

Class of 2026

FALL PARENT MEETING

Counseling Department



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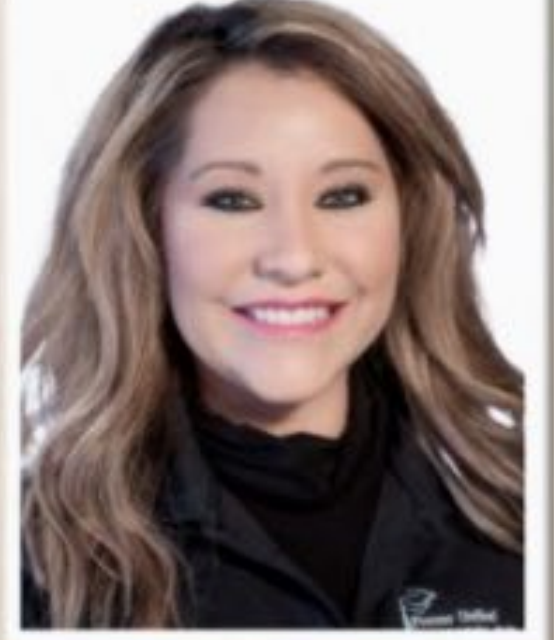
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**MAKE SURE YOUR SENIOR IS ON
TRACK TO GRADUATE!**

Graduation will be held on

June 9, 2026 at 4pm

at the SaveMart Center

Is your senior off track?

We have several credit recovery options to ensure your student has every opportunity to walk with their class in June

6 OR 7TH PERIOD

DAILY EDGENUITY

WINTER SESSION*

COLLEGE OPTIONS

COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

CALIFORNIA STATE
UNIVERSITY (CSU)

UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA
(UC)

PRIVATE,
INDEPENDENT,
AND/OR
OUT OF STATE

CaliforniaColleges.edu



FUSD will be using California Colleges to launch all CSU & UC apps so courses will auto populate.



Students create accounts and can monitor and manage all applications in one place.



Student courses and grades are automatically populated on applications to help save time and reduce errors.



Students can do college and career exploration and searches.



Financial aid and scholarship information is also available



Students need to create linked account to FUSD, counselors will walk them through this process.

Community College Info

- Earn Associate's Degree and/or complete GE requirements to transfer to a four-year college
- Vocational Training and certificate programs available

FRESNO CITY

CLOVIS COMMUNITY

REEDLEY COLLEGE

MADERA CENTER

ALL ONE APPLICATION

APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

- Wednesday, September 24
- Thursday, September 25

In Government/ Economics classes



Community College Info

Steps to Matriculate

September -November : Complete online application through CCCApply

October -March : Complete FAFSA/CADAA Financial Aid Application to qualify for free tuition

December : Complete Online Orientation

March : Attend and Complete Mandatory Advising

April : Register for classes using your Student Educational Plan (SEP) created during Advising



Community College Info

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S)

What is DSPS?

- Program that provides accommodations and support to students who have a verified disability
- High School IEP's and 504's do not automatically transfer to college
- Students must apply for and request accommodations through DSPS

How to Apply to DSPS?

- Complete a CCC Apply Application
- Complete the DSPS Aim Application
www.fresnocitycollege.edu/transitioncollege
- Please see your counselor for assistance or call the DSPS office at 559 -442-8237



Community College Info

Our FCC
Ambassador
will be in the
Counseling
office every
Wednesday
starting
October 1st to
support
students.

Military Information

- Students are required to take the ASVAB before they are able to enlist
- Please email Mr. Madden for more information:
Kristopher.Madden@fresnou.edu



Army



Navy



Air Force



Marine



Coast Guard



Space Force

Public CA College Entrance Requirements A-G



CSU Information

QUICK FACTS

- 23 Campuses
- SAT or ACT requirement is no longer taken into consideration for admission.
- Apply online by: December 1, 2025
(Application opens October 1)
- Application Fee: \$70/ campus or fee waiver based on family income, waiver imbedded in CSU apply application.
- No letters of recommendation and no personal statement will be accepted.

