

Class of 2026 Rising Senior Parent/Caregiver Meeting - May 2025

Q & A from Chat

Question	Answer
What are Senior Dues / Obligations	Pays for senior activities such as senior sunrise/sunset, wall painting, graduation expenses, etc. Senior dues turn into obligations if not paid. Obligations include Books that have not been returned, lost or broken Chomenooks, lost or not returned sports/music/dance uniforms.
What is Senior Sunrise?	Happens at the start of the school year to usher in their senior year. They go to the stadium and watch the sunrise together as they eat donuts.
What is Senior Sunset	End of the school year, usually during their last week. They play games and eat food at the stadium, and as a class watch the sun set on their senior year.
What is Unity Day?	A senior only field trip where they spend the day together as a class with food and games.
What color for the Class of 2026 panoramic photo?	Our class color is black, not red - thanks for pointing that out. We're still deciding what they will wear for the panoramic photo.
Can a student get a teacher recommendation letter from a teacher at another MCPS school?	Yes. The student needs to inform the counseling secretary who the teacher is so that teacher can be added to Naviance.
Can a student get a teacher recommendation letter from a teacher from a NON MCPS school?	Yes. The student should tell the teacher to email their recommendation letter directly to their counselor. The counselor can then upload that letter. OR the student can provide the other teacher with a self addressed, stamped, envelope for that teacher to mail directly to colleges.

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When should the self-reflection questions be completed?	As soon as possible! Counselors write letters of recommendation over the summer. HERE is the link to the Self Reflection Questions Google form.
When will students have access to Naviance?	Students currently have access.
It would be helpful to know the process for linking Naviance to Common App.	There is a video tutorial in the presentation. HERE is a direct link to the video.
When will the March SAT scores become available?	They are currently ready for review on your students' CollegeBoard account.
In general, when is Early Action v Regular Decision	Early action is typically November 1. Please use Naviance to research individual schools' Regular Decision application deadlines.
What is a general timeline for important tasks	Please see the timeline on slide 33 of the presentation.
What is the best way to ask a teacher for a recommendation letter?	Simply speaking to the teacher in person. If they are unable to catch the teacher alone to ask, sending an email expressing why they'd like them to write their letter of Rec would be a great way to ask. Some teachers have short forms for students to complete for their recommendation letters. *** Teachers are not obligated to write letters of recommendation.***
Are the questions for the Common App available now?	Common App Essay Questions are already available to choose from. Click HERE for those questions.
How can I find out about scholarship opportunities?	We will share opportunities throughout the school year and post on the Einstein career center website