

## 2021 CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

Graduation will be held on Friday, June 4, 2021 at BayCare Ballpark (formally Spectrum Field) at 7:30 p.m. Gates for parents and guests will open up at 6:30 p.m. for seating. Each graduate will be provided one parking pass, parking for additional cars is \$5.00. Designated Handicapped parking will be located in the south parking lot.

Due to BayCare Ballpark's and Pinellas County School's current health and safety protocols, we are able to provide up to six tickets to each graduate. Please be as accurate as possible, as we are hoping to accommodate those families that may need more than six tickets. No one will be assigned specific seats, and you will need to social distance from others.

If there are any tickets remaining after all graduates have had the opportunity to make their request, families can request to be contacted for additional tickets through the ticket request website. Please understand that there is no guarantee that additional tickets will be issued, and the order of the request for the additional tickets will be based upon the receipt of the request.

The link to Clearwater High School's Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremony Ticket Request website will be emailed to the graduate's R2D2 email account, and the site will go live on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. noon.

### **Check-In Process:**

All graduates will report to the Check-In Tent in the south parking lot (near Buffalo Wild Wings) of the stadium at the following times:

6:45 pm If your last name begins with O through Z  
6:55 pm if your last name begins with H through N  
7:05 pm if your last name begins with A through G

During the check-in process, each graduate will receive their name card and a Class of 2021 mask. Each graduate will be asked to open his or her gown and show what they are wearing as they enter the stadium. Graduates may not carry or have any items in their hands when they enter the stadium. This would include items such as food, water, flowers, cell phones, purses or valuables. Graduates not in compliance will not be permitted to enter the stadium or walk across the stage.

### **Health and Safety Expectations for all attendees:**

Due to our and BayCare Ballpark's current health and safety guidelines, all attendees, including our graduates are required to wear a face covering at all times and will be seated utilizing current social distancing guidelines. Face coverings must cover both the mouth and nose completely and fit snugly against the sides of the person's face with little or no gaps. Face coverings must be made of solid material and not lace, mesh, crocheted, made of other largely porous material or have exhalation valves or vents that allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material. Please remember to wash your hands regularly and hand sanitizer will be readily available.

For guests other than our graduates, Medical and diaper bags that accompany infants and young children are the only bags that will be permitted in the facility (no purses). Wristlets will be permitted, and all bags will be inspected prior to entry.

### **Dress with Pride:**

Young men must wear a light-colored dress shirt with a tie, dress slacks, socks and dress shoes. Tennis shoes and sandals are not permitted.

Young ladies must wear dresses or a skirt and blouse, dress shoes or dress sandals (flat shoes, no high heels). The dress or skirt should not hang below the gown.

Caps and gowns are not to be decorated in any way. The cap and gown is to be worn properly and make sure the cap is level on their head, with the tassel on the right side.

Graduates who are not dressed properly will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. If you need any kind of assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Biddle at [biddlek@pcsb.org](mailto:biddlek@pcsb.org) or Mr. Denton at [Dentonr@pcsb.org](mailto:Dentonr@pcsb.org)

### **Processional, National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Graduates will be escorted into stadium and will be assisted into their seats. Graduates will stand for both, and for the National Anthem, gentlemen will remove their caps.

### **Roll Call and Declaration:**

The graduate will be escorted to the readers, which will be located adjacent to the stage. The graduate will hand them their name card just prior to walking across the stage. The readers will be behind plexiglass, and the graduates will slide their cards under the glass for them to read. To ensure proper pronunciation, readers may ask for assistance with the graduate's name.

The graduate will then proceed across to the stage to receive their diploma cover. Due to current Health and Safety Guidelines, a handshake will not occur. Once the graduate has received their diploma cover, they will exit the stage down the center ramp and return to their seat.

When all the graduates have received their diploma cover and returned to their seats, Mr. Mastorides will ask for all graduates to stand and move their tassel from right to left, as he pronounces them alumni of Clearwater High School.

### **Departure and Diploma Pick Up:**

The newly named Alumnus will sign for and receive their diploma where check-in occurred. All family members and guests will then rejoin their graduate in the parking lot.

### **Important:**

The Clearwater High School Graduation Ceremony is a dignified ceremony. Anyone who acts inappropriately during the ceremony will not receive his or her diploma.