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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Class of 2018 graduation ceremony will be held on **Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 8:00 PM at the University of South Florida Sun Dome**. Student will report to the Sun Dome by 7:00 PM. In order to uphold the dignity of our graduation ceremony and to meet increased security requirements, the following procedures will be followed by the University of South Florida Sun Dome and the Pasco County School District:

1. Senior Brunch, an event held for the senior students only, will be on May 23rd following graduation practice. There is no fee or ticket required for this event. Students should be dressed appropriately. Students who are in jeans, shorts, flip-flops, or any attire deemed not business professional will be turned away from this event and not admitted until they comply with the dress code.
2. Attending both days of graduation practice is mandatory. Practice will be held in the ZHS Activity Center on **Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018 and Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018 beginning at 8 am**. Any student who does not attend practice may not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Students should arrive at the school by 7:40 AM and be ready to practice on time. **Students should not plan on leaving before 11:00 AM.**
3. **Students must be dressed according to the Pasco County School District Dress Code for graduation practice. Students will be sent home to change if they are out of dress code, and this may jeopardize their participation in graduation.**
4. During graduation practice and textbook return, students will be receiving a final notice of debts. These will be due on the second day of practice. Students who have unpaid debts will not receive their diploma.
5. Parking lots around the University of South Florida Sun Dome charge \$5.00 per vehicle for parking.
6. Graduates should enter and go immediately to Gate A. This entry is marked for graduates. **The graduates must carry their cap and gown into the University of South Florida Sun Dome. Students cannot wear the cap and gown through security.** A visual search will be conducted by security personnel upon entering the Sun Dome. Students should not bring anything else with them except their cap and gown, including purses and bags.
7. Tickets are not required for entry into the commencement exercises. For seating, your party should arrive at the same time if you want to sit together.
8. All bags brought in by guests will be searched and all guests will be wanded by security staff. No backpacks will be permitted in the University of South Florida Sun Dome. Cameras and binoculars will only be permitted if they are out of the case. (Cases should be left in the car.)
9. **Balloons, signs, and noisemakers of any kind (including, but not limited to, bull horns, cowbells, whistles and air horns), or laser pointers will NOT be allowed in the University of South Florida Sun Dome.**
10. Concessions at the University of South Florida Sun Dome may be open before the ceremony begins. Food and drink can be purchased for guests only.
11. Hearing-impaired services are available. Please contact Ms. Dellanini if you need this service.
12. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your graduate and family following the ceremony. Graduates will pick up their diploma following the ceremony in the area reserved for graduates and then will be able to meet up with family and friends.

Students will be informed by their school counselor if their graduation status changes. If a student is no longer eligible to graduate per the standards set by the State of Florida and the School District of Pasco County, then he/she will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in making our graduation ceremony a memorable event for our graduates and their guests. If you have any questions or concerns regarding graduation, please contact Mia Dellanini at (813)794-6100 or e-mail mdellani@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Thank you,

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