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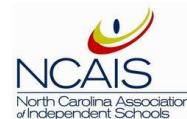
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**GRADUATION HANDBOOK
2016-2017**

This handbook has been prepared for you, a graduating senior, and your parents in an effort to help you coordinate your time and responsibilities for the numerous senior activities that will occur between now and Graduation on Saturday, May 27, 2017.



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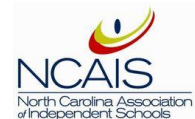
Important Dates for Seniors

First Semester

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 12:15pm	Senior Prayer Luncheon <i>Atrium</i>
Wednesday, August 24, 2016 8:00 am	Convocation <i>Founders Hall</i>
Wednesday, August 24, 2016 3:05 pm	College Application Workshop <i>Library</i>
Saturday, September 10, 2016 5:30-9:30pm	An Exceptional Evening <i>Founders Hall</i>
Friday, October 7, 2016 12:53pm	Lunch with Board of Directors <i>Atrium</i>
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:10am to 11:30 am	College Application Workday Mock Interview Sessions <i>Computer Lab/ Classroom/ Library</i>
November 21, 2016	Senior Pictures due for Yearbook to Mrs. Williams
Monday, November 9, 2016 8:00 am	Graduation Packets (cap/gown, etc.) <i>Distributed in Homeroom</i>
Monday, November 14, 2016	Financing a College Education <i>Cary Academy</i>
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 12:30 pm-1:30pm	Orders Due to Herff Jones Representative <i>Conference Room</i>
Friday, December 9, 2016 12:53 pm	Lunch with Board of Directors <i>Atrium</i>
Tuesday January 3, 2017 11:30am to 1pm	Alumni Luncheon <i>Atrium</i>



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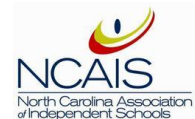
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Second Semester

Friday, February 3, 2017	Senior Ads Due to Yearbook Mrs. Williams
Friday, February 3, 2017 12:53pm	Lunch with Board of Directors <i>Atrium</i>
Friday, March 17, 2017 12:53pm	Lunch with Board of Directors Atrium
Friday, March 31, 2017	“Baby” Pictures due for Baccalaureate/Graduation Slideshow Mrs. Dasher
Monday, May 15- Friday, May 19, 2017	Senior Thesis Presentations TBD
Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:30 pm	Graduation Rehearsal <i>Founders Hall</i>
Thursday, May 25, 2017 6:00pm	Academic/Athletic Awards Night <i>Founders Hall</i>
Friday, May 26, 2017 5:00pm and 7:30pm	Baccalaureate Dinner and Service <i>Brier Creek Country Club, Founders Hall</i>
Saturday, May 27, 2017 9:30am (8:30 am for pictures)	Graduation <i>Founders Hall</i>
Tuesday, May 30, 2017 (tentative)	Italy Trip departure
Sunday, June 12, 2017 5:30 pm	Board of Directors hosted dinner <i>Angus Barn Wine Cellar</i>



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Senior Parent Meeting

PLACE: Atrium

DATE: Monday, August 1, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

This meeting will focus on expectations and responsibilities of seniors for the year; fund-raising for the Italy trip; special events; and college placement.

Senior Application Workshop

PLACE: Mrs. Zook's classroom

DATE: August 4 and 9, 2016

TIME: 10:00 am and 3:30 pm

This optional workshop is a time to begin work on your college applications and ask questions of Mrs. Dougherty and Mrs. Lee.

Senior Prayer Luncheon

PLACE: Atrium

DATE: Tuesday, August 23, 2016

TIME: 12:15 PM to 2:00 PM

Each year the Trinity faculty and senior class parents gather to enjoy lunch, hear a brief encouragement and pray for our seniors. Each family will receive an invitation with instructions regarding RSVP's. Students should wear dress standard or better (students can change after noon dismissal). Note this is the first day of school, noon dismissal.

Convocation

PLACE: Founders Hall

DATE: Wednesday, August 24, 2016

TIME: 8:00 am

Convocation will mark the beginning of the school year and will be the first time that the Senior Class of 2017 is introduced. As it is a Wednesday, all students should be in dress standard. Parents are invited to attend.

Senior Application Workshop

PLACE: Library

DATE: August 24, 2016

TIME: 3:05 pm

This workshop is a time to begin or continue work on college applications with Mrs. Dougherty and Mrs. Lee.

An Exceptional Evening

PLACE: Founders Hall

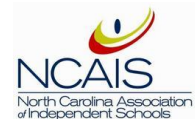
DATE: Saturday, September 10, 2016

TIME: 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Students will be trained as silent service waiters and waitresses for the Exceptional Evening dinner. For each participating senior, a financial donation will be made toward funding of your Italy trip.



