

Events and Reminders will be added to this list throughout the school year. Please check back for updates!

Dates, Times, Locations	Event Summary
Monday, April 28-May 2	PROM ticket pick up in the Commons during lunch.
April 25, 2025	Rising Tide Scholarship due This scholarship, for a computer, is awarded to seniors who have overcome obstacles during high school. These individuals must have a strong work ethic and a desire to continue their education.
Thursday, May 1st	Traditional deadline to deposit at your chosen college. Let other schools know you are not coming so that they can offer your seat to someone on their waitlist
Friday, May 2nd	 Party at the Pinnacle (8:30-11:30) Seniors ONLY- Party at the Pinnacle (9) Turkey Creek May 2, 2025; 8:30 AM - Noon Movie - Thunderbolts Party at the Pinnacle is a long-standing senior class tradition. Students in good academic standing may be excused from 1st and 2nd periods to gather at the Pinnacle Theater in Turkey Creek for a light breakfast and movie with friends. The event fee includes both of these. Tickets must be pre-purchased through School Cash Online for \$15 by April 30th Students who participate in Party at the Pinnacle will be excused (field trip) from school until 12:00 p.m.
Senior Sunset sponsored by SGA May 2nd 7:30- 8:45	Join your classmates in the Senior parking lot and watch the sunset! See a senior SGA officer for more information!
FHS Prom → Saturday, May 3rd @ the Venue 7:00pm-10:00 pm	 FHS Prom - Students should remember to make good choices and that this is a school-sponsored event where all KCS expectations/policies apply. Tickets for seniors will go on sale, Monday, March 3rd via School Cash Online. More information will be sent out via email and ParentSquare about purchasing prom tickets.
Senior Video pictures due- May 5	Senior video pictures requirement- has to have 2 graduating seniors in the pic, can be from any grade or place. Email the pictures to fhsseniors25@gmail.com

Last full day for Seniors, May 8	Last full day of classes for SENIORS; if seniors are not exempt from final exams, they will be expected to be in class on May 9th and 11th when not participating in senior activities. COMMITMENT DAY! Wear a shirt with your college or school colors, military branch, or a school you support (if entering the workforce)
Walk the Halls at FPS May 9th @ 8:30	Permission Slip to Participate in "Walk the Halls" Students visit FPS to "Walk the Halls" in their graduation gowns.The younger students cheer them on! We encourage any and all seniors to attend. Buses will be provided to transport students. Permission forms are required (OPTIONAL event)
Senior Breakfast May 9th This will occur post Walk the Halls at FPS- 9:30 ish	Students may choose to eat breakfast provided by senior funds/parents in the Commons following WALK the HALLS (OPTIONAL)- OPEN TO ALL SENIORS
Anchors Away Friday, May 9th	Anchors Away- All Students will get graduation directions (there is no practice), work with an announcer on how to pronounce the student's name for graduation, return their Chromebooks, sign the senior banner, <u>complete senior exit form</u> , turn in textbooks not yet collected, pick up any items from Balfour that have not been picked up, & complete the <u>Scholarship Form</u> (if applicable) \rightarrow Anchors Away is MANDATORY.
	AP Macro students will go early so that they can get to their exam that afternoon.
Senior Stroll @ Northshore Elementary, May 12 1:00	SENIOR STROLL MAY 12TH + 2025 Graduates meet at the front of the school at 1:00 to do one final walk through the halls of NES Stay afterwards for snacks and fun games in the gym

