



Osceola Fundamental High School

Class of 2024 Graduation Information



All school financial obligations must be cleared prior to your approved participation in the graduation ceremony

When: Friday, May 17th, 2024, 9:15am (graduates arrive), 9:30am (guests enter), 10:15am (ceremony starts)

Where: Tropicana Field, **Gate 1(graduates enter)**, Gate 1 or 5 (guests enter)

Parking: \$10 (credit card only) Lot 6 and 7

- Lot 3 is ridesharing – uber/taxi/lyft/etc
- Handicap access is in front of gate 4 (please bring your own wheelchair if needed, none will be available at Tropicana)

Dress Code:

- Men should wear a white or light-colored shirt with dark tie, dark socks, dark shoes, and dark dress pants.
- Women should wear a light-colored dress, or light-colored dress shirt with dark dress skirt/pants, dark shoes/socks (if shoes require socks).
- Shorts are **NOT** permitted.
- Flip flops are **NOT** permitted.
- Flowers and jewelry are **NOT** to be worn on graduation gowns
- Caps are **NOT** permitted to be decorated.
- **ONLY** honor chords and stoles from OFHS are to be worn (nothing from out side organizations)
- Each student will be checked for appropriate attire and appearance
- No chewing gum! No tobacco related products!
- **All cell phones and electronic devices and purses must be left in the car.**

You will not participate in the ceremony if you are in violation of the dress code

Caps and Tassels:

- Caps are to be worn flat on the head, one point of the square facing forward (like a diamond)
- Tassels will be worn on the **right side** of the mortarboard at the start of graduation
- Boys will remove caps during Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and Alma Mater
- Girls will not remove caps at any time during the ceremony
- Tassels will be moved to the left side by students, in unison, at the direction of Mr. Bohnet

CAPS ARE NOT TO BE THROWN AT ANY TIME!!!

Check In Procedure

1. Students enter through **Gate #1** and check in staff for dress code and security check. **Remember there are no cell phones/electronic devices or items against PCSB rules allowed past this point.**
2. Then locate and report to the table that matches your alpha for check-in.
3. When you check in you will receive your card with your name. **KEEP THIS CARD!!** You will hand this card to the reader when it's your turn to walk across the stage.
 - a. Please check the information on this card and verify it is correct.
 - b. If needed, please print your name phonetically above to help the readers out.
 - c. Line up in order of the number on your card – if you go out of order your family will miss you walking across the stage.
4. After receiving your name card please line up by the sign that matches the number on your card.

Tip: eat and drink appropriately prior to coming to Tropicana, you will have access to restrooms and water fountains while there, but it can get warm once everyone is in and excited – we don't want anyone passing out.

Processional

1. You will begin to line up for entrance to the field at **9:45am**. You will line up by the number on your reader card. These numbers will be in consecutive order based on alpha of last name. Lining up this way will keep you very close to alphabetical order – this makes it easier for your guests to know when it will be your turn to walk.
2. You will be led to the field by a faculty representative. As you enter the field area you will walk side by side in two rows. As you reach the seating area, marshals will be positioned to assist students when one row is full (15 graduates per row) and to begin seating in another row. Please stay in line and observe a comfortable distance between you and the person in front of you. When you arrive at your seat **remain standing** in your row facing the audience.
3. Once everyone has entered their row and is positioned in front of a seat, **remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and Alma Mater.**

Program Agenda -You will be given a program in your diploma packet at the end of the ceremony.

The agenda is as follows:

- Processional
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Anthem
- Alma Mater
- Principal's Welcome & Introduction of Honored Guests
- Salutatorian Address
- Student Government President Address
- Senior Class President Address
- Valedictorian Address
- Presentation of Diplomas (covers only)
- Conferring of Diplomas/Tassel Ceremony
- Recessional

Name Presentation and Diploma Cover Issued -When it is time for the awarding of **diploma covers**, the marshals will help tell your row when it is time to stand and move toward the left side of the stage and proceed to the back of the stage. You will then ascend the stairs. You will give your name card to Mr. Z and Mrs. Loope to read for presentation to Mr. Bohnet. You will walk to the center of the stage, receive your **diploma cover** from Mr. Bohnet and have your picture taken. After you receive your **diploma cover**, you will exit stage left, go back through the center and return to your seat and sit down. All the rows on the left will be called first, then the rows on the right.

Recessional - At the conclusion of the tassel presentation the recessional will begin. The platform guests will depart the stage and exit through the center aisle. Faculty members will follow the platform guests. Students will follow the faculty members (a faculty member will let you know when to leave) and we will release graduates in reverse order back to front. Students are asked to wait until the row in front of them completely clears of students.

Diploma Pick-Up – Staff will be stationed in the mezzanine in the left field, in the same alpha break down as check in. ***Students should secure their diploma and quickly exit*** and then proceed to meet their families.

Tip: make a plan with your family before you walk into gate1 on where you will meet up after

Additional Requirements:

- **We will be following all MLB/Tampa Bay Rays venue rules and guidelines:**
 - No signs, balloons, flowers/gifts or air horns may be brought into the stadium.
 - Per MLB, backpacks, coolers and bags of any kind exceeding 16"x8" are not permitted through Tropicana Field security. Personal bags smaller than this size, medical device bags, and diaper bags accompanying a young child per permitted.
 - Outside food or beverage is not permitted, except for one sealed, personal-sized bottle of water.
 - There will be limited concessions available
 - No strollers will be allowed.

Note: Graduates are expected to maintain a dignified appearance at all times. Any disruptive behavior will result in the student's removal from the field by Law Enforcement.



PARKING MAP



May 16-18, 2024