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Senior Lunches with Trinity Board of Directors

PLACE: Atrium

DATES: Fridays: Oct. 7, Dec. 9, Feb. 3, March 17, May 19

TIME: 12:53-1:24

This tradition was begun many years ago as an opportunity for mutual relationship building between seniors and Trinity's Board of Directors. This culminates with the Annual Angus Barn dinner in June. For the regular lunches, Seniors should plan to enter the Atrium by the far door (near soccer field) at the start of the lunch period. Pizza, salad and homemade desserts will be provided each time. You may sit at any table that is reserved for this special lunch, you are just asked to save at least 2 seats at your table for Board members to join you.

College Application Work Day/Mock Interview Sessions

PLACE(S): COMPUTER LAB, CLASSROOMS (TBD), LIBRARY

DATE: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

TIME: 8:10 AM to 11:30 AM

Hands on work with your college application process and mock interview sessions with local business leaders.

Senior Pictures due for Yearbook

PLACE: Mrs. Williams

DATE: November 21, 2016

Families are responsible to arrange to have senior pictures taken by mid fall. Feel free to seek photographer recommendations from other Trinity families. Please submit the **ONE** picture that you would like included in the yearbook, by the above date, to Mrs. Melissa Williams at mwilliams@trinityacademy.com. Preferably have your photographer submit the picture to Mrs. Williams. **A high resolution, digital photo is required.** Please note that you may choose any outfit or pose you like during your photography session, however, make sure your photographer takes at least one picture with the following criteria as you **MUST** submit it as your yearbook picture: **Young Men – Coat and Tie** **Young Ladies – No sleeveless dresses or tops**

Graduation Packets Distributed

PLACE: Homeroom

DATE: Monday, November 7, 2016

TIME: 8:00 AM

Herff Jones will provide a large envelope of information for seniors to take home and discuss with parents. The possibilities are endless, but the only required purchase is a cap, gown and tassel. Parents are welcome to come to campus on the 16th (see below) when the rep will be present to answer any questions. She will also have samples and displays of everything from class rings to graduations announcements.

Graduation Orders Due

PLACE: Trinity Conference Room

DATE: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

TIME 12:30-1:30

Our representative from Herff Jones will be on campus to take orders for caps and gowns (required), graduation announcements, class rings and other senior memorabilia. Prior to the date look for seniors to bring home an envelope of information to consider. Filling out any of the information beforehand will save you time that day. If you have questions, www.hjgradservices.com



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College Financial Aid Workshop

PLACE: Cary Academy

DATE: Monday, November 15, 2016

TIME: 6:00-7:00 PM

Financial Aid (how to apply for federal and institutional aid) and about a financial literacy program that CFNC is offering to help students and families learn about financial matters.

Alumni Luncheon

PLACE: Atrium

DATE: January 3, 2017

TIME: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Join Trinity Alumni, teachers, staff and your fellow seniors for this reunion luncheon offering fellowship and encouragement.

Senior Yearbook Ads

PLACE: Mrs. Williams

DATE: February 3, 2017

Yearbook ads are optional. You may purchase a 1/2 page (\$125) or 1/4 page (\$80) ad. If you create your own ad, the sizes are 8.5"(w) by 5.5" (h) for 1/2 page and 4" (w) x 5.5" (h) for 1/4 page. It must be submitted as a high resolution jpg file (300 dpi or higher). Email to mwilliams@trinityacademy.com and submit a check payable to Trinity Academy with "Senior Yearbook Ad" in the memo line. If you would like the Yearbook staff to create the ad for you, send photos (qty. 4-5 for 1/2 page and qty. 2-3 for 1/4 page) and text in an envelope to Mrs. Williams. The photos may be digital or prints that will be scanned.

"Baby" Pictures

PLACE: Mrs. Dasher

DATE: March 31, 2017

Students should select 8-10 pictures depicting different stages in their life for the Baccalaureate/Graduation Slideshow. One picture should be a senior portrait pose. These should be sent digitally to Mrs. Dasher at edasher@trinityacademy.com

Senior Thesis Presentations

PLACE: Founders Hall

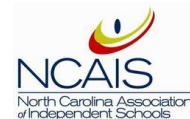
DATE: May 15-May 19, 2017

TIME: All day

During the week of May 15-May 19 Trinity seniors will present their Senior Thesis to the Upper School, faculty, friends and family. The presentation schedule will be determined in the spring and announced via Tiger Tales and email. Seniors should plan to dress up as this is the culmination of a year's research and writing. Gentlemen should wear a coat and tie. Ladies may wear a dress as long as it has sleeves and is the appropriate length (see dress code).



