



## Wiregrass Ranch High School Seniors – Class of 2015

### Expectations Letter

Class Sponsor: Ms. Munroe

Counselor: Mrs. Billington

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Butcher

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April 15, 2015

Dear Senior Students and Parents,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation and being part of the 2015 graduating class of Wiregrass Ranch High School. We would like to make this year's graduation a memorable one for all of us. Please review the following information as a family.

#### **Important Dates to Remember**

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**\*\*Academic Awards Night** Wesley Chapel High School

6:00 pm Invitation Only

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

**\*\* Universal Studios Grad Bash** Orlando, FL

3:30 pm report to WRHS Cafeteria to check-in

Please remember the dress code and other rules for the evening

May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Senior Spirit Week**

May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Senior Semester Exam**

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Prom**

8:00 pm Pepin's Hospitality Center

May 18<sup>th</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Senior Check-out & Cap & Gown Distribution**

All lunches in the gym

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Senior's Last Day**

**\*\*Senior Make-up exams**

**\*\*Senior Breakfast**

9:00 am Marshall Center at USF

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

**\*\*Senior Grades Due**

**\*\*Senior Awards Night**

6:00 pm Gym

Friday, May 22

**\*\* Senior Lock-in (8 pm – 8 am)**

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Senior Notification**

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Mandatory Graduation Practice**

9:00 am Gym

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

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9:00 am Gym

**\*\*Baccalaureate – sponsored by First Baptist Church of Wesley Chapel**

6:00 pm Gym

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

**\*\*GRADUATION**

10:00 am USF Sun Dome Arena

**(Seniors must report to the Sun Dome, Entry A, by 9 am)**

### **Year End Conduct**

The WRHS Administration and Faculty has always been very proud of our students and their behavior and we expect this to continue for the benefit of our school and our students. As a warning, any student who participates in year-end pranks or vandalism will face serious consequences, which may include arrest, suspension, and non-participation in graduation and/or other senior events. Students have been reminded of these expectations during an assembly on April 15th.

Note: All Prom limos and party buses are subject to search as they arrive at the Prom. Any student who arrives in a limo or party bus found to have alcohol in the vehicle or who have consumed alcohol, will be excluded from the Prom. Parents will be contacted and the student will face suspension from school, possible arrest, and will be excluded from all graduation activities. There will be NO REFUNDS.

### **Last Day of School for seniors**

On Wednesday, May 20th, all seniors are expected to attend Senior Breakfast. Any day after, the rest of the school will be in session, seniors should not be on campus unless you are attending a senior activity.

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### **Cap and Gown Distribution**

Cap and Gowns will be distributed at the end of the check-out line. If a senior owes a debt for any reason, they will NOT receive their cap and gown until it is resolved. Students who need to may pick-up their cap and gown at graduation practice after the debt has been resolved. Students should try on their cap and gown immediately to be sure that it is the correct size. The gown should be carefully pressed for graduation. The student owns the gown and does not need to return it.

### **Cafeteria Accounts**

Seniors should stop their mylunchmoney.com accounts. If a student owes money on their account with the cafeteria, they should speak with the cafeteria manager immediately to resolve the debt now. Students will not receive their cap and gown if they owe a debt to the cafeteria.

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### **Honor Cords**

All graduates that qualify for honor cords will need to bring \$11 to final check out to receive these cords. In order to be eligible you must have a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.2000 or higher for the first seven semesters of high school. All honor students will also be recognized in the graduation program.

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### **Senior Awards Night**

- Thursday, May 21st
- 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- You must wear your cap & gown and come dressed in appropriate attire (See Dress Code below). Failure to do so may keep you from participating in the ceremony. These are the same rules for your official graduation at the Sun Dome Arena.
- This event is by invitation only.

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### **Dress Code for Senior Awards & Graduation**

#### **Males**

Dress pants with belt  
Dress shirt and a tie

#### **Females**

Dress Pants  
Skirt or Dress (appropriate length)

Socks

Dark Dress Shoes (Black looks the best!)

Pressed Cap and Gown

Blouse

Dark Dress Shoes (Black looks the best!)

Pressed Cap and Gown

**All Graduates:** Absolutely **NO JEANS, SNEAKERS, OR FLIP-FLOPS**. Students who are not properly attired will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Leave purses, cameras, cell phones, and all other personal items with a parent or friend in the audience; they may **NOT** be taken in during the processional and we will not be returning to the corral.

