

- Due: *TBD*
- Cost: \$100, *to be paid by credit card to Jostens*
- Contact: Jostens (www.jostens.com; 1-800-567-8367)
- Additional Information:
 - Personalization options are offered for a fee.
 - Students who qualify for FRL or need financial assistance should see Ms. Hernandez in the Main Office (personalization options not included).
 - Seniors who have additional questions about the yearbook should contact Yearbook Club Co-Advisors, Ms. Handler and Ms. Stewart, at khandler@somsd.k12.nj.us and/or kstewart@somsd.k12.nj.us, respectively.

4. Senior Athlete Banners:

★ *Optional*

- Date: *Varies by sport season*
 - Fall Sports: *Sat., Aug. 23, 2025*
 - Winter Sports: *Fri., Dec. 5, 2025*
 - Spring Sports: *Fri., Mar. 13, 2026*
- Cost: \$65, *to be paid by cash to CHS*
- Contact: Ms. Winstead, Director of Athletics and Activities (swinstea@somsd.k12.nj.us)
- Additional Information:
 - See applicable coaches for specific details.
 - Financial assistance is not available for senior athlete banners.

5. Homecoming Dance:

★ *Optional*

- Date: *Sat., Oct. 11, 2025*
- Cost: *Approximately \$25, to be paid by cash to Senior Class Student Council*
- Contact: Ms. Cahill, 12th Grade Class Advisor (acahill@somsd.k12.nj.us)
- Additional Information:
 - Homecoming ticket sales start in early Oct.
 - Students who qualify for FRL or need financial assistance should see Ms. Hernandez in the Main Office.

6. Cap & Gown Orders

✓ *Required*

- Due: *Mon., Dec. 1, 2025 – Wed., Apr. 1, 2026*
- Cost: \$30, *to be paid by credit card to CHS*
- Contact: Ms. Hernandez, Principal's Secretary
(chernand@somds.k12.nj.us)
- Additional Information:
 - A link to purchase will be shared via the CHS Senior Class and HSA websites.
 - Caps and gowns ordered after Wed., Apr. 1, 2026 will be charged an additional \$15 to cover the cost of expedited shipping.
 - The student's first and last name as well as their student ID# will be required when placing the order.
 - Students will have the option to have their order shipped to their home at an additional charge of \$15 for shipping.
 - Students who do not request "ship to home" will have their order sent to CHS for group distribution in Jun.
 - Students who qualify for FRL or need financial assistance should see Ms. Hernandez in the Main Office. Height and weight are needed to place the order. The deadline to request financial assistance is Wed., Apr. 1, 2026.

7. Graduation Fee:

✓ *Required*

- Due: *Fri., May 1, 2026*
- Cost: \$20, *to be paid by cash to CHS*
- Contact: Ms. Hernandez, Principal's Secretary
(chernand@somds.k12.nj.us)
- Additional Information:
 - This fee covers the cost of the student's diploma and cover.
 - There will be a scholarship option for students requiring financial assistance.

8. Prom Ticket Sales:

★ *Optional*

- Due: *TBD*
- Cost: Approximately \$90-130 (confirmed prior to sale), *to be paid by cash to CHS*
- Contact: Ms. Cahill, 12th Grade Class Advisor (acahill@somds.k12.nj.us)
- Additional Information:

- Prom ticket sales begin in Apr.
- The cost of Prom is dependent upon the amount of funds raised by the Senior Class Student Council.
- There will be a scholarship option for students requiring financial assistance.

9. Midnight Madness:

★ *Optional*

- Due: *Fri., May 1, 2026 (Registration opens)*
- Cost: *Approximately \$100, to be paid by credit card to the CHS HSA*
- Contact: *CHS HSA (presidents@columbiahsa.com)*
- Additional Information:
 - A link to purchase will be shared via the CHS Senior Class and HSA websites.
 - There will be a scholarship option for students requiring financial assistance.

10. Senior Signs & Senior Flocking:

★ *Optional*

- Due: *TBD*
- Cost: *Approximately \$30 each, to be paid by credit card to the CHS HSA*
- Contact: *CHS HSA (presidents@columbiahsa.com)*
- Additional Information:
 - This event is sponsored by the CHS HSA.
 - A link to purchase will be shared via the CHS Senior Class and HSA websites.
 - There will be a scholarship option for students requiring financial assistance.
 - Proceeds go toward Midnight Madness.