

JXC SENIORS

Countdown to Cap & Gown: Class of 2027

SAVE THE DATE

The dates listed below are important dates for rising seniors, additional details about each event will be shared closer to the event date.

- Monday, August 10 - Senior Breakfast
 - First Day of School Dress Code for Seniors (this is optional, if students prefer to wear their formal Monday uniform they may):
 - Girls - business casual black dress, black shoes and tiarra - because they are the queens of the school 😊. Or black skirt or slacks with a black top.
 - Boys - black dress pants, black button down or polo shirt and black shoes. Tie of choice.
- Friday, August 14 - Senior Sunrise
- Monday, August 17 - Junior/Senior Pinning Ceremony (students MUST have their Formal day blazer in order to participate in this ceremony)
- Saturday, October 24 - Homecoming Dance
- Tuesday, December 1 - Senior Picture Day (for anyone who does not get Senior pictures taken at Cady Studios over the summer)
- Saturday, April 3 - Junior/Senior Prom
- Thursday, April 15 - Senior Trip - Gradbash at Universal Studios
- Friday, May 7 - Senior Skip Day
- Friday, May 14 - Senior Sunset/ Seniors Final Lap
- Saturday, May 15 - Graduation

SENIOR MILESTONES

Upcoming milestones for seniors are listed below. More details to follow!

Summer 2026

- Senior photos at Cady Studios (information attached)

Fall 2026

- Athletic Senior Nights
- Senior yearbook ads announced
- Senior quotes submitted for the yearbook
- Senior superlative voting for the yearbook
- Order cap and gown

Spring 2027

- Athletic spirit nights
- Graduation announcements
- Senior prank
- Senior gift

SENIOR TRIP

Gradbash - Universal Studios

Grad Bash at Universal Orlando Resort is a special, school-sponsored graduation celebration for high school seniors held after hours at Universal theme parks. It is a supervised event where students from multiple schools come together for a night of rides, entertainment, music, and celebration in a controlled environment.

- Jax Classical will attend Grad Bash on Thursday, April 15. Departure and return times will be shared closer to the trip date.
- Students will travel by charter bus to Orlando.
- Students will enjoy Universal Studios and Island of Adventure.
- The cost is \$300 per student, and families are encouraged to begin saving now. Payment will be due at the end of February.
- Parents may attend as approved chaperones and must also pay a \$300 fee. Parents will be allowed to ride on the charter bus for this trip.
- Strict guidelines for behavior, dress code, and permitted items will apply. Additional details will be shared closer to the trip.

Chaperone Information:

- Only approved chaperones will be permitted to sign their student out or remain in Orlando with them.
- Parents who are not approved chaperones will not be allowed to pick up or take their student from the trip in Orlando under any circumstances.
- Chaperones may only sign out students if they are listed on the student's approved pickup list.
- All chaperones are required to complete a Level 2 background check prior to the trip.



Class of 2027

Your Moment in the Spotlight is Here!



The first step of your senior year is your senior portrait session. This experience is designed to be more elevated than prior school pictures for a reason. Senior portraits celebrate a once-in-a-lifetime season, and we want every student, now a soon-to-be senior, to feel seen and celebrated.

We are excited to partner with CADY for senior portraits. For more than 25 years, CADY has served schools with a distinctive approach to senior photography, combining beautiful studios, premier customer service, and the artistry to capture each senior's unique story.

We believe CADY is the right fit for our students, and we cannot wait for you to experience what they do. To kick off your senior year and senior portrait experience, it is important that we know how you want to receive information about senior portraits. [Please click this link to validate your student's information.](#)

Once you update your contact information, you will receive all important communication about booking your senior portrait session!

Our goal is simple: every senior represented in the yearbook. CADY is our trusted partner in making that happen, and you will receive communications from their team to guide you through each step. CADY is our exclusive senior portrait photographer to give the senior portrait section of our yearbook a cohesive feel. Only senior portraits from CADY will be included in the yearbook.