**Note:** The mortarboard (graduation cap) is to be worn flat with the tassel over the left eye. Once the seniors are declared graduates, the tassel is moved to the right side in unison with the class. Mortarboards are to look like they did when received from the company (no additional decorations).

**Please carry your cap and gown into the Sun Dome Arena. Security will do a visual search of all the graduates.**

### **Requirements for Graduation Participation**

Students must satisfy state and district graduation requirements by the graduation date in order to participate in graduation ceremonies. Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Special Diploma, Performance Based Diploma, College Placement Test (CPT) Eligible Certificate of Completion and GED Early Exit Option-Senior Assistance Program students who have met their program requirements are eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Please discuss your graduation status with your parents/guardians. If you have any doubts about this status, please do not hesitate to contact counselor, Mrs. Billington at (813) 346-6000.

Mrs. Billington will be developing the final list of graduates through the morning of Tuesday, May 26. This is a tedious process that requires, in some cases, refiguring grades from the final quarter and/or semester. If you do not meet all of the requirements, you will be notified by phone no later than May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Graduation Rehearsal - MANDATORY**

- Wednesday, **May 27<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am - Noon AND Thursday, **May 28<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am - Noon (Appropriate school dress is required....DO NOT wear your Cap and Gown to practice)
- WRHS Gym
- Attendance is important for participation in Graduation.
- We will review the order of the ceremony and practice reading student's names.

### **Baccalaureate**

- Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Wesley Chapel
- Any questions can be directed to Pastor Rob Allison @ 813-973-7185
- Seniors will be asked to wear their cap and gown for this service. This is a voluntary service.

### **Graduation**

- Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the USF Sun Dome Arena at 10 am.
- Graduates must arrive at the Sun Dome Arena by 9:00 am to begin lining up. Any graduate that is late may not be permitted to participate in the ceremony. Please enter through Entry A.
- If you do not plan to attend graduation, please inform Mrs. Butcher immediately.

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### **Behavior**

Graduation is a momentous occasion not only for the seniors, but also for their parents, families, and friends. For that reason, the ceremony is to be held with dignity and courtesy to others. **All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the occasion, including the manner in which you walk across the stage. Any inappropriate behavior may result in your diploma being held pending a meeting with administration.** Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not receive his/her diploma and/or will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement officials. This will prevent them from participating in the graduation ceremony.

### **Diplomas**

Diplomas will be distributed in the airlocks by alphabetical order as you leave the Sun Dome floor. Any student not meeting the behavioral requirements or whose financial record is not cleared will not receive their diploma. All diplomas not picked up at the Sun Dome will be available in Student Services on Wednesday, June 3rd. Just as a reminder, if your diploma is withheld because of disciplinary reasons, you will be required to meet with administration.

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### **Miscellaneous Information**

- Tickets are NOT required for entry into the commencement exercises. Graduates may invite as many guests as they would like.
- Parking will cost \$5.00. This is a Sun Dome policy. Exact change is appreciated and will make the lines move more quickly. Lot 6 has handicap parking available.
- No seats are reserved and may not be saved for other guests. Please arrive early to ensure that your entire party can sit together. All four corners of the Sun Dome have wheelchair seating available. Use Entry D for elevator access.
- **NO** noisemakers, bullhorns, whistles, firecrackers, etc. will be permitted.
- **NO** balloons are permitted in the Sun Dome Arena.
- **NO** flowers are allowed to be brought into the Sun Dome Arena.
- USF will be selling flowers, concessions, and other small graduation memorabilia for a nominal cost.
- Please refrain from bringing IPODS, MP3 players, etc. to graduation.
- Cell Phones should be turned off during the graduation ceremony.
- Family and Friends should remain seated throughout the ceremony (with the exception of the processional, recession, National Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance) as a courtesy to other graduates and their family and friends.
- Seniors will be photographed individually as they receive their diploma and congratulations from the principal. The photographer will notify seniors when the pictures are ready; purchases are optional.
- No one other than the graduates are permitted on the floor of the Sun Dome Arena.
- There are opportunities before or after graduation outside the Sun Dome Arena to take family pictures.

If you have any further questions or need additional assistance, please contact Mrs. Butcher at sbutcher@pasco.k12.fl.us or (813) 346-6000.

Sincerely,  
Shauntte Butcher  
Assistant Principal