CSU Information

CSU AMBASSADORS

- We have two CSU Ambassadors who can support our students with an CSU application.
- They will be on campus Thursdays and Fridays starting Thursday, September 11th

CSU Information

WORKSHOPS

- Wednesday, October 1st - ALL DAY
- Thursday, October 2nd - ALL DAY

Sign up with link or QR code for a CSU or
UC application workshop or support.
College App drop ins every Tuesday
at Lunch in the Counseling Office too!



**CSU & UC Application
Workshops**
bit.ly/bhsapps25

University of California

**Application Deadline:
December 1, 2025**

- 9 Undergraduate
Campuses

- Applicants must
earn a minimum
3.0 GPA in A-G
classes

- SAT and/or ACT will
not be considered in the
application process

- Application Fee:
\$80/campus or fee
waiver based on
family income
entered on
application

- Application requires
completion of personal
insight questions

- No letters of
recommendation will
be accepted

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**Workshop date:
Monday, October 6th**

**Please refer to the
handout titled:
Bullard Senior
Resources**

PRIVATE, INDEPENDENT, AND/OR OUT OF STATE COLLEGES

- **80 Private Universities/Colleges in CA**
- **Vary in size, prestige, and cost**
- **Accept High School Graduates and Community College Transfers**
- **Typically requires letters of recommendation (counselor and teacher) & possibly SAT/ACT (check with individual school regarding requirements)**

THINGS TO BRING & KNOW

when applying to colleges and completing the FAFSA

Social Security number (if applicable)

Unofficial transcript

AP scores (pass only) 4-year college application only

Parent citizenship status

Student citizenship status

Payment method: 4-year college application only

Parent income

Letters of Recommendation

- Only required for Private Colleges, Honors Programs and possibly scholarships
- Please email your counselor at least 2 weeks before you need a letter of recommendation
- If using common app or online recommendation, please enter counselor's/teacher's email correctly then check with them to make sure they received it.

Link to request a letter of recommendation
bit.ly/bhsltrofrec

Passwords & Deadlines

- Students need to keep track of their passwords. They will need a password for applications, portals, financial aid, FSA ID, email portals, and other accounts.
- Students should check their email accounts and college portals regularly
- On page 7 of their Senior Handbook is a Password page students can utilize
- **Don't miss deadlines. Colleges are very competitive and this may impact admissions status.**
- **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE**



***INTERESTED IN BECOMING A STUDENT-ATHLETE ON THE NEXT LEVEL?
CONTACT MRS. CLARK IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE***

Financial Aid (FAFSA)

- FAFSA application opens on October 1st
- FAFSA Priority Deadline is March 2nd
- Student & Parent need FSA ID to electronically sign FAFSA
- FSA ID Support Day in classrooms will be Tuesday, September 23rd.
Please make sure your student has all of the required information with them that date

Financial Aid (FAFSA)

FAFSA Parent Workshops:

- October 6th - 6-7PM BHS Cafeteria
- December 1st - 3:30-5:00PM BHS Counseling Office
- January 26th - 3:30-5:30PM BHS Counseling Office
- February 26th 3:30 -5:00PM BHS Counseling Office

Counselors are also available by appointment or every Tuesday at lunch for drop -ins.

What is Financial Aid?

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Manager II

College & Career Readiness

“Financial Aid” is money that is given (or sometimes lent) to students in order to help pay for their education.

These are considered “external” funds because they are coming from outside the family.