A.L. Lotts Senior Stroll Tuesday, May 13th Meet @ 8:45 in the front lobby at Lotts	GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO ATTENDED A. L. LOTTS ELEMENTARY ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR SENIOR STROLL ON TUESDAY, MAY 13TH. MEET AT 8.45 IN THE FRONT LOBBY AT LOTTS. WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN WITH COMPY, CASUAL CLOTHES UNDERNEATH-THE SHIRT OF YOUR COLLEGE OR FUTURE CAREER. WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE OUR FORMER STUDENTS
Senior Final Exams May 12-13	Seniors with a <u>minimum of a 75 average</u> may opt out of the class's final exam (this exam cannot be a state, dual enrollment, statewide dual credit, dual credit, credit recovery, IB, or AP exam per KCS policy) May 12th: 1st and 2nd blocks May 13th: 3rd and 4th blocks May 14th: Make up day
May 14, 2025	Last day to turn in Chromebooks!
Senior Awards Ceremony May 15th @ 9:00 a.m.	Invitations are sent out to parents and students via email and USPS informing students if they are receiving an award at this event. We would encourage all award recipients to attend if at all possible! Most awards are centered around classes that students have been recently enrolled in.
Senior Luncheon @ the Venue May 15th @ 11:30 a.m.	Senior Luncheon is a sit down meal where the seniors reflect over the last four years, teacher and student speakers, and the unveiling of the Senior Class video. Note this is a student only event and tickets must be purchased for \$10 at School Cash Online in advance to attend this event (OPTIONAL EVENT)
Baccalaureate Ceremony May 17th @ 5:00 p.m. Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church	 Sign up here if you would like a chance to participate in the Baccalaureate program. We will reach out to those interested in being involved. Please fill out the form by Friday, April 25th. What is a Baccalaureate Ceremony? The term\ generally refers to a worship ceremony held a few days before high school graduation. Unlike the massive commencement exercises held in stadiums, baccalaureate ceremonies offer a quieter, more intimate opportunity to pause and reflect on this rite of passage, hear a keynote speaker, a faculty member and student speakers offer advice to the graduating class. Participation in this event is completely optional and is organized by parents. I will pass along more information as I receive it from our PTSO. (OPTIONAL EVENT) This ceremony is open to all students, friends, and family. No RSVP is needed for attendees or students.

Graduation Watch Party Sunday, May 18th Doors open at 6:00 p.m- Event ends at the end of graduation First Baptist Concord 11704 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37934	Watch Party at First Baptist Concord- would prefer to watch graduation with a group of people in an indoor/airconditioned/easily accessible facility. Graduation ceremony will be livestreamed courtesy of KCS Schools.Please click HERE to RSVP event!
Sunday, May 18th @ 7:00 p.m.	 FHS Graduation at FHS Football Field/Stadium- Gates will open at 6pm. Graduates need to be at the stadium by 6:15 and lining up on the practice field. For family and friends out of town who would like to watch the live streamed graduation ceremony, please click on the following link: <u>https://www.knoxschools.org/seniors</u>

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DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS: Any suspensions could result in no participation in Senior Activities, i.e, Prom, or Graduation exercises.

****DRESS CODE****: Caps and gowns are required at Baccalaureate and Graduation. **These caps and gowns must have been purchased this year.** Put your cap on well forward with the short point almost between your eyebrows. The cap is worn flat on top of your head and not tilted to the back or the side. Wear your tassel over your left eye. Wear appropriate clothing under your gown. Women are to wear dresses or dress pants and dress shoes. Men are to wear dress shoes, trousers, solid color shirt (preferably white), and tie. Students who are not properly attired will NOT be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Women, leave your purses at home or with your parents or friends. We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen belongings. Baccalaureate and Graduation exercises are to be dignified and formal

Past Senior Events:

Tuesday, October 23, 2024	Balfour Cap & Gown Information @ 11:30 (FOR STUDENTS- during advisory)
Tuesday, October 29, 2024	Balfour taking up money for cap & gown sales during all lunches; can also be ordered online by December 31, 2024.
November 1st, 2024	TN Promise Deadline- <u>CLICK HERE for more information</u> <u>TNPromise Checklist</u>
December 5, 2024	TN Promise Mandatory Meeting- 4:00-5:00 (Commons) FAFSA Help Session- 5:00-6:00 (Commons)
December 16, 2024	UT Promise Scholarship Deadline

December 17, 2024	Early Grad Breakfast @ 9:30 am-Lots of information for early grads!
January 31, 2025	Final call to order cap and gown- <u>www.balfourcampusproducts.com</u> , select the word ORDERS, and then select the words I NEED TO PLACE A NEW ORDER
March 1, 2025	Deadline to file the FAFSA for MTSU and UTK (March 3)
March 3, 2025	Prom tickets go on sale on schoolcashonline for seniors.
March 12, 2025	Cap and Gown pick up at FHS in the Commons during Advisory and lunch <i>(Any caps and gowns that have not been picked up are in the front office at FHS.)</i>
March 13, 2025	Military Signing Day, FHS Library 7:45 AM
Friday, April 11, 2025	 Yearbook Distribution! Students will be called to pick up their FHS Yearbook! The 2025 FHS Yearbook is available to purchase! Purchase your yearbook at <u>www.yearbookordercenter.com</u>, use Order No. 10212 when you log on.
April 20th, 2025	Last day to purchase a Senior Spirit Balloon!
	This tradition began several years ago and is a special surprise for seniors on May 9th, Anchors Away day! Please click the following link for more information and pricing:
	Click for the link HERE