



# Senior Sword

Class of 2019

<http://www.cmcsweb.com/information/seniors.asp>



You are a Senior! Or almost, anyway. You have arrived at the pinnacle of high school life. Now what? What lies in store for you next year?

Your senior year is going to be full of excitement, it's true, but full of responsibility too. As the upperclassmen, it will be your duty to lead and guide the underclassmen as excellent examples in Christ. Your leadership qualities will shine forth as you are asked to use them in bigger ways next year. You will also be responsible for your academic success, just as you have these last three years, but with the added weight of college looming on the horizon.

The *Senior Sword* is here to help guide you through the intricacies of your Senior Year. We can't help you study for your finals (sorry!), but we can help you plan out your year, be aware of upcoming events and due dates, and even keep you abreast of what you should be doing to get ready for college on a monthly basis.

This publication is primarily for the students, but we do send it to the parents also, so that they can keep current on everything that is going on in their Seniors' lives. Look for your monthly publication in your inbox. (It is sent to whatever e-mail you have on file in RenWeb, so make sure you update it!)

## Senior Class Meetings

Class meetings become vital once you enter your senior year. Make sure you attend them all, or important decisions will be made without you. Whether choosing the Senior T-Shirt or planning Spiritual Emphasis Day, these are meetings you will not want to miss!

## Senior Privileges

- Leaving campus for lunch** – make sure you fill out a Lunch Release form
- Decorated personal parking space** – spaces are available now – see Mrs. Proxmire
- Senior T-shirt** – worn at all important senior events!
- Senior Lounge**—a lovely haven for rest and relaxation
- Standardized Tests** – Seniors don't take them!
- Leaving early on finals days** – if your finals are over for the day, you get to go!
- Finished a week early** – you get out a week earlier than everyone for summer
- Senior Ditch Day** – after your finals end in May, you get Friday off

## Leadership Opportunities

Planning and leading camp  
National Honor Society (NHS)  
Associated Student Body (ASB)  
Senior-led Spiritual Emphasis Day

Mentoring underclassmen  
Helping in Square One  
Morning announcements on the intercom

Senior Advisors: Mrs. Ludwig | Mrs. Proxmire | Mrs. Foy

## Some Special Events

- Senior BBQ & Breakfast (on Standardized Testing Days)
- Pep Rally honoring Seniors
- Finals a week early
- Grad Nite at Universal Studios
- Senior Awards & Farewell Night
- Commencement

## Important Due Dates

- Oct. 1:** you can start the FAFSA
- Nov. 1:** start submitting UC/Cal State college applications
- Nov. 30:** due date for UC/Cal State college applications
- Dec. 31:** due date for most college applications
- January 30, 2019** Senior Fee due (about \$280 – total cost still to be determined): this will incorporate many expenses of your senior year: cap & gown, cords & medallion, diploma & cover for graduation; Grad Nite; the bus to get to Grad Nite; Tribute video; Senior Awards & Farewell Night, Senior BBQ, Senior Breakfast, and Senior class gift. Payments can be split up with the total due in November, or the entire amount can be paid in full by the end of January.
- 1<sup>st</sup> week in May:** 50 hours community service due

## Senior Pictures

Cherished Memories Photography is your official yearbook and senior photographer this upcoming school year. We will give you more information at the beginning of the school year. View samples at [cherishedmemoriesphotography.com](http://cherishedmemoriesphotography.com).

## For Parents

The *Senior Sword* will be delivered to your inbox each month. Make sure you double-check the e-mail address you have listed with RenWeb and update it if necessary. You don't want to miss out on all of these important announcements!



## Personal Parking Spaces

Want your very own parking space that no one can park in but you? Buy one now and you can also decorate the curb adjoining your space! Prices are \$10, \$15, and \$20, depending on location. See Mrs. Proxmire for details.

## Get Your Act Together Day (GYAT)

It may seem like a long way off, but this day is coming up faster than you think. Several important things happen on this day for seniors:

**Graduation Information** At GYAT you will fill out a card that with your name as it will appear on your diploma, and your height/weight for ordering your graduation gown.

**Senior Picture** You will also take your senior picture for the yearbook on this day. Seniors should come dressed nicely (boys: dress shirt /tie; girls: nice blouse with slacks/skirt or dress).

**Parking Permits and Personal Parking Spaces** Get a permit to park on campus (free). Buy your own personal parking space that you can decorate (Senior fundraiser).

## College Planning Information

Each month will see important details that needs to be accomplished for attendance at college once senior year is over. It may seem a long way off, but it will come faster than you know. The *Senior Sword* is here to help you stay on top of what you need to do each month to ensure you don't miss any deadlines or tasks as you prepare for your life in higher education.

Our first recommendation is that you start at

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> , <http://www.collegexpress.com/>  
<http://www.collegenet.com/elect/app/app> , or <http://Californiacolleges.edu>  
for individualized planning.

These are interactive, customizable sites that helps you to get started, find colleges, explore careers, pay for college, get in to college, and above all, **make a plan**. You can create an account at any site that keeps track of all of your college planning and tells you exactly what steps to take and at what time. It will suggest things you may never have considered, and will take the mystery out of planning for that next big step after your Senior year.

<http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/study-skills/>  
Another excellent resource

## To Do Before Your Senior Year (Don't worry if you can't get to these over the summer—you can do them early next year.)

- ✓ Create a list of colleges.
- ✓ Visit some colleges on your list.
- ✓ Research the admission test requirements (SAT or ACT) of the colleges.
- ✓ Take or register to take the admission tests early in your senior year.



## Student of the Month

Each month one senior will be selected as Student of the Month, and will be honored at a special breakfast by the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce.

## Student of the Year

Each student selected for Student of the Month will apply for Student of the Year, also through the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce.

## Senior Awards

Students will be awarded in the following categories at the end of the year. Who knows? You might be recognized for all your hard work!

Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Male Athlete, Female Athlete, Male Student of the Year, Female Student of the Year, Senior Performing Artist, Senior Visual Artist, Senior Musician

## SAT/ACT Testing

Here you will find deadlines for applying for the SAT and ACT, as well as test dates. Remember, you can take these tests more than once in order to improve your scores. Your first reminder is right here:

**SAT:** Test on **June 2**

**ACT:** Test on **June 9** or **July 14**

## Senior Lounge

One fun perk of being a senior is having your own place to hang out and relax. Of course, it also comes with its own responsibility, namely ...

## Senior Lounge Cleaning

Seniors will be responsible for cleaning the lounge weekly. But don't worry—you can get your friends to help you!

## A Special Privilege (Just for the Guys)

Gentlemen, now that you are Seniors, you may choose to grow out your facial hair. It must be kept neat and trimmed.