



Hello Class of 2025 Senior Parents,

Can you believe that your children are now Seniors?! I know you join me in reflecting on so many memories of these precious young adults. My prayer is that they live each day growing in their faith and knowing how much we love them.

We are sending this letter to give you information about this upcoming year. More will come in the fall.

We would love to plan multiple ways to celebrate our Seniors this year. In order for these ideas to come to fruition, we will need parents to help organize and lead these events. Whether you are better in the evening or an early riser, in front of the group, or behind the scenes, we have an opportunity for you to be involved 😊

Our focus right now is August and the kickoff of the new school year...

### **Dinner and Parking Space Decorating**

**Who:** Seniors and their families

**What:** A time to reconnect and get to know each other better. Seniors who plan to drive this upcoming year will be assigned a parking space. Students will have an opportunity that evening to decorate their parking space or back parking lot area with sidewalk chalk (provided by CCS).

**Where:** Meet on the 3-5 playground area; Bring your own chairs.

**When:** Tuesday, August 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thank you to Mavis Davis for agreeing to chair this event.

Mavis and Becky Myers will send a joint email to senior parents to share more details and opportunities for you to get involved in the dinner/breakfast events.

## **First Day Food and Photos**

**Who:** Seniors

**What:** Seniors will come early, park in their newly decorated parking spaces, and gather for grab-and-go breakfast food/photo fun.

**When:** Wednesday, August 7, 7:00-7:45 a.m. (Class photo at 7:30 a.m. on 3-5 playground)

**Where:** 3-5 Playground

Thank you to Becky Myers for agreeing to chair this event.

Mavis and Becky will send a joint email to senior parents to share more details and opportunities for you to get involved in the dinner/breakfast events.

## **Nutrition Break Snack**

For the past four years, our rising Seniors have watched a fun Senior tradition - special snacks during the nutrition breaks on their Senior Dress Up Days. Parents sign up for a month and provide snacks. Set up at 9:00 a.m. for the 9:20-9:35 a.m. Nutrition Break. Please email me if you would like to provide a special snack:

[dhillsgrove@carychristianschool.org](mailto:dhillsgrove@carychristianschool.org).

## **Rhetoric School Retreat**

Just a reminder that our Rhetoric School students will be attending a retreat that will be held at Camp Sea Gull in Arapahoe, NC from Wednesday, August 14 to Friday, August 16. I am excited for our Seniors to start their year spending time together in this way.

## **SSP Update: Monday, November 18-Monday, November 25**

We are finalizing our transportation and lodging for the upcoming trip. Please make sure you have paid your initial deposit by July 26, as that is how we know your child is attending SSP. If you are unsure of your deposit status, please email Jodi Walsh at [jwalsh@carychristianschool.org](mailto:jwalsh@carychristianschool.org).

Thank you for the overwhelming response to help chaperone. As mentioned before, there are limited chaperone spots due to the housing and nature of the trip. I wish we could take everyone. Please see below for the list of parent chaperones for the Class of 2025 SSP trip. If anything changes in our need for chaperones, we will reach out to those who expressed possible interest.

Dana Atti  
Melanie Blondin  
Travis Callahan  
Karin Cochran  
Mavis Davis  
Shelly Holmes  
Tony Holmes  
Christie Hudson  
John Miller  
Michael Riccobene  
Steve Young  
Martin van Cleeff - Medical

#### Other Ways to Support:

- This will be announced school wide early in the upcoming school year. We will ask our school community to support SSP and the Newport/Morristown community through donations of new/gently-used clean blankets, jackets, gloves, scarves, hats, and backpacks.
- We need Walmart gift cards for shopping for community needs.
- Come join the Seniors for prayer and send off on Monday, November 18 at 11:45 a.m.
- Welcome the Seniors home on Monday night, November 25 (time TBA).

#### Commitment to Encourage and Pray

Most importantly, I'd like to reach out to you to ask you to begin this school year with a commitment to encourage and pray for our Seniors. This will be a year filled with many emotions. Some days they will feel ready to take on the world and leave the nest, and other days they will need us to understand and have patience with their insecurities. As with us all, they are doing the best they can. Please pray for each student that they will grow strong in their faith and their appreciation for the person God created them to be and that they will grasp how precious they are and that God has great plans for

them! They are all our children to love and encourage. Let's be a class of parents who walk beside all of the Seniors with encouragement and prayer.

I am excited to be a small part of a very special year for your families.

Sincerely,

Diane Hillsgrove  
Dean of Students