**Year End Conduct**

The WRHS Administration and Faculty has always been very proud of our students and their behavior. 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 exclusion from participation in graduation and/or other senior events. Students have been reminded of these expectations during an assembly on March 1st.

**Prom**

Upon reasonable suspicion, all limos, party buses, and cars are subject to search as they arrive at the Prom. Any student who is found to have alcohol on board or to be transporting students who have consumed alcohol will be excluded from the Prom. Parents will be contacted, 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 the graduation ceremony.**

**Senior Sunrise & Breakfast**

On Monday, May 23rd, Seniors may choose to meet on the practice fields at 6:30 am for Senior Sunrise. Senior Breakfast is a mandatory event and will begin at the start of the school day, following Senior Sunrise. Senior Breakfast will take place at **WRHS** in the gym.

**Cap and Gown Distribution**

Caps and Gowns will be distributed at the end of the senior check-out line. If a senior owes a debt for any reason, they will NOT receive their cap and gown until the debt is resolved. Those students 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.

**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**

* April 28th – WRHS Gym
* 6:00 pm
* 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 Yuengling Center.
* **This event is by invitation only.**

**Senior Scholarship Night**

* May 19th - WRHS Gym
* 6:00 pm
* **This event is by invitation only.**
* You must wear 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 Yuengling Center.

**Dress Code for Awards Nights & Graduation**

**Males** **Females**

Dress pants with belt Dress Pants

Dress shirt and a tie Skirt or Dress (appropriate length)

Socks Blouse

Suggested: Dark Dress Shoes Suggested: Dark Dress Shoes

**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.

**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 or decorated following the guidelines and brought to graduation rehearsal for approval and collection (no additional decorations).

**Please carry your cap and gown into the Yuengling Center. 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.

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, Mrs. Gonzalez or Ms. Powers at (813) 346-6000.

Your senior counselors will be developing the final list of graduates through the morning of Friday, May 27th. 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 requirements, you will be notified by phone no later than May 27th.

**Graduation Rehearsal - MANDATORY**

* Tuesday, **May 24th,** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Wednesday, **May 25th,** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm AND Monday, **June 6th,** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. (Appropriate school dress is required….DO NOT wear your Cap and Gown to practice)
* Graduation practices are held in the **WRHS Gym**
* Attendance is mandatory for participation in Graduation. Contact Ms. Taylor if there is an emergency
* We will review the order of the ceremony and practice reading student names.

**Baccalaureate**

* TBA
* Seniors will be asked to wear their cap and gown for this service. This is a voluntary service.

**Graduation**

* Thursday, June 9th at the USF Yuengling Center at 6:00 pm.
* Graduates must arrive at the Yuengling Center by 5:00 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 Ms. Taylor 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 Yuengling 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 Yuengling Center will be available in Student Services on June 13th. Just as a reminder, if your diploma is withheld for disciplinary reasons, you will be required to meet with administration prior to receiving your diploma.

**Miscellaneous Information**

* Tickets are NOT required for entry into the commencement exercises. Graduates may invite as many guests as they would like.
* Please arrive at USF via the Fowler Ave. & Bull Run entrance.
* Parking is $8.00 and electronic payment is required. Cash will not be accepted. This is a Yuengling Center policy. Lot 6 has accessible 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 Yuengling Center have wheelchair accessible seating available. Use Entry D for elevator access.
* **NO** noisemakers, bullhorns, whistles, firecrackers, laser pointers, etc. will be permitted.
* **NO** balloons or signs are permitted in the Yuengling Center Arena.
* USF will be selling flowers, concessions, and other small graduation memorabilia for a nominal cost. No outside flowers or food will be permitted.
* All guest bags are subject to search and no back packs will be permitted. All graduation guests will be subject to USF security measures upon entry. It is strongly recommended that guests only bring essential items with them to the ceremony.
* 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 families 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 Yuengling Center Arena.
* There are opportunities to take family pictures before or after graduation outside the Yuengling Center Arena.
* We strongly recommend having a pre-planned area outside the arena for your family and guests to meet after the ceremony as the area can become quite crowded.

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

Sincerely,

Allison Taylor

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