

Important Information for Senior Class of 2027

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Aug 17-Lander Classes Begin

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Sept 14-College Fair, 10:15-11:30

Aug 26-College App Day, 9am-3pm Media Center

Oct 1-FAFSA application expected to open!

Dec 1-College Applications submitted

Attendance is very important! Do not miss more than 10 days (5 for Gov/Econ). Check PowerSchool to keep up with your absences. Turn in notes to Ms. McDonald in the attendance office. Even if you have a medical note, it still counts as an absence. Early dismissals may also count as absences.

The final makeup dates for **Senior Portrait** will be held on August 19 & 20 at Greenwood High School. If you do not secure a spot, you will need to schedule an in studio session with images-sc.com in Greer, SC.

Students should visit **Scois360** and log on using ClassLink to explore career and higher education options.

Greenwood High will host a **College Fair** with over 40 admissions counselors from various colleges around the state on Monday, September 14th from 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. in the new gym. Each college/university will have a table where students can speak to an admissions counselor and pick up brochures/information about each school. This same group of counselors will be at Emerald High School that evening for BOTH students and parents to attend and ask questions from 6-8 pm in the gym.

College Application Day will be held in the Media Center at GHS on Wednesday, August 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students should sign up for an appointment time with their counselor. College admissions counselors and Greenwood High counselors will be available on this day to assist students with submitting their college applications online. Students are expected to look at the colleges that they want to apply to ahead of time; and if any essays are required, students need to write those at home and bring them with them to upload. Some applications require that a fee be paid online with a credit or debit card. If the application requires a fee, the student will need to bring a form of payment with them. *The student MUST be able to COMPLETE the application during the allotted time on this day.*

Submit your **FAFSA** (a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) to apply for federal student aid for college and for most state and institutional aid. A FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature. Create your ID by going to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> . Then go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete your financial aid application. **EVERY student should do this** – even if you feel that you may not qualify. The FAFSA application is expected to open on October 1. This should be done ASAP using your income tax returns from 2025. You can update your FAFSA information after taxes for 2026 have been filed.

To **request your transcript** be sent to a college, go to <https://bit.ly/parchmentGHS>.

Students must take care of this! Create an account and request your transcript be sent to any college of your choice. If you are a dual enrollment student and you have taken classes at PTC or Lander, you must also request a FINAL transcript from the college once you have been accepted. This can be done by going to the Registrar's office at Piedmont Technical College or Lander.

For **Scholarship Information**, go to the **Greenwood High School** website at <https://ghs.gwd50.org/> and under the **Departments** tab, choose *School Counselors*. Look at the menu, to find the latest list of **scholarship information**. Other helpful information, such as SAT and ACT test dates, NCAA Eligibility Center information for student athletes, and more can also be found on this website.

South Carolina Scholarships

Hope (no application) 3.0 GPA

LIFE (no application)- Must meet 2 out of 3 criteria: 3.0 GPA, 1100 SAT or 22 ACT, and/or Top 30% of graduating class

Palmetto Fellows (application required)- Must meet all three criteria: 3.5 GPA, 1200 SAT or 25 ACT, and Top 6% in 10, 11, or 12 OR 4.0 GPA and 1400 SAT or 31 ACT

Go to <https://www.greenwoodpromise.com/> to find out more about the Greenwood Promise.

Greenwood Promise meetings will be held on campus each month. Students should sign up through an announcement on Parent Square sent each month (signup genius) from Mr. Green to schedule an individual meeting with a Greenwood Promise representative.

Cap & Gown Orders - Balfour will be at GHS on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. for a senior class assembly. They will be back in person to take orders in the lobby of the GPAC on Friday, Sept. 11 during all three lunches from 11:30 am to 1:45 pm. Please use the link <https://carolinagrad.net/> to place an order. All items will be shipped directly to home address except the cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover which will be delivered to Greenwood HS. Please call Balfour at (803) 798-5134 with any questions.

College visit days can only be taken by seniors in good standing in the areas of academics and attendance. Seniors have the privilege to take two college days **IF** they are passing a minimum of three of the current four classes, are on schedule to graduate during the current year and have less than five absences this semester. Students must submit College Visit day form *3 days BEFORE* you go and bring back a letter on college letterhead with the date attended to the attendance office.

Scholarship letters from any institution should be kept to report to the Guidance office in the Spring to be published in the graduation program. **College Acceptance Letter** to the school you will be attending will be submitted in the Spring. **Plans After Graduation** is a Google Form that must be completed before graduation to inform us what you plan to do after graduation and your post-graduation contact information.

Parents are encouraged to download the Parent Square app on your phone and students should sign up for Student Square to make sure that you receive all important information from the school.