Types of Financial Aid

Program	Notes
Grants (Free money)	Federal & State Grants & Institutions/Systems
Work-Study (Earned money)	Helps college students with financial need get part-time jobs- this aid is first come-first-serve. Students must apply early to be guaranteed work study.
Loans (Borrowed money)**	Subsidized, Unsubsidized, Parent Loans, etc. For Dreamers- state campus loan only up to , 4k/year, \$20,000 total over four years
Scholarships	Agencies, companies, foundations, employers, colleges

****Loans are the only type of financial aid that will need to be paid back. Students won't be given any loans that they didn't accept and sign for. Unless a parent intentionally takes out a parent loan, they are not responsible for paying back any of their student's financial aid (nor are they obligated to pay for any college expenses)**

Federal Financial Aid

Federal Government	Award	Notes
Pell Grant	Up to \$7,395	Need-Based 600% max eligibility
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$100-\$4,000	Priority to Pell eligible students, first come, first-serve
Federal Teach Grant	Up to \$4,000	Service-Contract to Serve or Repay High Need field—low-income schools
Work Study	Varies	Part-time employment program On or off-campus work-study eligible job Awarded to students that have financial need First come, first serve
Student Loans	\$3500-\$12,500	Subsidized and Unsubsidized
Parent PLUS Loan	Varies	Parent credit check

California Financial Aid

CA State Government	Notes
Cal Grant Programs	Cal A: 4-year colleges, 3.0 HS GPA & Income Cal B: 2-year & 4-year colleges, 2.0 HS GPA & Income Cal C: technical/career education
Middle Class Scholarship	Undergrads & students pursuing a teaching cred. Based on income ceilings 2025-2026: Dependent students – 234,000
Chafee Grant	Be a current former foster youth who was a ward of the court, living in foster care, between ages of 16 and 18 Up to \$5000 a year, up to 5 years
Golden State Teacher Grant	Preliminary teacher or PPS credential Service Agreement, up to \$20,000 (changed to \$10,000?) Must work in a priority school
Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)	Limited educational achievement & historically low income
CalKIDS	Up to \$1500 (low income/foster youth/homeless)

Institutional Financial Aid

Program	Notes
CA Community College Promise Grant	Waives tuition and fees at CCC for eligible CA residents
CSU State University Grant	Grant that covers partial or all tuition costs for students who are not already receiving a Cal Grant (undergrads and graduates students)
UC Blue & Gold Opportunity Plan	Ensures that eligible CA undergrads at a UC campus with an annual family income of up to 80K have their system wide tuition and fees covered.

Scholarships

- ▶ In reality, there are few “full ride” scholarships out there. Most come directly from colleges as athletic scholarships through an honors programs, but there are a few “big ticket” scholarships from companies and foundations like the GATES, Dell and Coca-Cola scholarships
- ▶ There are many \$500 and \$1000 awards out there. A combination of scholarships, or scholarships plus grants, can make a significant dent in college expenses.
- ▶ As mentioned previously, scholarships may be offered by:
 - ▶ Companies - like Coca-Cola or EECU
 - ▶ Employers - like the Wonderful Company
 - ▶ Organizations or Foundations (like AMAE or the Foundation for FUSD)
 - ▶ Colleges like Fresno State, Fresno City, UC, the HBCUs, and private schools nationwide.
- ▶ Applying for scholarship takes WORK, so the more time and effort dedicated to researching and applying, the greater chance of multiple awards.

Scholarships Continued

▶ Best practices

- ▶ Research scholarships online and register with scholarship websites like Fastweb, Cappex and Scholarships.com
- ▶ Check the FUSD College Readiness (CCR) website as well as your high school's own scholarship list regularly.
- ▶ Check your school email frequently as counselors and district personnel will share opportunities with you.
- ▶ Ask for letters of recommendation at least four weeks before applications are due and ask people (ideally teachers) who are familiar with your academic skills and/or other achievements.
- ▶ Write a general essay/statement that can be revised for a variety of applications
 - ▶ Be sure to include:
 - ▶ A little about yourself and your background
 - ▶ Your future plans for education and career
 - ▶ Any obstacles or challenges you have faced
 - ▶ Why you need financial assistance and how you will use it.
- ▶ Keep track of deadlines and submit/mail applications on time.
- ▶ Look at the colleges you are considering and their website's scholarship page - do they have an honors program with a scholarship? Is their general scholarship application built into the admissions application or is it a separate?
- ▶ **Apply to the FUSD Foundation Scholarship (opens October 1 2025)** This is ONLY for FUSD students meaning the probability of winning is much greater than national scholarships. There is no GPA requirement so it's not just the valedictorians who are winning! This past Spring over 300 awards of \$1000 or more were given out,

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please check bhsguidance.com & the FUSD College & Career website for local scholarship.

