



Wiregrass Ranch High School Seniors
Class of 2019
Expectation Letter



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Congratulations on your upcoming graduation and being part of the 2019 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

- 4/12 Grad Bash – Universal Studios
- Student check in starts at 2:00 PM and students will report to the STE Learning Community
 - Departs WRHS on 4/12@ 3:00 pm and arrives back at WRHS on 4/13 @ 5:00 am
 - You must be in present at school for at least 4 periods to attend Grad Bash – no exceptions!
- 4/22 - 4/26 Senior Spirit Days
- 4/27 Senior Prom 7:00pm – 11:00pm at Bryan Glazer Family JCC
- 5/2 Academic Awards night (for all grades) 6:00pm – 8:00pm - Gym (By Invitation Only)
- 5/6 Deadline for completion of all online classes/coursework
- 5/6 - 5/17 AP Exams
- 5/20 Senior checkout forms distributed
- 5/20 - 5/24 Senior Exam Schedule
- 5/23 Locker cleanout – 1:30 pm
- 5/23 Senior Scholarship Night by Invitation Only – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Gym
- 5/24 Senior Seminar (required school day)
- 5/24 Cap Decorating Agreements are due at senior checkout
- 5/24 Last day for make-up work.
- 5/24 Senior checkout/Cap & Gown distribution – lunch period 5
- 5/28 Senior grades due @ 2pm
- 5/28 MANDATORY graduation practice and Elementary School Graduation Walk - 7:25 am – 1:50pm - Gym
- 5/29 Senior Breakfast 8:00 – 11:00 am- The Venetian Event Center - Tampa, FL, 9724 Cross Creek Blvd, Tampa, FL
- 5/29 MANDATORY graduation practice 12:00 – 2:00 PM @WRHS gym, Decorated Caps are due
- 5/31 Senior notification
- 6/4 Baccalaureate by First Baptist Church of Wesley Chapel and Legacy Club 7:00pm-8:30pm - Gym
- 6/5 MANDATORY graduation practice 8:00 am – 11:00am (Faculty 10:00am – 11:00am) - Gym
- 6/6 GRADUATION @ USF Sun Dome at 4:00 PM-Seniors must report to the Sun Dome, Entry A, by 3:00 PM

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 10th.

Prom

All Prom limos and party buses may be subject to search, upon reasonable suspicion, as they arrive at the Prom. Any student who arrives in a limo or party bus found to have alcohol/drugs in the vehicle or who are under the influence, 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.

For a senior to attend Grad Bash, Prom, and/or participate in any senior activities, students MUST be on track. In addition, any student involved with a “Senior Prank” will be removed from all graduation activities including Graduation.

Senior Breakfast

On Wednesday, May 29th, all seniors are expected to attend Senior Breakfast followed by the second graduation practice. Senior Breakfast will take place at **The Venetian Event Center** and rehearsal will be after at WRHS.

Cap and Gown Distribution

Cap and Gowns will be distributed at the end of the senior check-out line. 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.

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.

Academic Awards Night

- May 2nd – WRHS Gym
- 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- **This event is by invitation only.**

Senior Scholarship Night

- May 23rd - WRHS Gym
- 6:00 PM
- **This event is by invitation only.**

For both of these activities, you must 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.

Dress Code for Awards Night & Graduation

Males

Dress pants with belt
Dress shirt and a tie
Socks
Dark Dress Shoes (Black looks the best!)

Females

Dress Pants
Skirt or Dress (appropriate length)
Blouse
Dark Dress Shoes (Black looks the best!)

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 right eye. Once the seniors are declared graduates, the tassel is moved to the left side in unison with the class. Mortarboards are to look like they did when received from the company or decorated following the guidelines and brought to graduation rehearsal for approval and collection (no additional decorations).

Please carry your cap (undecorated) and gown into the Sun Dome Arena. Security will do a visual search of all the graduates and a wand search as well.

Requirements for Graduation Participation

Students must satisfy state and district graduation requirements by the graduation date in order to participate in graduation ceremonies. College Placement Test (CPT) Eligible Certificate of Completion 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 your senior counselors, Ms. Heller or Mrs. Billington at (813) 346-6000. Your senior counselors will be developing the final list of graduates through the morning of Friday, May 31st. 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 31st.

Graduation Rehearsal - MANDATORY

- Tuesday, **May 28th** from 7:30am – 11:00am, Wednesday, **May 29th** from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm AND Wednesday, **June 5th** from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. (Appropriate school dress is required....DO NOT wear your Cap and Gown to practice)
- They are held in the **WRHS Gym**
- Attendance is mandatory for participation in Graduation. Contact Mrs. White if there is an emergency
- We will review the order of the ceremony and practice reading student's names.
- At the end of graduation practice on Tuesday, **May 28th**, we will have our Elementary School Graduation walk at Wiregrass Ranch Elementary.

Baccalaureate

- Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 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

- Thursday, June 6th at the USF Yuengling Center at 4:00 pm.
- Graduates must arrive at the Yuengling by 3:00 pm 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 have parents e-mail Mrs. White immediately.

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 corral by alphabetical order as you leave the Center 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 Friday, June 7th. Just as a reminder, if your diploma is withheld because of disciplinary reasons, you will be required to meet with Mrs. White.

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 Yuengling Center policy. Exact change is appreciated and will make the lines move more quickly. Lot 6 has handicap parking available.
- Note: USF Security will be checking each person at the doors with the use of wands and purses/bags will be searched.
- If any families are in need of a sign language interpreter should let Mrs. White know by April 30th.
- 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.
- 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, recessional, 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. White at rwhite@pasco.k12.fl.us or (813) 346-6000.