



BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Bayside Potential Graduates and Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations to those of you who have almost met your goal of high school graduation! This is a special event which requires an appropriate level of decorum. The following important information is for students and parents/guardians regarding the proper attire and behavior for the graduation ceremony. It must be signed by both you and your parent/guardian and returned to Ms. Randall in the front office by Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Only students meeting the dress code requirements will participate in the formal ceremony.

Graduation Pictures

Lifetouch will be on campus to take graduation pictures on Tuesday, 1/16, between 8am and 1pm. All graduating scholars who are currently enrolled or have already graduated this school year are invited to take pictures. A drape or tuxedo are the only option for dress code and will be provided by Lifetouch. Picture proofs and order information will be available after pictures are taken. Any make-up pictures will have to be personally arranged with Lifetouch. * **Please note the cost of pictures is not included in the grad fees and will be the responsibility of each family.**

Graduation Fee - is \$70.00.

- The \$70.00 covers your graduation cap & gown, tassel, diploma cover and senior celebrations.
- The Graduation fee will be collected January 22nd – May 1st, by Ms. Randall, located in the front office.
- Only **cash** or **money order** will be accepted.

Mandatory Dress Code

- All attire must meet the requirements of Pinellas County School Code of Conduct.
- Graduates should wear shoes in which they can easily walk up and down stairs. **No** sneakers or flip flops.
- All pants should be dress pants of dark color; **No** jeans, cargo pants, crop pants, or shorts
- Graduates wearing pants should wear a dress shirt with a tie.
- Hair styles must accommodate a graduation cap sitting squarely on the head
- Note: Please let us know at least 2 weeks in advance if you are having difficulties with the dress code requirements.

Behavior Expectations

In order to preserve the formality and dignity of our commencement exercises, the following rules of etiquette apply. Anyone not adhering to the etiquette policies will be asked to leave.

- Graduating seniors may not have a purse, cell phone, car keys, camera, or other electronic device in their possession during the ceremony (please leave these items with a family member

or friend who is attending the ceremony, or you may leave them in the graduation reception room which will be locked).

- All guests are asked to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices
- No babies, small children and other guests are allowed to enter the area where the graduates are seated during the ceremony.
- Refrain from any conduct that might detract from the ceremony.
- No food, drinks, or balloons will be allowed in.
- Students may not throw graduation caps after the ceremony due to close proximity of the audience.
- Failure to pay fees and fines may result in the denial of participation in the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Rehearsal

Any graduate who does not attend the rehearsal WILL NOT be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Caps and gowns will be distributed at rehearsal.


- Graduation rehearsal will be on Friday, May 24th, 2024, at 12:45 pm at Bayside HS gymnasium.
- All students who plan to walk with Bayside are required to attend the rehearsal.
- There will be a senior celebration after rehearsal.
- **Note: If you are only attending for rehearsal and have all other academic requirements met, you may leave after rehearsal. You must have a note from your parent giving you permission to leave if you are under age 18. No bus passes will be given. All arrangements to leave must be made prior to arriving on campus.**
- Students not currently attending Bayside must sign in as a visitor and wait in the lobby to be escorted to the gym.

Graduation Day – Wednesday, May 29th, 2024, Bayside HS @ 8:30 am.

- Students will need to be at Bayside HS by 7:50 am.
- Guests will go directly to the auditorium.
- Directly after the ceremony students will pick up their diploma.
- A photographer will take pictures of each graduate as they receive their diploma. Order information will be provided when you pick up your diploma.
- There is another graduation ceremony after Bayside's, please plan on dispersing shortly after ceremony.

Thank you for adding to the dignity of this formal occasion through your courtesy while sharing this special day with us.

Sincerely,


Erin Savage, Principal



Please acknowledge receipt, understanding, and acceptance of all rules and standards set forth in the attached Graduation Letter and return this form to Ms. Randall, the front office clerk, no later than, Wednesday, May 1st, 2024.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL GRADUATING FEES REMAINING IN THE GRADUATION CLASS OF 2024 ACCOUNT – WILL BE ROLLED OVER TO FUTURE GRADUATION CLASSES.

***THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ON GRADUATION FEES. ***

THANK YOU.

Number of guests attending the ceremony, including the graduate _____

Student

Parent/Guardian

Print Name

Print Name

Signature

Signature

Email Address