



Jupiter Community High School

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Dear Senior Students and Parents or Guardians,

We will soon be sharing with you an exciting time in your life – graduation. Our commencement exercises will take place at the South Florida Fairgrounds on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 8:00 a.m. We have planned many activities leading up to this special event, and the information below outlines the dates and times of these activities, as well as the expectations surrounding them. We ask for your cooperation in making these last weeks of school an enjoyable experience for all.

To ensure that all events and activities are positive and safe, every graduate must adhere to **all** school rules and regulations as outlined in the PBCSD Student Code of Conduct during school and at **all** school-sponsored activities and events. This includes infractions relating to the use or possession of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products and any behavior deemed to be disruptive or disrespectful. Seniors who fail to adhere to school and district rules will not be permitted to participate in scheduled senior activities, including the graduation ceremony.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

April 12	Prom at Wyndham Grand Hotel 8-11pm
April 19	Grad Bash Students leave school at 1:00 p.m., return the following morning.
May 1	FLVS, E20/20 coursework completed; last day to submit FLVS transcripts and 20 Community Service Hours
May 2	Cap & Gown Distribution all day through Senior Social Studies classes
May 10	Last day of regular classes for Seniors Note: All obligations must be cleared to participate in Senior Week activities
May 13	Senior Exams during the day (if required)
May 13	Rapids Waterpark (check-in between 10-12)
May 14	Senior Exams during the day (if required)
May 14	Senior Picnic at Civic Center at Carlin Park 11-2 pm
May 14	Senior Awards Night @ 7 pm in the JHS Auditorium (Graduates wear gowns.)
May 15	Senior Activity—Bowling @ Bowlero time TBD
May 15 - 17	Mandatory Senior Sign-Out Scheduled by Counselor Guidance meetings for senior credit checks, final transcripts, textbooks, and graduation ticket distribution. Note: All obligations must be cleared prior to senior sign-out. Senior Sign-out is required in order to be cleared for participation in the Graduation ceremony. All Dual Enrollment books must be turned-in and student receipts submitted to Guidance PRIOR to sign-out.
May 20	MANDATORY Graduation Rehearsal – JHS Gymnasium Students who have been cleared for graduation must arrive NO LATER than 2 pm
May 20	Senior Social/Movie Night @ JHS 4:00 pm
May 22	GRADUATION ceremony at the South Florida Fair Grounds at 8:00 a.m. Graduates MUST arrive at the South Florida Fairgrounds Staging Hall and be lined up to check in no later than 7:00 a.m. All bags will be subject to search which may delay admission into the ceremony. Guests are strongly urged to enter the graduation hall without bags or purses to avoid any delay into ceremony. Project Graduation will take place at Jupiter Community Center from 8 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.



SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES AND PROJECT GRADUATION

In order to participate in the Senior Week Activities, students must have completely paid all class dues and have no obligations of any kind owed to Jupiter High School by Tuesday, May 14th—prior to Senior Sign-Out. Obligations must be cleared with Patti Potts in the JHS Media Center.

The only authorized post graduation activity is Project Graduation, which is sponsored by parent volunteers. Project Graduation provides a full night of entertainment for Jupiter High School graduates only. Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and concluding at 12:00 a.m., graduates party through the night in a safe environment at the Jupiter Community Center. Attendees are required to stay for the duration of the event. Please note that no other activity or senior trip is authorized by Jupiter High School or the School District of Palm Beach County.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, a senior must have completed the required credits, have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0, and have documented 20 hours of community service. If these requirements are not completed, seniors will not be able to participate in the May 22nd graduation ceremony at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

SENIOR SIGN-OUT

Students will receive their Senior Sign-Out Forms via senior English classes by April 26th. Seniors should begin reviewing the sign out forms to ensure they have met all credit requirements, returned any textbooks or SDPBC electronic materials/Chromebooks, and cleared all obligations. Senior sign-out will begin on May 15th. Students will be required to meet with their counselors to review their graduation credits, complete final transcript request forms, clear obligations, and receive tickets (6) to the commencement ceremony. **Students who do NOT complete the Senior Sign-out Process will NOT be cleared for participation in the graduation ceremony.**

CAPS, GOWNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MEMORABILIA

Caps and gowns will be distributed to seniors on Thursday, May 2nd via senior Social Studies classes. Those students who will not be participating in the senior week activities may rent (\$85 cash only) a cap and gown from Herff-Jones; the cost includes the cap and gown rental fee as well as the other associated costs of graduation. All students must wear the cap and gown provided by Herff-Jones. Caps and gowns must be returned immediately following the graduation ceremony. Failure to return caps or gowns will result in the mandatory withholding of the graduate's diploma.

