



## Class of 2026 Senior Bulletin

*Links to Class of 2026 information are also on our website at [www.ocsarts.net/12thGrade](http://www.ocsarts.net/12thGrade)*

### **Senior Packages/Cap & Gown Orders**

[Senior packages](#) are offered on [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) for senior items so they can be ordered together at a discount. “Senior Package A” includes a yearbook, graduation cap/gown/tassel, Grad Night, a class ring, Class of 2026 panoramic photo, and a Class of 2026 T-shirt (designed by OCSA seniors) for \$543 - a \$192 savings! “Senior Package B” has the same items excluding the class ring for \$422 - a savings of \$46! After purchasing Senior Package A you must make your class ring selections at <https://socalgrad.com/ocsa-package-a/>. The deadline to order OCSA senior packages is **Monday, October 6, 2025** at 8:59 p.m. To purchase the cap and gown or ring individually, please go to the SoCalGrad website at <https://socalgrad.com/ocsa>. For uniformity purposes, caps, gowns, and tassels may only be the black cap and gown with silver tassel purchased through SoCalGrad. Senior package information can be found [here](#). Optional graduation items such as announcements, thank you notes, apparel, souvenir tassels, key rings, T-shirts, sweatshirts and other mementos can be purchased at <https://socalgrad.com/ocsa>.

### **Yearbook Submissions**

Submit your senior portrait, quote, and baby photo to [www.ocsarts.net/SeniorYearbookInfo](http://www.ocsarts.net/SeniorYearbookInfo) by **Monday, January 12, 2026**. No submissions will be accepted after that date, and no exceptions will be made. Detailed yearbook submission information can be found [here](#).

### **Senior Portraits**

Senior portraits are the responsibility of seniors and their families. Portraits are not arranged by OCSA for individual seniors with a specific company or photographer. When choosing senior portraits and baby photos, please consider that they will be used in the slideshow at graduation.

### **Senior Ads**

The deadline to create and purchase senior yearbook ads is **Monday, January 12, 2026**. No submissions will be accepted after that date. Please see senior ad instructions [here](#).

### **Panoramic Picture**


The senior class panoramic picture is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18, 2026** at 10:45 a.m. and is available for purchase as part of the senior packages or as an individual order at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com).

### **College Entrance Exams**

For seniors who plan to apply to a four-year school, this is a reminder that all college entrance exams need to be taken no later than the **December** testing date. If applying Early Action or Early Decision, confirm with the college regarding which testing date is the last one that they will accept. To register and/or find information regarding SAT exams, go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the ACT go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Please check with the colleges where you are applying to see if they are test optional. Check with your OSCA counselor if you need guidance on testing requirements.



### **College Applications/Community Colleges**

Counselors have put together these  [Class of 2026 College Application Tips .pdf](#).

For seniors who plan on attending a community college next fall, be sure to visit the college websites and check early registration deadlines for the fall of 2026. Be sure to research priority registration opportunities, transfer policies, and honors programs.

### **Transcript Requests**

Students who need official transcripts sent through the Common Application may order them online at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com). For colleges that require transcripts to be sent directly to the institution, UC's, and Cal State Universities, orders must be placed through [Parchment.com](http://Parchment.com). Please note that UC and Cal State Universities do not require transcripts unless they specifically request them, or once you are admitted and choose to attend. To meet college deadlines, transcripts must be ordered well in advance. For **November 1 deadlines**, orders must be submitted by **Monday, October 6**. For **December 1 deadlines**, transcripts must be ordered by **Monday, October 27**. For **January 1 deadlines**, the order deadline is **Monday, November 17**. For information about how to order your official transcripts for college, please click [here](#). Transcripts needed for scholarships may also be ordered through [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com).

### **Recommendation Letter Requests**

If your college requires a Counselor Letter of Recommendation (or School Report), please submit your request to your counselor **at least four weeks before your first application deadline**. For November 1 college application deadlines, please request letters from your counselor by Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. For December 1 deadlines by Monday, October 27, and January 1 deadlines, requests must be made by Monday, November 17. If your college requires a Teacher Letter of Recommendation, please check with your teacher regarding their required timeline for completion and capacity. All recommendation requests must be submitted by the student to the recommender through either the Common Application or the direct college application website as our school is no longer using Naviance to send out these items.

