

Class of 2023

Senior

Handbook



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2022	
<u>August 22</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Coach presents “25 Things All Seniors Need to Know” (during history classes). 	
<u>August 31</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Coach presents WorkKeys Introduction and WorkKeys Curriculum (during history classes). 	
September 2022	
<u>September 7</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FSA ID account setup and WorkKeys Curriculum practice (during English classes). 	
October 2022	
<u>October 1</u>	<u>October 6</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-2024 FAFSA Opens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHS College Fair (during history classes)
<u>October 5</u>	<u>October 14</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WorkKeys testing for ALL seniors. • Informational Meeting with Campus Recognition/Jostens (immediately following testing) • Makeup senior portraits (immediately following informational meeting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation announcements order collection (during lunches)
	<u>October 17-21</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Application Week
	<u>October 17</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I Applied!” Event
November 2022	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently no events scheduled 	
December 2022	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently no events scheduled 	
January 2023	
<u>Date TBD</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group photos for local newspapers’ special graduation editions 	
February 2023	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Expo at Calhoun (Tentative) • Career Fair (Tentative) 	
March 2023	
<u>Date TBD</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation announcements order delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Balance must be paid in full before delivery. 	
April 2023	
<u>April 14</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prom – Witt House – Parent-sponsored and -led 	
<u>Date TBD</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Signing” Day • Graduation supplies (cap, gown, tassel) delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Payment due at or prior to delivery. 	
May 2023*	
<u>May 12</u>	<u>May 23 - GRADUATION DAY!!</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior picnic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 a.m. - Senior Walk at PES
<u>May 15</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 a.m. - Graduation practice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 p.m. - Senior Awards Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 p.m. - Report for graduation - PHS library
<u>May 21</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 p.m. - Graduation ceremony!!!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baccalaureate – Location and time TBD 	

***Per Mr. White, seniors will not be allowed to participate in any May events until all financial obligations are cleared and the student is considered in good standing. You must turn in your Chromebook and charger!!**

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY (COLLEGIATE LEVEL)

- Visit eligibility websites for NCAA and NAIA for information on collegiate athletic eligibility.
- Send your transcript to NCAA through Parchment.
- Counselor must upload transcripts directly to NAIA.

AWARDS NIGHT

- Awards Night will include:
 - Scholarship presentations from many colleges and universities
 - Recognition of:
 - National Honor Society seniors, along with presentation of NHS stoles
 - National Technical Honor Society seniors and presentation of certificates
 - Mr. and Miss PHS
 - Mr. and Miss Bulldog recognition

COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK – OCTOBER 17-21, 2022

- Many universities waive their application fee during this week.
- “I Applied!” Event – PHS Library
 - During history class periods, seniors will be encouraged to complete at least one college application. Each student who applies will receive a treat and have the opportunity to get their photo taken to celebrate!

COLLEGE DAY VISITS

- Seniors are allowed two college day visits. Juniors are allowed one college day visit. Seniors who did not use their junior day are allowed three college day visits.
- Requirements for taking a college visit day on a school day:
 - Normal attendance policy applies.
 - **Student must return with documentation on official college letterhead, which must include the student’s name and the date of the campus visit.** The documentation should be turned into the attendance secretary.
 - The absence will be counted as a field trip, with the following exceptions:
 - The student has already used all of his/her allotted college days, in which case, the absence will be counted as excused rather than a field trip.
 - The student has over 10 absences and requires a doctor’s note for any absences. This is applicable per class period.

CONTACTS/RESOURCES

- Sonya Kennedy, School Counselor - sbkennedy@morgank12.org
- Carrie Hollaway, MCS Career Coach – cmhollaway@morgank12.org
 - Typically at PHS on Wednesdays.
- Michelle Holmes, High School to College Coordinator - mwholmes@morgank12.org
 - Typically at PHS on Mondays.
- Administration
- Teachers
- School website - www.pricevillebulldogs.org
 - Homepage
 - Parchment Link
 - If you have not set up your account yet, let Mrs. Kennedy know so she can have Parchment send another invitation to you.
 - Announcements
 - Upcoming Events
 - Quick Links

- Parent and Student Resources
- Guidance Pages
 - Scholarship Opportunities
- Class of 2023 Schoology Group
- Campus Recognition/Jostens – 205-985-0150

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- Now a graduation requirement. See info sheet for details.

