

## The BCHS Class of 2023 - Graduation Quick Facts

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

**Date:** Tuesday, May 16th, 2022

**Location:** Tropicana Field

**Ceremony Start Time:** 10:00 am

**Gates Open to Guest:** 9:15 am (enter through gate 1 or 5)

**Student Arrival Time:** 9:00 am (graduates need to report to gate 1 only)

**Parking Cost and Information:** \$10.00 per car in lot 6 and 7. Tropicana is a no cash facility; you will be required to pay for parking by debit or credit card. Lot 3 is designated for ride sharing (Taxi, Uber, Lyft, etc.). Staff members must have a staff ID to park for free and should park in lot 6 or 7. Lots 6 and 7 are closest to the gate 1 entrance

**Handicap Accessibility:** Individuals needing handicapped services should use lot 1 or 7. Guests needing to drop-off a family member who is unable to walk from the car may use the car circle in front of Gate 4 to drop-off the family member. Tropicana does not provide wheelchairs. Please ensure guests bring their own wheelchairs or other ambulatory assistive devices.

**Student Dress Code:** Students may **NOT** decorate caps or gowns. Personal stoles, cords and/or regalia may **NOT** be worn during graduation ceremony.

**Male students** should wear a white or light-colored shirt with dark tie, dark socks, dark shoes, and dark trousers with belt (flip flops and/or tennis shoes are not acceptable). Shorts are **NOT** permitted.

**Female students** should wear a white outfit (dress or pants) under their white gown and white or beige shoes (flip flops and tennis shoes are not acceptable). Flat or wedge shoes are recommended since students will be walking in and on an artificial surface. High or spiked heeled shoes may be difficult to walk in and could cause injury. Shorts are **NOT** permitted.

**All cell phones, pagers, and any electronic devices will be collected, tagged, and returned to you after the ceremony. It is recommended that graduates leave purses and electronic devices with a family member or in their automobile during the ceremony.**

Each student will be checked for appropriate attire and appearance prior to participating in the ceremony.

***Students will not participate in the ceremony if they are in violation of the dress code***

**Entry:** Graduates will enter through Gate 1. General Public will enter through gates 1 and 5. Working faculty can enter through gate 7.

**Flowers and Balloons:** As per Tropicana Field Staff, **NO** balloons, or noisemakers will be permitted in the stadium. Please save them for the parties at home.

**Infant Strollers:** Individuals with young children that bring a stroller will **NOT** be allowed to bring the stroller into the stadium as per Tropicana Field Staff. Stroller parking will be outside the stadium. Please take all other personal belongings with you into the stadium. Staff members will monitor this area to help ensure the security of the stroller but are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

**Personal Items, Food, and Beverages:** We will follow the MLB RULES regarding bags/purses etc. These rules are always subject to change based on events outside of our control. As the graduation date approaches, please continue to check the Rays' website for stadium rules on this issue. Outside food or beverage is not permitted,

Please NOTE: There will be no vending of food or drinks at the field at any time before, during or after graduation ceremonies.

**After the Ceremony:** Report to your check-in/check-out teacher table to pick-up copies of the program and your diploma to place in your white cover. CWMP Students will trade the white diploma cover for a blue cover. After receiving your diploma cover, exit the stadium at Gate 6 and proceed to your vehicle. Please do not congregate inside the facility or in the parking lots. We need you to take pictures and celebrate after you leave the area.

***Graduates are always expected to maintain a dignified appearance. Any disruptive behavioral issue will result in the student's diploma being held until a conference with Ms. Gil can be scheduled and consequences are completed.***