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To: Senior Parents

From: M.W. Chrispin 

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Re: Reminders and Graduation

Date: 12 MAY 25

As the school year draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible journey of the Class of 2025. It has been a year filled with growth, accomplishments, and memorable moments. On behalf of the entire team at Osceola Fundamental High School, I want to thank you for your support and partnership throughout this important chapter in your child's life.

Included in this document are key end-of-year reminders and important graduation information. Our goal is to make this celebratory time smooth, meaningful, and memorable for both you and your child. Please take a few moments to review the details provided, and feel free to contact us with any questions.

We are proud to be part of your student's journey and look forward to celebrating this milestone with you.

REMINDERS

1. YARD SIGNS

If you'd like to purchase a yard sign for your senior, please use the link on the senior page of the school's website. The order deadline is Monday, May 12 (no exceptions).

Pick-up options:

Wednesday, May 14, in the store

Thursday, May 15, at OFHS from NOON–2:30PM

Monday, May 19, at OFHS from 2:00–2:30PM

Students with early release should see Mrs. Gerlach at the front desk to arrange pick-up.

2. CAPS AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION

The initial distribution will take place during both lunches on Tuesday, May 20. After that, they can be picked up at the front desk.

3. SENIOR OLYMPICS

Seniors will participate in games and competitions on **Tuesday, May 20, at 6:30PM** on the practice field located between the gymnasium and the stadium. Please note: Seniors must have purchased school insurance to participate.

4. SENIOR WALK

Seniors are encouraged to wear their caps and gowns to school Wednesday, May 21. During 7th period, they will gather as a class and participate in a senior walk through the halls, where they will be celebrated and recognized by students and staff.



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5. SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

The Senior Awards Assembly will be held on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:00PM in the OFHS Auditorium. This special evening will celebrate academic achievements, departmental honors, faculty-selected awards, and other recognitions. Attendance is by invitation only, and invitations will be mailed to the homes of students receiving awards.

6. SENIOR DAY

Seniors will enjoy a full day of festivities on Thursday, May 22, at 7:30AM including breakfast in the OFHS cafeteria, senior class picture, the senior slideshow, graduation practice, and the senior picnic.

7. SENIOR DUES

Senior dues are \$140 and cover all required senior events and celebrations, including the cap, gown, tassel, diploma and cover, medallion, senior breakfast, Senior Activities Week, and use of the graduation venue at BayCare Sound at Coachman Park. Dues may be paid with cash, check, or money order (made payable to OFHS) to Mr. Kontrick in Room 227. Any remaining funds will go toward a senior class gift to OFHS.

GRADUATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Date:	Friday, May 30, 2025
Gates Open:	6:30AM
Seniors Arrive:	6:30AM
Ceremony Begins:	7:30AM
Ceremony Ends:	9:15AM
Location:	The BayCare Sound at Coachman Park 255 Drew Street, Clearwater, FL 33755

2. PARKING

Please note that there is no parking available at the graduation venue or the nearby library. A map included in this packet outlines public parking lots in the area. These lots will charge for parking, and cash will not be accepted. Carpooling is strongly recommended. Shuttles will run every 30 minutes beginning at 6AM.

3. ITEMS NOT PERMITTED IN THE VENUE

- Link to permitted/prohibited items at The Sound: <https://www.rutheckerdhall.com/permitted-and-prohibited-items>
- Personal bags except clear bags exceeding 12"x6"x12" or small clutch bags (4.5"x6.5" – roughly the size of an index card)
- Food/drink – except empty clear camelback/hydration packs that do not exceed 12"x6"x12"
- Flowers/balloons/beach balls/noise makers/electronics/confetti/umbrellas/etc.
- Anything that is not allowed per PCSB policy for students (ex. Tobacco products).



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4. SENIOR DRESS

All students are expected to adhere to the graduation dress code.