CADY is different by design. To help you prepare, here is what to expect for your senior portraits this year. We cannot wait for next school year, and we have a feeling it will be one of the best.



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Senior Portrait Information



Sitting Fee

Your portrait session starts with a required sitting fee for the base experience. This fee covers the enhanced photography experience. Prints and digital images are purchased separately, so you can choose exactly what you want after you see the proofs.

CADY provides a \$30 coupon with your proofs, which can be applied toward the purchase of any photo package.



Inclusion in the Yearbook

CADY takes care of submitting the senior portraits to the school for inclusion in the yearbook. After your session, you will receive a link to review your photos and choose which photo will be included in that file transfer from CADY to the yearbook staff. Photos must be selected by the deadline!



Senior Proofs

Senior proofs will be mailed home in a leatherette viewing portfolio. After viewing, you have the option to keep the portfolio for \$99 with any package or purchase it as a stand-alone option with all proofs for \$199. A postage-paid return label is included. If you decide not to purchase the portfolio, it must be mailed back to CADY to avoid being billed.



Senior Session Options

CADY offers a wide selection of senior portrait sessions, from entry-level to Elite options. As a senior, you are only required to select an entry-level session that includes your yearbook scene and Cap & Gown scene. CADY offers enhanced sessions to showcase the senior year, and some families choose to spend \$1000+ on higher-priced options. These often include premium features like a 1:1 photographer, hair and makeup, and other personalization, which seniors have historically used when hiring a private photographer.

Any expenditure beyond the base session is a matter of personal choice and is not required. CADY's senior portrait website offers the full range of options, allowing families to choose the experience that best suits their preferences.



Senior Sessions at a Studio or on Campus

CADY provides an elevated studio experience for seniors with dates available all throughout the week, versus just a few select days on campus. This approach gives you more flexibility both over the Summer and Fall to book your session in one of their state-of-the-art studios for the best experience. Sessions are booked through the CADY website. If an on-campus option is available, it will be listed when you select your date and time while booking online.

It's time to celebrate all you have accomplished and what makes you uniquely you. We are incredibly proud of you, as are your family and friends. Make the most of every moment this year. You have earned it!



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GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation Ceremony

- Saturday, May 15, 2027
- The Hangar
- Ceremony begins promptly at 10:00am
- Graduates should arrive by 8:45am to allow time for check-in, line-up, and final preparations.

Cap & Gown Information

- Cap and gown ordering details will be shared in the fall. All caps and gowns must be ordered through Herff Jones.
- Graduation announcements and invitations will also be available through Herff Jones and are optional for families.

Cap Decoration Guidelines

- Graduates are allowed to decorate their caps to celebrate their next step after high school.
- Approved designs must:
 - Be flat only (no 3D materials or items hanging off the cap)
 - Represent the college/university, trade school, or military branch the student will attend or join after graduation
- All cap designs must be submitted and approved by Friday, May 7, 2027.
- Caps that do not follow the guidelines will require replacement, and students will be responsible for the cost of a second cap.

Graduation Dress Code - Graduation attire should be appropriate for a formal school ceremony and fit comfortably under the graduation gown. School colors strongly encouraged.

- Gentlemen - Black or navy dress pants, button-down shirt, tie, formal day school blazer (to be worn when not in the graduation gown)
- Ladies - Dress or skirt no more than 2 inches above the knee, dresses and tops must have modest necklines and include sleeves or straps (no strapless, backless, or excessively low-cut styles)
- Formal shoes required (no flip flops, athletic shoes or Crocs)
- Only cords and stoles provided by the school may be worn (outside cords/stoles are not permitted)

Guest Information

- Each graduate is limited to 10 guests.
- Please plan to carpool whenever possible to help limit the number of vehicles on campus and ensure a smooth arrival experience for all families.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone together and honoring the inaugural graduating class of Jacksonville Classical Academy!