**TSHS GRADUATION: WHAT TO KNOW**

**When: Tuesday, May 16, 3:00 PM (Students arrive at 2:00! Gates open to the public at 2:15.)**

**Where: Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg**

**What to Wear:**

* Ladies – dresses, skirts, blouses, pants;

shoes – flats or wedges are best

* Gentlemen – dress shirts, slacks, casual or dress shoes, ties
* No sneakers or flip flops; no bags or purses
* Per district policy, caps cannot be decorated; tassels hang to the right.
* Arrive in your cap and gown.

**What to Expect Upon Arrival:**

* **Parking is $10 and CREDIT CARD ONLY!** Open lots will be 6 and 7.
* Lot 3 is Rideshare Lot for taxis, Uber, Lyft, etc.
* Handicap Access: Guests needing to drop-off a family member who is unable to walk from the car may use the car circle in front of Gate 4.
* **ALL GRADUATES ENTER THROUGH GATE 1.**
* Public may enter through Gate 1 or Gate 5.
* Check in at appropriate alphabetical table, get your name card and line up in the appropriate line in numerical order (numbers will be on your name cards).

**What to Expect During the Ceremony:**

* Graduates stay standing at their seats until the whole class has entered.
* National Anthem – gentlemen remove their caps; ladies may leave them on.
* Ushers will escort each row to the back of the stage at the proper time.
* Give your name card to the name reader. Name will be announced exactly as written.
* When you cross the stage, accept your diploma cover with your left hand, shake the principal’s hand with the right hand, pose for your photo, return to your seat.
* Move tassels to the left when instructed to do so from the stage.
* Above all – **RESPECT EACH SPEAKER AND THE CEREMONY AS A WHOLE.**

**What to Expect After the Ceremony:**

* **PICK UP YOUR DIPLOMA** alphabetically before leaving the event.
* Enjoy adulthood.