- Men should wear a white or light-colored shirt with a dark tie, dark trousers, dark socks, and dark dress shoes. Flip-flops are NOT permitted.
- Women should wear a dress or a top with a skirt or dress pants. Appropriate footwear is required—high heels are strongly discouraged due to the walking distance. Socks should be worn if the shoes require them. **Sandals may be worn, but flip-flops are NOT permitted.**
- Shorts are NOT allowed under any circumstances.
- Graduation caps may NOT be decorated. No flowers or jewelry may be worn on or over the gown.
- Only honor cords and stoles issued by OFHS or PCSB are permitted; items from outside organizations are NOT allowed.

Each student will be checked for appropriate attire and appearance. Additionally, gum, tobacco products, and similar items are **PROHIBITED**. All cell phones, electronic devices, and purses must be left in vehicles before entering the venue.

5. SEVERE WEATHER

The Sound is a rain-or-shine facility, meaning the ceremony will proceed even in the event of rain. However, if weather conditions are deemed unsuitable for the venue, the ceremony will be rescheduled for Saturday, May 31. The time is to be announced.

In that case, the new location will be the Osceola Fundamental High School Auditorium. Please note that seating will be limited, and a live stream will be provided for those unable to attend in person.

6. SPECIAL NEEDS

Interpreters will be available for the ceremony, and a designated seating area will be provided for DHH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing) family members in Section 104. Individuals who require the use of a wheelchair are advised to bring their own, as none will be available at the venue. **Those who require the use of a wheelchair are advised to bring their own, as none will be available at the venue.**

7. POST CEREMONY

Please note that we will have 30 minutes to vacate The Sound following the conclusion of the graduation ceremony. This short window allows time for cleanup and preparation for the next school's ceremony.

We ask that you coordinate with your senior ahead of time to decide on a meeting spot outside the venue. Coachman Park, located directly next to The Sound, offers a beautiful setting for meeting up and taking additional photos with your graduate.

8. PHOTOGRAPHY

Grad Images will once again photograph each graduate as they receive their portfolio. These photos will be available for purchase. Families should receive ordering information by mail as graduation



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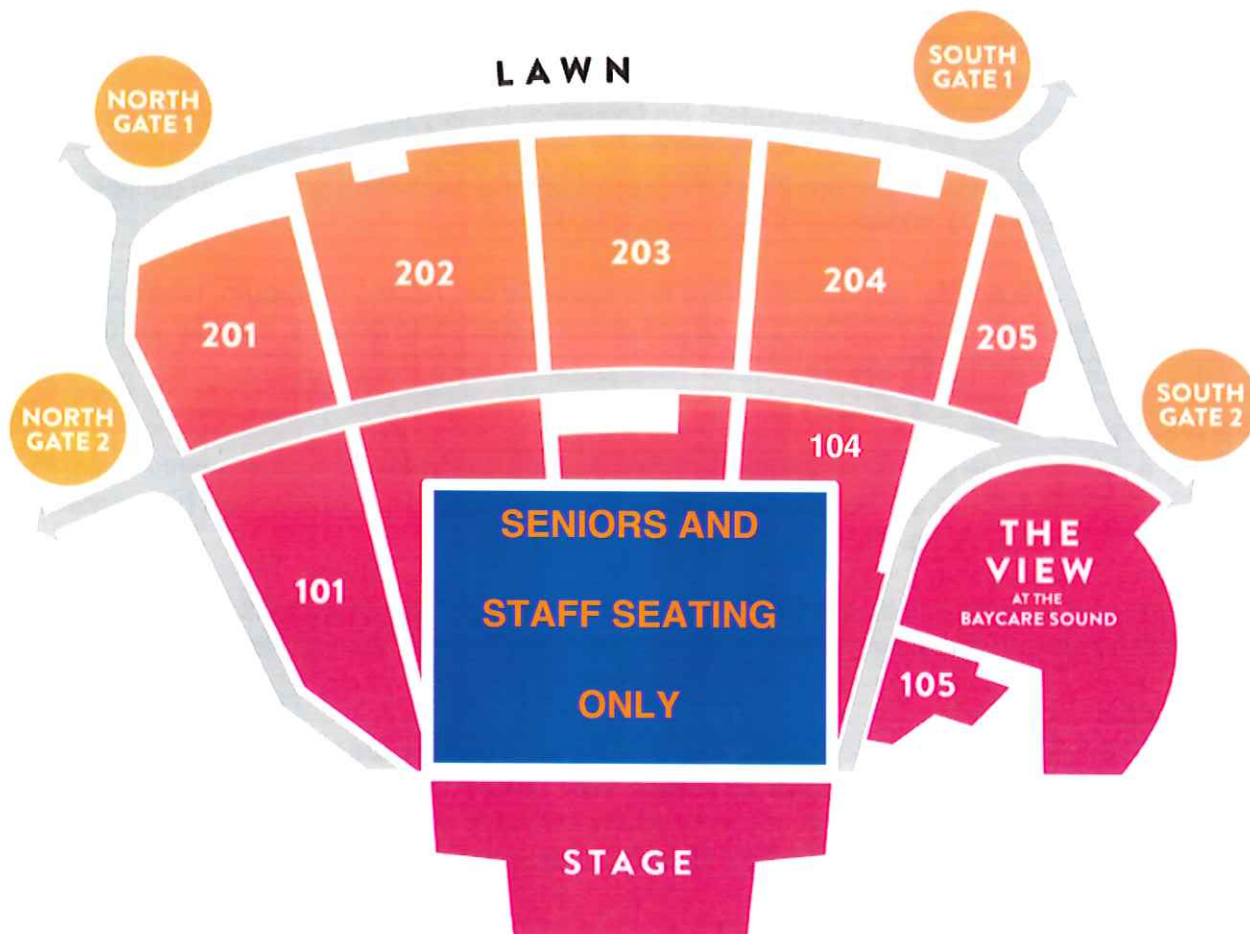
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approaches. If you do not receive it and are interested in purchasing photos, please contact the high school office for assistance.

9. PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Clearwater Public Library will be closed to the public.





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DIRECTIONS

During events, traffic patterns may change, and there may be road closures. Follow signs and obey all traffic laws & personnel.

From St. Petersburg

Take I-175 W to US-19 North towards Clearwater. Take the Seville Boulevard exit. Merge onto US 19 Frontage Road. Use the left two lanes to turn left onto Gulf to Bay Boulevard, which will eventually turn into Court Street. Turn right onto Osceola Avenue. Coachman Park will be on your left.

From South Pinellas

Continue to Gulf Boulevard. Head northwest toward 146th Ave. Turn left onto 146th Ave. Take 113th St, Clearwater Largo Rd S and S Ft Harrison Ave to S Osceola Ave in Clearwater. Turn right onto Gulf Blvd. Turn right onto 150th Ave/Tom Stuart Causeway. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Duhme Road. Continue onto 113th St/Grove Rd/Ridge Road. Continue to follow 113th Street. Continue onto Ridge Road S. Continue onto Clearwater Largo Road S. Continue onto S Ft Harrison Avenue. Turn left onto Court Street. Continue on S Osceola Avenue. Drive to Cleveland Street. Turn right onto S Osceola Avenue. Turn left onto Cleveland Street

From Clearwater Beach

Head east on Memorial Causeway. Continue onto Chestnut Street. Turn left onto S Fort Harrison Avenue. Turn left onto Pierce St. Turn right onto Osceola Avenue. Coachman Park will be on your left.

From North Pinellas

Take Bayshore Boulevard/US-19 Alt S/North Fort Harrison Avenue. Turn right on Laura Street. Turn left on North Osceola Avenue.

From Tampa

Take I-275 S. Take exit 39 to merge onto FL-60/E State Road 60 W toward Clearwater/Tampa Airport. Take Exit 2A for FL-60 W toward Clearwater. FL-60 W, also known as Gulf to Bay Boulevard, turns into Court Street. Turn right onto Osceola Avenue. Coachman Park will be on your left.