### **Aeries Diploma Name/Address Verification**

We ask that seniors verify their name along with residence and mailing addresses on the Aeries **Demographics page** and complete [this Google form](#) by **Monday, October 6, 2025**. To find the first, middle, and last name in the Aeries portal, choose the Student Information tab and use the drop down to choose the Demographics page. For assistance updating names and addresses, if needed, please email [student.services@ocsarts.net](mailto:student.services@ocsarts.net). For diplomas, each student's **legal** first, middle, and last name will be used, as the diploma is a legal document. Alias names (nicknames) in Aeries **will not** be used. For the graduation program and announcement of names at the ceremony, each student's first and last name listed in Aeries will be used. Alias names (nicknames) in Aeries **will not** be used unless a preferred name is listed on the Google Form by **Monday, October 6, 2025**.



### **Awards Celebrations**

All awards celebrations are by **invitation only**. Invitations will be emailed. Please note AGPA is calculated after the first seven semesters of high school (through the first semester of senior year) and will not be recalculated after that time for these awards.

**Academic Distinction & Seal of Biliteracy Awards** – Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 12 p.m.,  
Michael F. Harrah Symphony Hall steps. Awards will be distributed as follows:

**Valedictorian** with Distinction (4.5+ AGPA, gold medallion with gold ribbon)

**Valedictorian** (4.0 – 4.49 AGPA, silver medallion with gray ribbon),

**Salutatorian** (3.75 – 3.99 AGPA, bronze medallion with white ribbon)

**Seal of Biliteracy** (certificate and seal affixed to diploma )

**Senior Awards Night** (Teacher Excellence Awards & Scholarships) – Thursday, May 21, 2026, at  
6:30 p.m., Margaret A. Webb Theatre

**NHS, CSF, & World Language Awards** (French, Spanish & Chinese Honor Societies) – During May  
meetings

### **Graduation/Graduation Distribution**

The graduation ceremony is tentatively planned for **Thursday, June 4, 2026** at 6 p.m. at Cottonwood Church in Los Alamitos. Seniors will rehearse for graduation at Cottonwood the morning of **June 4**. A detailed commencement packet will be distributed in the spring. Seniors will receive **6 tickets** per student for their guests. Graduating seniors do not need a ticket. Tickets will be distributed with caps and gowns and panoramic pictures on **Tuesday, May 26, 2026** during lunch and Office Hours (12–1:05 p.m.). There is no charge for the tickets. Due to the large class size and limited number of available seats, we are unable to offer additional graduation tickets to students and their families. **Six (6) tickets is the maximum number per student.** Coordination as to which family members receive graduation tickets is to be handled independently by the student and their family. Student Services is unable to maintain a ticket waiting list or take requests for additional tickets. Students who do not need all their tickets are encouraged to give their extra tickets to other seniors who need them for additional family members.

### **Graduation Policy**

It is the policy of the OCSA Board of Trustees that participation in the annual graduation ceremony is a privilege earned by students through successful completion of graduation requirements and satisfactory completion of attendance and/or behavior contracts (if applicable). Students who fail to meet graduation requirements by the end of their senior year have up to one calendar year to complete outstanding requirements and receive a high school diploma. Seniors will receive an OCSA diploma following the graduation ceremony if all textbooks have been returned and they have satisfied all outstanding fees. Seniors will be monitored for graduation qualification at each grading period throughout their senior year.

### **Grad Night 2026**

Grad Night is tentatively planned for Friday, June 5 through Saturday, June 6, 2026 at Disney California Adventure Park. Attendees must **ride the bus** from OCSA on Friday, June 5 tentatively checking in at 1 p.m. at the DMS Plaza and returning on Saturday, June 6 tentatively at 3 a.m. (times subject to change). Attendees must return to OCSA **on the bus**. Grad Night must be purchased by **Sunday, March 8, 2026** at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com), and will not be available after this deadline. No refunds will be given after **Sunday, March 8, 2026**. **Grad Night is included for those who purchased Senior Packages A or B.** Detailed information will be emailed in the spring.