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Graduation Rehearsal

PLACE: Founders Hall

DATE: Thursday, May 25, 2017

TIME: 2:30 PM

All seniors need to attend graduation rehearsal, so plan work commitments accordingly. The rehearsal follows the last day of final exams and the annual Yearbook party. Seniors should be in daily standard even if they have not been on campus for an exam earlier in the day.

Baccalaureate Dinner and Service

PLACE: Dinner at Brier Creek Country Club and Service in Founders Hall

DATE: Friday, May 26, 2017

TIME: 5 pm dinner, travel back to Trinity for 7:30 pm service

Seniors should plan to dress up for the dinner and wear their graduation gown for the service. Please see below for proper attire. Senior families will receive invitations in the spring. Trinity covers the cost of the dinner for the senior and parents. Other guests should expect to pay for dinner.

Attire for Baccalaureate

MEN: Wear dark dress shoes (no topsiders, sandals, flip-flops or tennis shoes), dark dress socks, dark dress trousers, dress tie, and a white dress shirt. Anything that shows through the gown will detract from the ceremony.

WOMEN: Wear black dress shoes (no casual sandals, flip-flops or tennis shoes). All shoes should have a strap. Ladies may wear non-black dress shoes for the dinner, but should change before the service. Be careful not to wear too high of a heel; you will be walking up and down steps. Wear either a skirt and blouse or a dress (no sleeveless) of appropriate length. Dresses/skirts should not show below the hemline of the gown, nor interfere with the neckline.

Graduation

PLACE: Founders Hall

DATE: Saturday, May 27, 2017

TIME: 9:30 AM (seniors should arrive by 8:30 AM for individual and group pictures)

Trinity's graduation has always fallen on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Please advise any family and friends of this date as soon as possible. Seniors may invite an unlimited number of guests. Tickets are not needed. A reception will follow the ceremony.

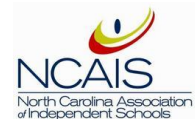
Attire: Graduation is a dignified event.

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WOMEN: Wear black dress shoes (no casual sandals, flip-flops or tennis shoes). All shoes should have a back or a strap. Ladies may wear non-black dress shoes for the reception, but should change after the ceremony. Be careful not to wear too high of a heel; you will be walking up and down steps. Wear either a skirt and blouse or a dress (no sleeveless) of appropriate length. Dresses/skirts should not show below the hemline of the gown, nor interfere with the neckline.



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SELA: Italy Trip

DATE: Approximately: Tuesday, May 30 – Thursday, June 8, 2017

PLACE: RDU

TIME: TBD

Seniors and their families are encouraged to plan for this capstone experience as soon as possible. Flights and ticket prices make it impossible to predict exact times, dates or costs this early. With few exceptions, the trip has generally begun the Tuesday following graduation with a return the following Thursday. The cost for the trip, over the last two years, has averaged about \$3200. Again 2016/17 ticket prices will dictate the cost. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.

The approximate payment schedule is below.

November 16, 2016 - \$1500 (refundable, indicates intention to participate)

February 1, 2017 - \$1000 (nonrefundable)

April 25, 2017 – Remainder of trip cost (nonrefundable, less the amount of senior funds raised by this date).

This amount includes:

Lodging (for 8 nights) and 2 meals per day (for 8 days)

Airfare & Ground Transportation

Entrance fees for cultural sites

Students will be responsible for purchasing their own souvenirs, their lunch each day and any snacks/meals they purchase in the airports at the beginning and end of the trip.

Passports:

We must have a copy of a valid passport from every student on file by Monday, February 1st. If you do not currently have a valid passport, please plan to take care of it over Thanksgiving break. (It typically takes 4-6 weeks to receive the passport after the application is submitted.)

Senior Dinner with Trinity's Board of Directors

Date: Sunday, June 11, 2017

Place: Angus Barn Wine Cellar

Time: 5:30 PM

Each year the Board of Directors at Trinity Academy hosts the newly graduated senior class immediately upon the conclusion of the Italy Trip. It is a special conclusion to the "graduation experience" and all seniors should plan to attend. Dress is coat and tie for the gentlemen, dress or nice slacks for ladies. Please note the Wine Cellar is cold, dress accordingly. You will meet in the lobby of the Angus Barn and be escorted to the Wine Cellar, please plan arrive between 5:15 and 5:25pm. An RSVP will be requested in May.



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