January 18, 2022

Dear Senior Parent/Guardian:

In approximately four months, we have the opportunity to share with you another proud moment - your son’s or daughter’s graduation. This year’s graduation will take place on May 24, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at the South Florida Fairgrounds. As in past years, the seniors along with the staff have planned a series of events in which you and your graduating son or daughter are invited to participate. The purpose of this letter is to help you plan to share as many of these events as possible with your graduating senior.

A summary of these activities follows as well as a description of each.

Summary of Events:

- **April 8**  
  Grad Bash Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, Orlando FL  
  (Leave Olympic Heights at 3:15 pm and return at 5:30 am)
- **April 22**  
  Prom (Pavilion Grille of Boca Raton 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
- **May 12**  
  Last Day for Seniors (if you don’t have to take an exam)
- **May 13 & 16**  
  Senior Exams (10 + Absences)
- **May 17**  
  Senior Awards Night – Invitation Only (OHCHS Theater 6:00 p.m.)
- **May 18**  
  Senior Picnic (11 – 1 pm, Location TBD)
- **May 19**  
  Senior Checkout (Mandatory) OHCHS Gym 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)
- **May 20**  
  Senior Fun Activity - TBD
- **May 23**  
  Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory) OHCHS Gym 9:00 a.m.)
- **May 24**  
  Graduation (South Florida Fairgrounds Ceremony starts at 8:00 a.m. but all seniors must be in attendance by 6:30 a.m.)

Requirements to Participate in Graduation Ceremonies

A senior must successfully complete the twenty-four (24) required credits and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 by May 18, 2022 to be able to take part in the May 24th graduation. There are no exceptions to this District policy. Seniors who complete summer work may attend the graduation ceremony sponsored by the school district for all summer school graduates.

Diploma Name

An email was sent on January 5 to parents and seniors requesting to complete a form indicating how you want your name to appear on your diploma. The deadline to complete this form is **January 31**. Any student not completing the form will have their name as it appears on SIS. If you need assistance in completing this form, contact anita.foster@palmbeachschools.org.

Important Information

**Grad Bash (Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure) Ticket Sales**

Tickets are on sale now with Ms. Foster or online at schoolcashonline.com until sold out. Only 200 tickets available. Permission slips and general information about the trip will be sent to students once tickets are sold.

**On April 8th students will meet at the OH bus loop and leave by 3:15pm for Orlando. Students will arrive back to Boca around 5:30am.**

**Prom Ticket Sales**

Tickets will go on sale with Ms. Foster OR online at: schoolcashonline.com beginning **March 1, 2022.**

THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR! Please purchase by April 15.

Prom will be at the Pavilion Grille at 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton on Friday, April 22, 2022

**All students must be at the prom before 9:00 p.m. No student will be admitted after 9 p.m.**
If you are bringing a date who does not attend Olympic Heights, you must pick up a form in student services and provide a copy of your date’s driver license. Guests must be 20 years old or younger.

**ALL STUDENTS WILL BE SEARCHED AND BREATHALYZED UPON ENTRY**

**Senior Checkout**
All seniors must report to the gym on May 19th between 8:00 am and 10:30 am. You will receive a numbered ticket and sit in the bleachers. Students will be called down by groups of 25 to get checked out. You will go to the various tables including, obligations, records and transcripts, guidance, Herff Jones caps and gowns distribution, graduation agreement, and graduation tickets.

**Cap and Gown Distribution**
Caps and Gowns will be distributed on May 19th during the senior checkout. If you have not ordered your gown to date, Herff Jones will be on campus on January 18, February 8, March 1, and April 12 from 5 – 7 pm. You may also order online at www.herffjonespalmbeach.com. Be aware prices increase monthly and due to national shipping delays, Herff Jones is strongly encouraging all orders to be in by January 31.

**Graduation Ticket Distribution**
Tickets for graduation will be given out at senior checkout. At this time we do not know how many each senior will receive. Due to Covid protocols, last year’s graduation ceremony had limited seating, therefore, each senior only received 2 tickets. Please plan accordingly. We will update you as soon as we know how many tickets will be available.

**Graduation Rehearsal**
May 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the OHCHS Gym
If you do not attend rehearsal—you will NOT be allowed to walk at graduation.
**NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS RULE!**

**GRADUATION May 24, 2022 at 8:00 am**
Graduation will be held at the South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center. Seniors are to report to the expo center no later than 6:30 a.m. appropriately dressed. Girls should wear dresses or dark pants and dress shoes. NO sandals or flip-flops are to be worn. Boys should wear a white or cream dress shirt, dark dress pants, dark shoes, socks, and neckties. Gowns should be ironed and ready to wear; caps should be carried to the lineup area. Be sure your name is written inside your cap.

All pictures must be taken at home or before students report to the Fairgrounds for the graduation line-up. No one will be allowed to take pictures after the ceremony.

Following this ceremony, which will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m., diplomas will be distributed. Only the students who present their ticket showing they have returned their gowns to Herff Jones and/or cleared all senior obligations will receive their diploma.

Doors will open for guests two hours prior to graduation. All guests will go through a metal detector and bags will be searched. Morning commute traffic may be difficult, so please plan accordingly. Be prepared for traffic parking delays. NO ONE will be allowed into the exhibit hall during the processional- the doors will be closed at 7:50 a.m. A door will reopen following the processional and pledge of allegiance at approximately 8:20 p.m. We must maintain the dignity of our graduation ceremony. Parents are also asked to encourage appropriate behavior at all activities so that everyone involved will benefit from the celebration.

**Questions?**
Please contact Anita Foster, Graduation Coordinator, for any questions pertaining to senior events and graduation. You can reach her at 561-852-6610 or email at anita.foster@palmbeachschools.org.