

# COMMENCEMENT BULLETIN 2019

COMMENCEMENT will be THURSDAY, May 23rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at TROPICANA FIELD in St. Petersburg.

**REQUIRED DRESS:** Men must wear a collared dress shirt (preferably white) with a necktie (preferably dark), socks (preferably dark) and dress shoes, and dark trousers (no jeans or casual pants allowed). Women should wear a dress that is not visible at the neckline, cuff or hemline. Gowns look much nicer when they are pressed. Purses must be left with parents. **NO GUM, PLEASE!** Faculty and staff will check each student for appropriate attire, appearance and demeanor. No paraphernalia, such as corsages, etc., may be worn on the gown. **Cell phones and similar electronic devices are strictly forbidden.** Seniors not complying **will not march.**

**SEATING OF GUESTS:** A parking fee (\$10.00) is charged by the City of St. Petersburg. Open Lots for parking include Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. These lots only accept payment by credit card. Please ask your relatives and friends to enter Tropicana by GATES 1 & 5 entrances. Persons with disabilities may be dropped off at Gate 1. Programs will be available at these entrances. Seating will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Plenty of seats are available! No one, except graduates and staff will be allowed on the floor of the Field before, during or after the ceremony. Directions to Tropicana Field and its site plan are provided on the opposite side of this bulletin.

**PRE-CEREMONY:** **Seniors need to arrive at Gate 1** of Tropicana Field not later than 10:00 a.m. wearing their caps and gowns. As stated above, no personal items may be carried into the facility by seniors; leave these with your parents. After entering the lobby, proceed immediately to the line-up area. Only seniors will be allowed in this area for lining-up. As you enter, look for your homeroom sign. Go to that section to pickup your Reader Card from your homeroom teacher or his substitute. Faculty members will assist you in lining up according to homerooms. **ONCE IN LINE, STAY IN LINE!**

**CEREMONY:** Ushers will lead seniors onto the Field when the ceremony begins. **REMAIN STANDING.** Later in the ceremony, after Mr. Straub and Ms. Hunter have presented the class to Mr. Schlereth for graduation, you will be led to the Reader microphone. Hand your Reader Card to the reader. When your name is announced, walk to Mr. Schlereth and shake his hand as you receive your diploma cover (a professional photographer will take your picture).

**YOU WILL BE DIRECTED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CEREMONY -- PAY ATTENTION!**

**CAPS AND TASSELS:** At the beginning and for most of the ceremony, tassels will be worn on the **RIGHT** side of the mortar board. After the names of all seniors have been called, the class will change, upon instruction by Mr. Schlereth, tassels to the **LEFT** side of the mortar board in unison.

**POSTCEREMONY:** Following your ushers, continue the recessional march back to the line-up area. At the Homeroom Tables, you will receive your diploma.

Thank you,

S.X. Straub  
Senior Class of 2019 Sponsor

Tropicana Field is located directly east of Interstate 275 in St. Petersburg. I-275 is the main interstate highway that runs north and south through Clearwater and St. Petersburg. The dome is visible from the highway. I-375 and I-175 both veer off of I-275 and feed into Tropicana Field. Follow the signs for parking. See the parking map below.