FUSD Scholarship will open in October!



- ▶ CalKIDS is a new program from the State of California that provides up to \$1500 in free money for college to eligible public-school students.
- ▶ Can help families boost their children's college savings and increase access to higher education.
- ▶ Visit CalKIDS.org to learn more and find out if you qualify TODAY!

A photograph of a young Black man smiling, with a woman's hand resting on his shoulder. The image is partially obscured by two overlapping circles containing text.

CalKIDS
gives your child
a real chance
for a brighter
future.

**With free
money for
college!**

Need-Based vs. Merit- Based

Grants and Scholarships can be need-based, merit-based, or a combination of the two.

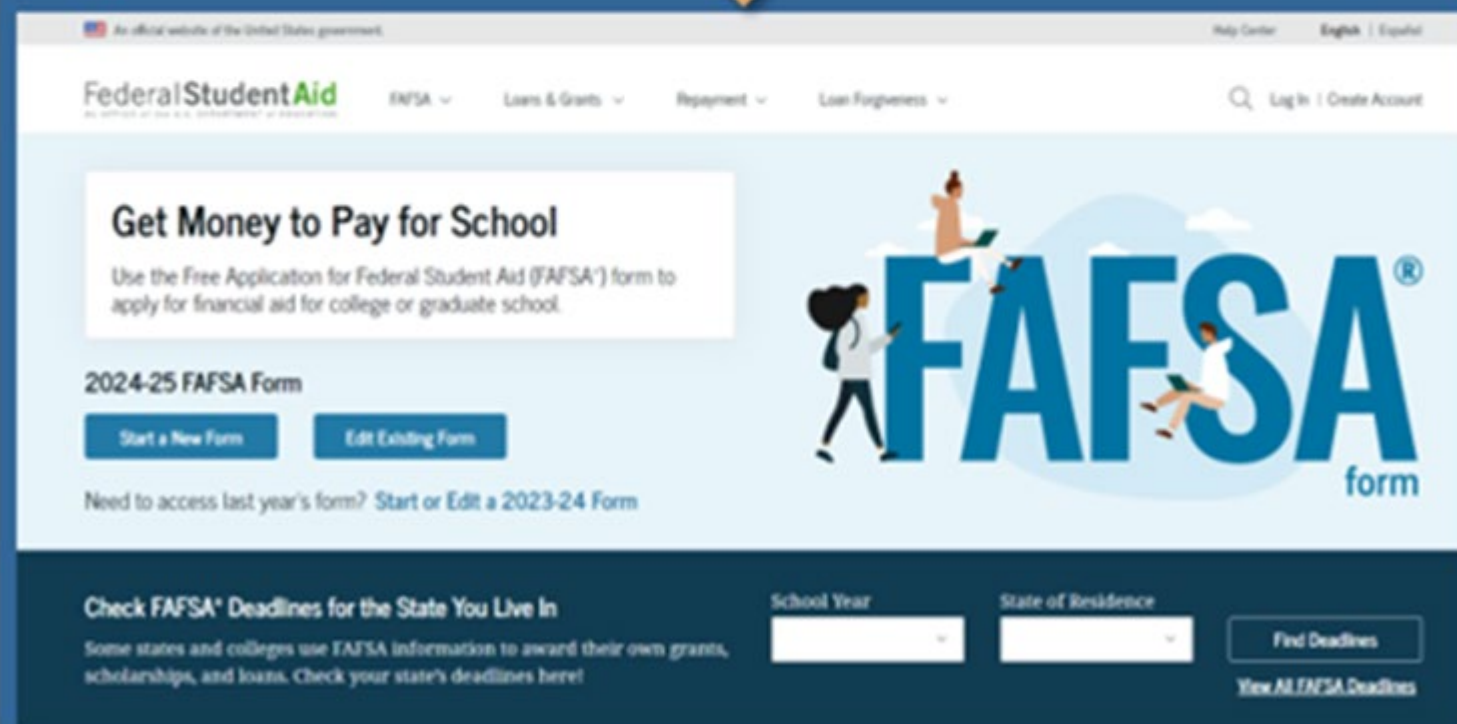
- ▶ Need-based looks at income and family size/situation
- ▶ Merit-based usually looks at GPA/academic success but can also be awarded based on a demonstrated talent/skill, community service, or other accomplishments.
- ▶ Examples
 - ▶ Pell Grant is need-based, using family income and household size
 - ▶ Cal Grant is a combination of merit and need, using GPA and family income information
 - ▶ The FUSD scholarship considers need and merit
 - ▶ Athletic scholarships are merit-based, looking at talent/skill
 - ▶ The Coca-Cola Scholarship is merit-based, looking at leadership in the community