GRADUATION TICKET INFORMATION

Seating for guests at the South Florida Fairgrounds is limited. Each graduating senior will receive **up to 6 tickets** for the graduation ceremony. These tickets will be distributed by counselors during Senior Sign-Out. Students wishing to receive additional tickets should write a letter to their counselor indicating the number of tickets they need. If there are extras available, students can pick these up after graduation rehearsal. Please note: *student attendance will be taken into consideration for extra ticket requests.*

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Graduation rehearsal will take place on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the JHS gymnasium. Graduates **MUST** participate in the Graduation Rehearsal in order to participate in the graduation ceremony and to receive their ceremony tickets. Graduates should arrive for Graduation Rehearsal no later than 2:00 pm. Again, **failure to attend this rehearsal will result in a senior not being able to walk in graduation on May 22nd.**

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Graduation will take place on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 8:00 a.m. at the South Florida Fairgrounds. The South Florida Fairgrounds is located at 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33411 past the Florida Turnpike and just before US Route 441. Allow a minimum of 45 minutes for travel time from the Jupiter area due to morning traffic. Ample parking is available for all graduates and guests in front of the main halls at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Use Sansbury's Way from either Southern Blvd. or Belvedere Road to access the designated parking area.

Guests will be admitted in the hall for graduation beginning at 7:00 AM. All guests, including children, are required to have a ticket to enter. Seating is on a first-come basis; saving seats for late arriving guests is not permitted. Handicapped seating is available for the handicapped individual and two guests.

PBCSD will be implementing continued safety procedures this year at the Fairgrounds. Tickets will be taken before guests enter through the metal detectors. Guests will wait in line before entering into the Expo East building. The Fairgrounds security staff will collect tickets and supervise the metal detectors prior to guests entering the building.

PBCSD will be implementing continued safety procedures this year. All bags will be subject to search which may delay admission into the ceremony. Guests are strongly urged to enter the graduation hall without bags or purses to avoid any delay into ceremony. To maintain the dignity of the ceremony, no air horns, noisemakers, outside food or drink will be permitted in the building. Limited concessions will be available for purchase inside the hall. As there will be no opportunity to present gifts to graduates during the ceremony, balloons, packages and flowers will also not be permitted into the building.

Graduates MUST arrive at the SFFG Staging Hall and be ready to check in no later than 7:00 a.m.

At 7:45 a.m., fifteen minutes before the graduation processional, the doors to the graduation hall will close.

After the processional and when all graduates have been seated, the doors in the rear will reopen.

For the benefit of families and graduates, Grad Images will photograph the seniors on stage as they receive their diplomas and again after exiting the stage. **Members of the audience are not permitted to leave their seats to photograph or videotape the graduates.**

An instructional video has been created by the SDPBC for graduates, families and school staff. It explains the logistics and protocols that will be in place during graduations. The graduation ceremony will be live streamed on the PBCSD District Website for additional family members and friends to view from home and join in the celebration of the Class of 2024's accomplishments. Additionally, assisted listening devices will be available upon request, and sign language interpreters and closed captioning will be provided.

DIRECTIVES FOR GRADUATES ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd

Seniors must arrive at the South Florida Fairgrounds Staging Hall no later than 7:00 AM and proceed immediately to their assigned seats in the Staging Hall where they will remain until directed to line-up for the processional by the accompanying faculty members. **All seniors must print their name on the inside of their cap in order to receive their diploma after the graduation ceremony.**

Graduates should be dressed appropriately for a formal ceremony; no jeans, khakis, casual sandals or tennis shoes are permitted. Girls should wear an appropriately styled dress or shirt and dress slacks. Students wearing heels should note that backless shoes may pose a danger when climbing the ramp to the stage. Boys should wear dark dress shoes and socks, dark-colored dress slacks, and white dress shirts with ties. (Students wearing unacceptable attire will be removed from the graduation line.) Graduates may not carry personal items (keys, cell phones, etc.) since there is no secure storage area for them during graduation.

Only approved Herff-Jones caps and gowns may be worn throughout the ceremony. Only school-approved cords and accessories may be worn with the gown. Caps should be free of decoration and each senior's name should be written inside the cap; a Herff-Jones representative will be on hand to assist with any problems.

Following the ceremony, seniors will process back to the Staging Hall to receive their graduation diplomas in the designated area. **Graduates must return their gowns AND present their caps with their names inscribed inside in order to receive their** diplomas. Afterwards, they will exit through the Staging Hall Northwest Doors to the parking lot where they may meet their families.

This formal activity brings closure to a successful high school experience. This will be an exciting time for all involved. Let us be courteous to one another so that everyone will depart filled with happiness and pride. Once again, please remember that adherence to all school rules is required in order to participate in senior activities, including the graduation ceremony.

Should you have additional questions regarding the graduation ceremony, please contact Joe Lang @ joseph.lang@palmbeachschools.org or Coral Daversa @ coral.daversa@palmbeachschools.org. Questions regarding Senior Week Activities should be directed to the senior sponsors—Lily Gilbert (5-106) or Mr. Ciliento (3-110). Questions regarding obligations should be directed to Patti Potts in the JHS Media Center.

We hope that the activities planned for the Class of 2024 will be a source of pleasurable memories for graduates and parents alike. We look forward to experiencing this special event with you on May 22, 2024.

Sincerely,

Dr. Colleen Iannitti
Principal