



WILLIAM T. DWYER HIGH SCHOOL

IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, April 26: Grad Bash (12:00pm - 5:00am)

Thursday, May 9: (Day 2): Senior Check-Out (with teachers during class)

Friday, May 10: (Day 1): Senior Check-Out (with teachers during class)

Tuesday, May 14: Senior Sign-Out with Admin/Guidance in the Media Center at their assigned time based on last name (see below). *Seniors will be cleared for Graduation at this time. Must meet Grad Ceremony requirements, return Chromebooks, Textbooks, clear Obligations, complete Graduation forms, etc to receive their pre-ordered Cap/Gown and Graduation Spectator Tickets this day:*

Ms. Masterson:

Last name A - B: 8:00am - 9:00am

Last name C - F: 9:00am - 10:00am

Last name G - Le: 10:00am - 11:00am

Mrs. DeJesus:

Last name Lf - O: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Last name P - Se: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Last name Sh - Z: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday, May 15: Senior Awards Night (Auditorium) 6:00pm

Thursday, May 16: Drive Shack in WPB from 12pm - 3pm (\$30 no dues, or \$15 w/ paid dues)

Friday, May 17: Field Day at Dwyer from 3:30pm – 6:30pm (FREE for all Dwyer Seniors)

Monday, May 20: Senior Sunset/BBQ at Ocean Cay Park from 6pm – 8:30pm (\$20 no dues, or \$10 w/ paid dues)

Tuesday, May 21: Senior Breakfast at Eastpointe CC from 10am-12pm (\$30 no dues, or \$15 w/ paid dues)

Wednesday, May 22: Graduation Rehearsal (**MANDATORY**) (Dwyer Gym) 3:00pm

Thursday, May 23: Graduation Ceremony - South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center at 6:00pm

Seniors arrive at 4:00pm. Spectators may arrive beginning at 5:00pm

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES:

A senior must successfully complete the following to participate in the May 23rd graduation ceremony:

1. all required credits
2. minimum cumulative unweighted grade point average of 2.0,
3. community service hours (20 hours)
4. pass Math and Reading State Testing Requirements; ACT/SAT Concordant scores or pass 10th Grade ELA FSA/Algebra I EOC

- All E2020 and FLVS coursework required for graduation must be completed by **May 5th**.

- Students who complete summer graduation requirements may attend the summer graduation ceremony sponsored by the school district. (Date and location of Summer Graduation to be announced)

Discipline Referrals: Administration reserves the right to prohibit participation in the graduation ceremony, extracurricular activities, and campus privileges for any school rule infractions.

Participation in Acceleration Exams: Lack of participation in accelerated exams will result in the withholding of a graduate's diploma. Not participating in an accelerated course exam will also result in a decrease from an Accelerated Weight (6.0) to an Honors Weight (4.5).

OBLIGATIONS:

Check your SIS (on the 'Fee & Payments' page) for any obligations. All obligations can be paid by cash (exact amount), check, or money order to **Ms. Morea in the Point of Entry on Tuesdays 1 pm - 3 pm or Thursdays 9 am - 11 am**. In addition, obligations can be paid to **Ms. Angeles in the Guidance Office during both lunches**. Write the student's name and student number on the check/money order. Obligations must be paid in full to sign out and receive your cap & gown. Any obligations from other schools must be paid at that specific school.

STUDENT SCHOOL-ISSUED RESOURCES RETURN:

Laptops, charging cords, wifi hotspots, textbooks, and media center materials can be returned at the **May 14th Senior Sign-Out**.

CAPS AND GOWNS & GRADUATION TICKETS:

Caps and gowns will be distributed at the **MAY 14th Senior Sign-Out** as long as all graduation requirements have been met, and any school obligations/fees have been paid. If you have not ordered a Cap and Gown, please do so at <https://hjpalmbeach.com>. **Each eligible senior who has ordered a cap & gown through Herff Jones will be given 7 tickets.**

GRADUATION REHEARSAL:

Students must report to the gym no later than 2:50 pm on Wednesday, May 22nd. This rehearsal is **MANDATORY** to participate in the graduation ceremony. We will review seating assignments and procedures for the ceremony.

GRADUATION CEREMONY DRESS CODE:

Female graduates must wear a solid-colored dress or pants/shirt and dress shoes, along with the *Herff Jones* navy cap & gown. **No flip-flops, NO heels more than 2 inches.** Please consider that you will be standing and walking in these shoes for a LONG period of time. **Be sure that the shoes are comfortable and that you can properly walk upstairs and across the stage with no concerns.** No jewelry or other items shall be worn on the outside of the gown.

Male graduates must wear a solid-colored dress shirt, a necktie or bowtie, dark dress pants, dark dress shoes (no athletic shoes, slides, flip flops, etc.), dark socks, and the **Herff Jones** navy cap and gown. No jewelry shall be worn on the outside of the gowns.

Graduates may wear only school-approved stoles and cords during the graduation ceremony. All gowns should be steamed and ready to wear. All graduates are expected to look dignified!

*If the dress code is violated, the graduating senior **will not be allowed** to participate in the ceremony.*

GRADUATION CEREMONY: THURSDAY, MAY 23 at 6:00 pm, SOUTH FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS.

Seniors must arrive at 4:00 pm SHARP! The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:00 pm at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

Please pay close attention to the following:

Doors will open at 5:00 pm for spectators. **All spectators will be processed through a metal detector and bags will be searched.** All spectators must have a ticket in their hand for admittance to the ceremony.

Traffic will be difficult; as there is another graduation occurring before our ceremony. Please plan accordingly, and be prepared for traffic and parking delays. NO ONE will be allowed into the exhibit hall during the processional – all doors will be closed at 5:45 pm. A door will reopen following the processional and pledge of allegiance at approximately 6:15 pm. We must maintain the dignity of our graduation ceremony. Parents and guests are also asked to display appropriate behavior so that families and friends can hear their Seniors' name called and can enjoy the celebration.

After the recessional and following the ceremony, diplomas will be distributed. Only the students who have returned their gowns to Herff Jones and cleared all senior obligations/accelerated exams (if applicable) will receive their diplomas. **Students who still need to take an AICE, AP, or IB exam will receive their diploma AFTER completing the exam on the scheduled test date.**