What happens now?

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- ☐ U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen

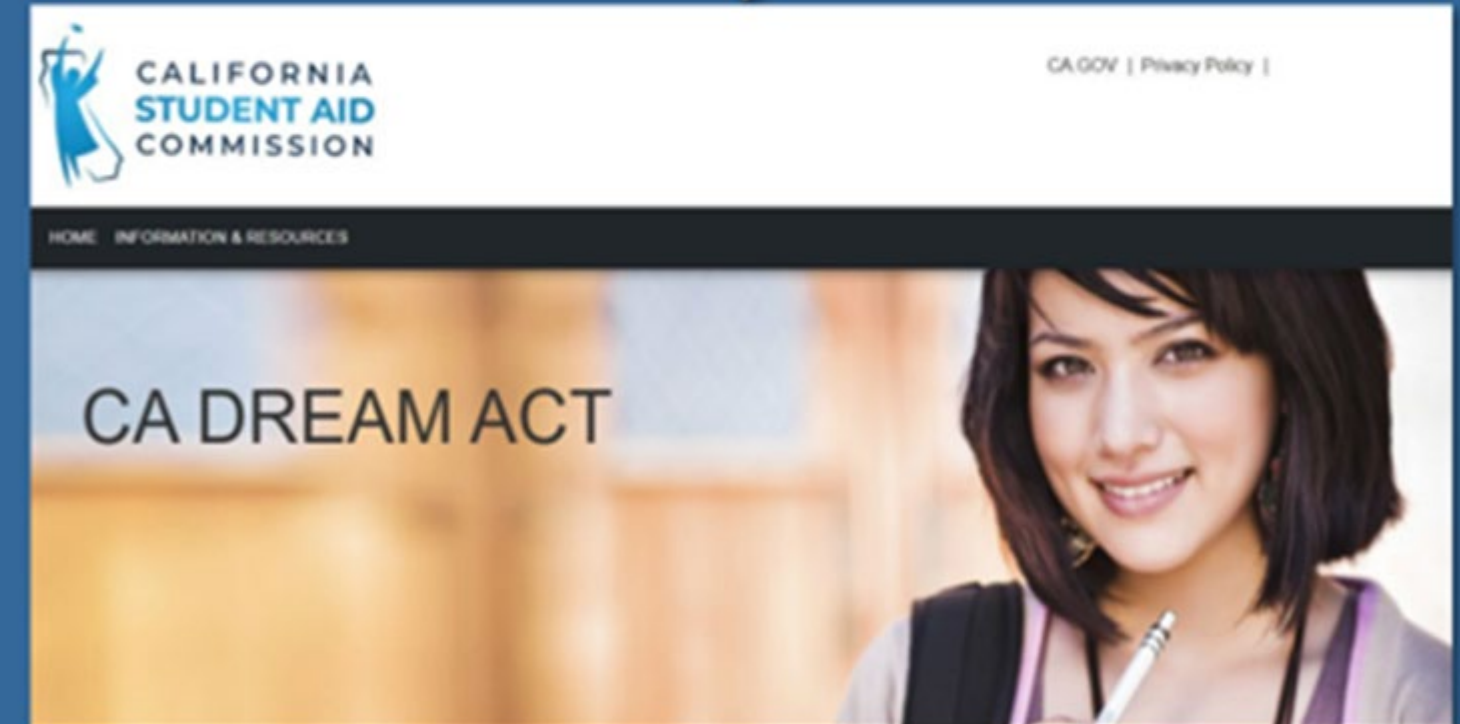


studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

CADAA

California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

- ☐ No SSN with or without DACA
- ☐ TPS status, U Visa
- ☐ With AB 540 status



dream.csac.ca.gov/

What is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

Collects

Student and parent income, tax, assets, and household information

Determines

Eligibility for need-based student financial aid from:

- Federal government**
- State government**
- Most colleges and universities**

Calculates

Student Aid Index (SAI), a measure of the family's financial strength

What is an FSA ID?

An FSA ID is an account username and password associated with your Social Security number, name, & DOB. It serves as your login to FAFSA and legal electronic signature.

When to create?

NOW! It is recommended that FSA IDs are created and verified before completing the FAFSA.

Who needs one?

Every contributor will need an FSA ID to access the FAFSA.
A contributor is anyone who is required to provide information on the FAFSA:
Student, Student's Parent(s):
One or both parents depending on marital and 2024 tax filing status

Notes