GRADUATION

- Graduation announcements
 - Seniors ARE NOT required to order announcements through Campus Recognition/Jostens. Many families opt to have them printed locally or print their own.
 - When ordering from Jostens, a \$50 deposit is required when placing the order.
- Graduation supplies (cap, gown, tassel, diploma, and diploma cover)
 - Reserved in the fall. Instructions will be included in the announcements order packet.
 - Payment for graduation supplies is collected at delivery during 2nd semester.
 - Typically, cash payment only if paying in person at delivery, but you can pay with card by phone prior to delivery.
 - 2021-22 cost was \$75; cost could vary for 2022-23, but should be close to that amount
- At graduation practice, each senior will receive a minimum of 11 tickets for admission to the graduation ceremony.
- Seniors will wear appropriate attire to the Graduation Ceremony.
 - Boys
 - khaki or dark slacks (no jeans)
 - dress shirt
 - dress shoes or boots (must be clean) Tennis shoes and flip flops are unacceptable.
 - Girls
 - dress
 - appropriate shoes - Shoes must have a closed back or back strap. Flip flops and mules are unacceptable. Extremely high heeled shoes are discouraged.
 - Boys and Girls
 - You must adhere to the dress code to participate in the ceremony. Not having appropriate attire is not an excuse. If you are unable to get appropriate attire, see your advisor, school counselor, or principal. We will take care of you.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Successful completion of all academic graduation requirements.
- Additional graduation requirements:
 - Civics Test
 - All graduates must pass a Civics Test with a grade of 60 or higher.
 - Students take the test during 2nd semester when US Government is taught.
 - Students can take the test as many times as needed to pass it.
 - FAFSA
 - Opens October 1st

- All graduates are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - Graduates (if 18) or a parent (if senior is under 18) can sign a waiver to have this graduation requirement waived. (provided ALSDE does not remove this option)
- College and Career Readiness Indicator Attainment
(NOT REQUIRED BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)
 - Alabama defines a student as college- and career-ready if the student earns at least one OR a combination of the following six indicators:
 - A benchmark score on any section of the ACT test
 - The benchmark score on each ACT subtest equates to a 50% chance of getting a B or above in a credit-bearing course in the same subject in a student’s freshman year in college:
 - English = 18
 - Math = 22
 - Reading= 22
 - Science = 23
 - A qualifying score on an AP or IB exam
 - AP Qualifying Score = 3, 4, or 5
 - Approved transcribed college or postsecondary credit while in high school
 - This encompasses more than “dual enrollment.” It takes into consideration other venues as well like Early College, Summer Programs, etc., and it applies to both in-state and out-of-state schools.
 - A benchmark level on the ACT WorkKeys,
 - A minimum of 4 must be earned in each of the three areas tested which qualifies a student for a Silver Certificate.
 - An approved industry credential
 - Current state-approved industry credential list for meeting your industry credential accountability indicator can be found at www.alcareerinfo.org.
 - Documented acceptance for enlistment into the military.
 - A student must have completed the formal enlistment process and provide documentation.
 - Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Completer
 - To meet the CCR Indicator as a CTE completer, a student must earn three (3.0) credits with the grade of a “C” or higher in CTE courses that are part of an approved CTE program of study, along with some additional requirements.
 - In-School Youth Apprenticeship
 - In order to meet the CCR Indicator for In-School Youth Apprenticeship, a student must complete the requirements for completing an In-School Youth Apprenticeship as defined by the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship.

JOB SHADOWING

- Seniors are allowed two job shadowing days. Documentation from the job shadowing site is required. See your Career Coach for additional details. You Career Coach can facilitate job shadow dates and locations.

PORTRAITS

- Senior portraits (both drapes & cap and gowns) will be handled through Prestige (Lifetouch) Portraits.
- Schedule your portraits any time before December 1 at prestigeportraits.com/studio and use the PHS code 92CG8. Portraits will be taken at the Huntsville Studio.
- There will only be 1 make-up date at school, which is scheduled for October 5, 2022 immediately following WorkKeys testing and an informational meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- See the school website Scholarship pages (under Guidance) for a list of scholarship search engines, lists of available independent scholarships, and links to the scholarship pages of many colleges and universities.

TRANSCRIPTS

- Transcript orders must be placed through the student's Parchment account.
- Important note for dual enrollment students:
 - Although dual enrollment courses are listed on your high school transcript, **colleges and universities will not award college transfer credit based on a high school transcript.** Dual enrollment students must request that the college(s) through which they dual enrolled send their official college transcript to other colleges.

WORKKEYS

- WorkKeys is to business and industry what ACT is to colleges and universities. Many employers require WorkKeys scores as part of their hiring process. All seniors will take WorkKeys on October 5, 2022. Students will have access to WorkKeys Curriculum to help them prepare for this assessment.