

CLASS OF 2024

LAST WEEK SENIOR EVENTS

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GRADUATION GUIDELINES

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! We are giving you the following guidelines so that graduation will be a proud memory for all graduates. While we hope it does not become necessary, diplomas may be pulled for any student not following the guidelines set forth at any point through the graduation ceremony.

This week schedule:

Monday 5.20.24

- District Finals

Tuesday 5.21.24

- District Finals
- Senior Scholarship/Award Night 6PM Gymnasium

Wednesday 5.22.24

- District Finals

Thursday 5.23.24

- Senior Check-Out in the Gymnasium by period of Econ/Gov Class (if a student does not have an Econ/Gov class-8.00AM)
- Woodland Elementary School Clap Out 11.30AM
(student's Cap & Gown will be distributed Friday 5.24.24 but we have plenty of Cap & Gowns for students that want to partake & will be able to borrow the gown that day) Parents-If you want to join us, we ask that you sign in with Woodland Elementary)

Friday 5.24.24

- Graduation Practice 8.00AM-11.00AM Gymnasium
- Cap & Gown Distribution
- Senior Field Day-Immediately after Graduation Practice (food, music, games)
- 1.30PM-ZHS Senior Class Clap Out & Class Picture

Tuesday 5.28.24

- 7.00PM Baccalaureate at New Walk Church
(graduates are to wear their cap and gown)
Invitation was mailed in the beginning of April, 20204.



GRADUATION PRACTICE & SENIOR CHECKOUT

Senior Checkout will be held on **Thursday, May 23rd, 2024** by student's Econ/Gov period class in the Gymnasium. Graduation Practice will be held on **Friday, May 24, 2024 from 8:00AM – 11:00AM** at Zephyrhills High School Gymnasium followed by Senior Class Field Day. Attendance on both days is **MANDATORY** for participation in graduation. Only students who properly checkout and attend graduation practice will be able to participate in the Graduation Ceremony or receive diplomas. The administrator in charge of graduation (Mrs. Wasilewski) MUST review and approve any extenuating circumstances. Caps & Gowns will be distributed on Friday, May 24th, 2024. If a student did not complete the checkout on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024, they will not receive their cap and gown. There will be no exceptions.

CEREMONY (LIVE AND ONLINE VIA STREAMING)

The graduation ceremony will be held on **Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 1:00PM**. It will begin promptly at **1:00PM**. Seniors are to report at **12:00PM** to the USF – Yuengling Center to line up for the ceremony. Students will enter The Corral, section of the premises which is to the left of Gate A and wait for directions from staff. There will be a livestream of the ceremony with the web address on the ZHS school website and Pasco County Schools website.

DRESS EXPECTATIONS

Dress Code for Graduates: Dress pants and dress shirt with tie, a dress or skirt and blouse or pantsuit are recommended outfits. We recommend that students not wear high heels, as there will be a lot of walking and stair climbing. No visible “bulky” jewelry, scarves, ribbons, etc. are permitted. No face covering of any kind is permitted.

Personal Items: Leave purses, cameras, and personal items with a parent or friend in the audience; they may not be taken in during the processional. Flowers or corsages are NOT permitted.

Graduation Gowns: Please carry your cap and gown into the University of South Florida Sun Dome. We will not have extra gowns on hand. Make sure that you bring yours to the ceremony. Gowns are to look like they did when received from the company. Nothing extra may be added to them.

Graduation Cap: The mortarboard (graduation cap) is to be worn flat with the tassel over the right eye. Once the seniors are declared graduates, the tassel is moved to the left side in unison with the class. Mortarboards are to look like they did when received from the company. The cap can be **appropriately** decorated. We will not have extra caps or tassels on hand. Make sure that you bring yours to the ceremony.

Failure to comply with the dress policy may result in the student not being permitted to participate in the ceremony.

BEHAVIOR

Graduation is a momentous occasion not only for the seniors, but also for their parents, families, and friends. For that reason, the ceremony is to be held with dignity and courtesy to others. **All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the occasion, which includes walking across the stage. All participants must comply with the Pasco County Student Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior will result in both students and parents/guardians having to meet with the school administration prior to receiving a diploma.**

Improper noises and distractions will not be permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, noisemakers such as bullhorns, air horns, whistles, cowbells, and firecrackers, etc. Do NOT bring in beach balls, silly string, or any item that would be deemed inappropriate. We ask that you request family and friends to remain seated throughout the ceremony, except when it is appropriate to stand (during the Pledge of Allegiance, for example), as a courtesy to other graduates and their families and friends. No one, other than graduates and designated guests, is permitted in the seating area for graduates.

TRAFFIC TO AND PARKING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SUN DOME

Please be advised that the time of arrival for the graduation ceremony for students (12:00PM) will coincide with early afternoon/evening traffic that is very heavy based on the location of the University of South Florida Sun Dome. Please plan appropriately when leaving your homes and give yourself more than enough time to arrive without incident. Once students and staff have left for the beginning of the ceremony, the students will not be permitted to enter into the seating area for graduates. This is University of South Florida Sun Dome's security policy and will be strictly enforced. *There is a \$13.00 charge for parking and will be done by credit card only.*

You must pre-pay for the parking, please use this link: <https://www.parkwhiz.com/youengling-center-parking/>

Be sure to pick ZHS Graduation Ceremony before making a payment.

There are parking areas throughout the areas around the University of South Florida Sun Dome. Disabled parking is located at Gate A and Gate D, Parking Lot Area 22F.

SECURITY AND BAG POLICIES FOR USF

- No weapons of any kind, no outside food or beverage, no backpacks or other large bags.
- Personal bags must be smaller than 12"x12"x12". These are subject to search upon entry.
- All cameras are permitted with the exception of professional cameras with larger lenses.

SEATING & TICKETS

Seating is unlimited in the University of South Florida Sun Dome. Tickets will not be necessary as a result. **No one, other than graduates and designated guests, is permitted on the floor partitioned off on the University of South Florida Sun Dome.** Floor seating is only permitted for invited dignitaries, graduating seniors, band members, faculty and staff, and other invited guests. All of these people will have tickets in order to go to the floor and will be listed on pre-approved lists provided to the University of South Florida Sun Dome. No one else is permitted on the floor of the University of South Florida Sun Dome. Those who need handicapped seating would be advised to enter in at Gate A, where there are elevators available. There is handicapped seating available throughout the Sun Dome. There is also reserved seating for the hearing impaired. Upon entering the Sun Dome, all people in attendance will be searched by security per Sun Dome policy.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Leonards will photograph each senior individually upon receiving his/her diploma and congratulations from the principal, as well as with their diplomas. Purchase of these photographs is optional. If you are interested, please scan the QR code for more information.

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Photos
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link below to register and find
your photos from graduation.



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DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION

Diplomas will be distributed by alphabet in the same way that students lined up behind the seating for guests. ***Students who have officially checked out will be able to receive their diplomas and participate in graduation. Only students meeting the behavioral requirements at graduation will receive a diploma.***

After receiving your diploma, please exit the University of South Florida Sun Dome. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your family.