**If parent(s) has an existing FSA ID account, they do not need to create a new one (but may need to take some time to retrieve existing username and password as the system will not allow a second account)*

**"Parent" refers to biological, adoptive, or married stepparent*

Who needs a StudentAid.Gov Account (FSA ID)?

Scenario	Student	Parent 1	Parent 2
Independent Student			
Dependent Student Parents are Separated/Divorced/Never Married AND do not live together			
Dependent Student Married Parents and Joint 2023 Taxes			
Dependent Student Married Parents and Separate 2023 taxes or did not file taxes			
Dependent Student Unmarried parents living together			

Next Steps

What's next?

- Users with SSN: Your FSA ID should be immediately verified
- Users without SSN: If your FSA ID was not immediately verified, submit required documentation and monitor email for verification
- Save your StudentAid.Gov (FSA ID) sheet in a safe place
- 2026-2027 FAFSA/CADAA expected to open by October 1st
- Your school will announce FAFSA/CADAA workshop events

Information needed to complete the FAFSA if applicable:

- Student and parent verified StudentAid.Gov accounts (FSA IDs)
- Student and parent(s) Social Security numbers
- Alien Registration Number if eligible non-resident
- Student and Parents Income information
 - 2024 Federal Income Tax Returns/W-2s
 - Untaxed income (child support received)
 - Records of Assets (Savings/Checking Accounts, investments, businesses, farms)
 - List of Federal Benefits received 2023 or 2024 (SNAP/SSI/WIC/MEDICAL/etc.)

