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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Class of 2026 proudly announces its graduation. The graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 1:30 PM at the University of South Florida. Though the ceremony begins at 1:30 PM, students will report to the Yuengling Center by 12:30 PM. To uphold the dignity of our graduation ceremony and to meet increased security requirements, the following procedures will be followed by the University of South Florida Yuengling Center and the Pasco County School District for all Senior and Graduation Activities:

1. Senior Breakfast, a breakfast held for the senior students only, will be held on May 28th at 9:00 AM at the Kontos Center, 9426 Little Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34654. There is no fee for this event, nor is there a ticket; this event is paid through the senior fees. If your student has not paid their senior fees, please do so through <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>. The dress for this event is business professional. Students should be dressed appropriately. Students who are in jeans, shorts, flip-flops, or any attire deemed not business professional will be turned away from this event and not admitted until they comply with the dress code.
2. Graduation Practice and Senior Check-out are mandatory. They will be held in the gym at River Ridge High School on Tuesday, May 26th, starting at 11:00 AM, and on Wednesday, May 27th, starting at 8:00 AM. Any student who does not attend rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.
3. Parking lots around the University of South Florida charge for parking. Cost will be approximately \$10. All of this will be done electronically via credit card, and cash will not be accepted.
4. When you arrive at the University of South Florida, please make sure that you enter the Fowler Avenue and Bull Run entrance. There will be signs throughout the area that will direct you.
5. The graduates must carry their caps and gowns into the University of South Florida Sun Dome, as a visual search will be conducted by security personnel. Graduates may put their gowns on after they have entered the building. Additionally, they should not bring anything else with them except their caps and gowns. This includes purses and bags. Graduates should enter and go immediately to the entry that is marked for graduates (Gate A Annex near the USF Store).
6. All bags brought in by guests will be searched, and all guests will be wanded by security staff. No backpacks will be permitted in the University of South Florida. Cameras and binoculars will only be permitted if they are out of their cases (the cases should be left in the car). No professional camera equipment will be allowed in the arena.
7. Tickets are NOT required for entry into the commencement exercises. For seating, your party should arrive at the same time if you want to sit together.
8. Balloons, flowers, signs, noisemakers of any kind (including, but not limited to, bull horns, cowbells, whistles, and air horns), or laser pointers will NOT be allowed in the University of South Florida.
9. Concessions at the University of South Florida may be open before the ceremony begins. Food and drink can be purchased for guests only.
10. Hearing-impaired services are available.
11. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your graduate and family following the ceremony. Graduates will first have to pick up their diplomas following the ceremony in the area reserved for graduates, and then they will be able to meet at a spot immediately following this process.

Students will be informed by their school counselor if their graduation status changes. If a student is no longer eligible to graduate per the standards set by the State of Florida and the School District of Pasco County, then he/she will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in making our graduation ceremony a memorable event for our graduates and their guests. If you have any questions or concerns regarding graduation, please contact Ms. Donlon at adonlon@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Best wishes,
Ann Donlon, Assistant Principal