

Welcome back, Class of 2026!

Your senior year will be full of exciting events, meetings, deadlines, and milestones. To help you stay on track, we've put together this information sheet with details about upcoming important dates.

Please take a few minutes to review and keep this handy throughout the year.

Senior Events & Important Dates

Senior Sunrise – 10/10 – 6:00 AM

A Senior Sunrise is a cherished high school tradition where the senior class gathers before dawn at the start of their final year to watch the sunrise together. Seniors will meet at McCullough Field (across the street from Pallotti) at 6:00 AM and return to school for classes as scheduled.

Homecoming Dance – 10/11 – 8:00 PM

Tickets are on sale now for \$27.25 per person. [Click here to purchase a ticket.](#)

If your student would like to bring a guest from another school, a Student Verification Form must be completed at least 2 days before the dance. Guests will not be permitted without this form submitted in advance.

Senior Make-Up Pictures – 10/30

Whether your student is buying a package or not, all seniors must be photographed for both the yearbook and to have their student ID issued. The final chance to have the portrait taken in school is on Oct. 30th, and an [appointment](#) must be made in advance. The photographers will not be able to accept walk-ins. After this date, students will need to arrange a session at Legacy's studio. All yearbook portraits must be submitted by November 10.

Senior Christmas Luncheon – 12/16

Pallotti will host the senior class for their annual Christmas Luncheon. Each year, seniors are asked to bring a toy donation for Toys for Tots. As the date approaches, we will share a SignUp Genius link requesting donations such as drinks, desserts, and paper products.

Senior Class Picture & Pinning Ceremony – 4/22

The Senior Class Picture will be taken immediately following the Junior/Senior Pinning Ceremony. Parents and family members are welcome to come to the Ceremony. Please arrive at 10:00 am. To make this moment memorable, we ask all seniors to follow the dress code guidelines.

- Out of uniform is permitted.
- Please avoid sweatpants, running pants, ripped jeans, crop tops or tight/revealing clothing.

Decision Day Assembly – 4/30

The Parent Guild will once again host our annual Decision Day Assembly to celebrate the future endeavors of our graduating seniors. On this day, seniors may proudly showcase their post-high school plans by wearing a shirt or sweatshirt representing their chosen college, university, or career path. Family and friends are welcome to attend. More details will be shared in the coming months.

Senior Class Trip – 5/1

Each year, the senior class takes a trip together. Past destinations have included Six Flags and Kings Dominion. The destination and cost (in the past the cost has been \$50) will be decided by the class and shared as we approach the date.

AP Exams will take place May 8–1

- Cost: \$99.00 per exam.
- Payment deadline: April 30.
- Payment [AP Link](#)*

**Please note: unpaid exam fees will prevent students from sitting for their AP exam.*

Junior/Senior Prom – Details to Come

Senior Exams – 5/11–5/14

Exam schedules can be found in the student handbook or school website.

Tradition: Second semester seniors who achieve 90% or above in both Q3 and Q4 are exempt from the final exam in that course.

Senior Awards Ceremony – 5/18 - 7:00 pm

Join us May 18th as we celebrate and honor the achievements of our seniors!

The program will include student speakers, athletic awards, and community service recognitions. This year, the ceremony will be held at school at 7:00 pm. Family and friends are welcome to attend as well.

Graduation Rehearsal – 5/19

Rehearsal is mandatory.

- Arrival at school: 10:00 am.
- Transportation provided to and from the Basilica.
- Students return after lunchtime.
- Dress code: modest and conservative. No sweatpants, running pants, ripped jeans, flip flops, Crocs, or tight/revealing clothing. Students dressed inappropriately will be asked to return home and change.

Senior Celebrations - 5/19

After students return from graduation rehearsal, there will be a Senior Celebration. The entire senior class is invited to enjoy an afternoon of bounce houses, food, music, and more. Additional details will be shared soon.

Graduation – 5/20

Graduation will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, DC on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

- Each student receives 5 tickets for preferred seating.
- Additional family and friends are welcome; no ticket required for general seating.
- Dress code: the same modest, conservative guidelines as rehearsal.
- Directions and details [link](#).

Additional Senior Year Information

Service Hours

Requirement: 20 hours of community service per year.

- Due date for seniors: April 17, 2026.
- Unsure what qualifies as service hours? [Click here](#)
- Once completed, log your hours using the provided [platform](#) to ensure they are tracked for graduation.
- Questions? Contact Nancy Vawter at nvawter@pallottihs.org.

Graduation Forms

As January approaches, forms requiring parent/guardian signatures will be sent home. Each form will include a clear deadline. Please return all forms by the due date to ensure all graduation arrangements are in place.

Outstanding Financial Obligations

All financial obligations—including tuition, AP fees, athletic fees/athletic uniforms, or missing padlock fees—must be settled before seniors receive diplomas and final transcripts. Contact the Business Office if you have questions.

Yearbook Ads

Parents have the opportunity to purchase yearbook ads for the 2026 yearbook. Ads may include pictures, congratulatory messages, or words of wisdom. Look for an email in late January with instructions on submitting and purchasing ads. For additional questions or assistance, please contact Mr. Greenberger at (RGreenberger@pallottihs.org)

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