Class of 2026

Approximate Senior Costs

Senior Event/Item	Approximate Cost
Cap/Gown/Tassel/Stole	\$45.00
Extra Bling Souvenir Tassel	\$18.00
Class Ring (incl. cap & gown)	\$295+
Yearbook	\$75.00
Annoucements	\$1.50 each
Grad Bash Disneyland	\$355.00
Senior T-Shirt	\$25.00
Senior Prom bid	\$80.00
Senior Panoramic	\$30.00

September & October 2025

SENIOR DATES & ACTIVITIES

- **Senior Student Meetings/FSA ID Support**
September 23, 2025
- **Senior Portrait Make -ups**
September 24, 2025
- **Senior Sunrise**
September 26, 2025
- **Fresno City/Clovis Community College Application Workshops**
September 24-25, 2025
- **FAFSA Financial Aid Application Opens**
October 1, 2025
- **CSU Application Workshops**
October 1-2, 2025
- **FAFSA Parent Night #1**
October 6, 2025
- **UC Application Workshop**
October 10, 2025
- **Homecoming Week**
October 20-24, 2025
- **CSU/UC Application Workshops**
October 24/30, 2025

November & December 2025 SENIOR DATES & ACTIVITIES

**Deadline for college app &
FAFSA incentive**

November 4, 2025

College App Support - All day

November 19-20, 2025

**CSU & UC College Application
Deadline**

December 2, 2025

FAFSA Parent Night

December 1, 2025

FCC Online Orientation

Workshop

December 3, 2025

Winter Formal

December 6, 2025

Finals Week

December 15-19, 2025

[Linktr.ee/goknights55](https://linktr.ee/goknights55) for up to date information



Yearbooks Are On Sale Now!

School code is
10932

» Yearbooks can be purchased online for \$75 until
Sept. 14th, after that the price will go up.

» Please see the flyer posted on IG @bullardyearbook
or visit our website for more information. →



» Be on the lookout for any surveys requesting specific photos or quotes
- these will be sent to student's Outlook email accounts.

» **NAME PLATES:** Name plates are personalized and available for \$10
through Jan. 23rd. Purchase at yearbookordercenter.com.

» **PORTRAIT MAKE UPS:** Seniors on Sept. 24th. 9th/10th/11th on Oct. 8th.

» **SENIOR PARENTS:** Deadline for ads/dedication pages is Jan. 31st, 2026.



**PAYMENT
PLANS
AVAILABLE
FOR A
LIMITED
TIME!**

Disney GRAD 20 NITE

WEDNESDAY June 3rd, 2026

Trip Includes:

Roundtrip Chartered Bus Transportation (Bullard-Disneyland-Bullard)
1 Day Disney Hopper Ticket (Disneyland + California Adventure)
Disney Grad Nite Seniors Only Private Party Event in California Adventure 9pm-2am

Trip Itinerary:

Wednesday, June 3rd 2026

Early morning departure from Bullard via Chartered Buses
Disneyland + California Adventure Park Hopper Ticket until 9pm
Disney Grad Nite Seniors Only Private Party Event in Disney California Adventure 9pm-2am

Thursday, June 4th 2026

Depart Disneyland and head back to Bullard (arrive 6am-7am)

\$355 **HOW TO REGISTER:**

FEES PER TRANSACTION

Scan QR code or Go to website

<https://2026-disneyland-grad-nite.cheddarup.com>



**FUNDRAISING
AVAILABLE
FOR A
LIMITED
TIME!**

Email Questions to:
BullardSeniors@gmail.com
or bhsofficialptsa@gmail.com

**Principal
Armen
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NEW DANCE REQUIREMENTS

2.0 GPA Requirement

- current simple gpa

95% Attendance

- Excuse absences when out sick please

No Suspensions or Referrals

- within 2 weeks

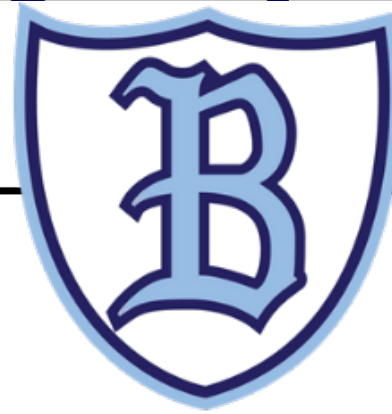
Serve all lunch detentions (Tardy Sweeps)

- Students who owe lunch detentions cannot attend events until they are served

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Senior Parent Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND



Thank you for coming!



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