

Herff Jones: Caps & Gowns:

Graduation caps and gowns will be sold on **January 24th**, **February 14th**, **March 6th**, **April 3rd during both lunches**. Prices <u>until February 1st</u>, <u>2018</u> are as follows:

\$55.59 - Cap & Gown only. **\$74.90** Cap, Gown, Sticker & Keychain. **\$93.09** - Cap, Gown, Sticker, Keychain, Plaque

Phone: (561) 266-9477

To order online: https://www.herffjones.com and create an account.

To order in person: Address: 1405 N Congress Ave #9, Delray Beach, FL 33445

<u>Senior Prom</u>: Saturday April 14th --- 7-11pm (Doors close at 8pm) "Embassy Suites" 1601 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach (Just west of I-95) Theme: "A Night of a Thousand Lights" (Dress to Impress!!!)

Tickets are on sale now for \$65, increases to \$70 on February 2nd, Increases to \$75 on March 2nd – Pick up Prom Approval form from Media Center

• Tickets can also be purchased online, and in rooms 18-109, 18-211.

- Please contact Ms. Clemons if you need financial assistance with prom dresses or tuxedos.
- Please keep prom dress code in mind when purchasing gowns. Dresses with excessive revealing cutouts are not permitted.
- King/Queen nominations and voting will take place in February

<u>Grad Bash</u>: <u>Friday April 20th</u> at Universal Studios & Islands of Adventure. Students will be dismissed from class to the auditorium at 1pm. School Attendance is mandatory on Friday. Parks open from 6pm-2am. Busses will be returning to school at 5am. Please be mindful of dress code and items allowed into parks.

Please see Mrs. Fakhoury or Mrs. Crockenberg in room 13-101 or Media Center to obtain the Grad-Bash Pre-Approval Form before paying your deposit.

Grad Bash Deposits are due NO LATER than January 19th Grad Bash Final Payments are due Friday March 26th Mandatory Grad Bash Meeting April 18th @ 10am

<u>Senior Dues</u> All students must pay \$20 dues before attending Grad Bash, Prom, or Senior Activities. This covers the cost of graduation, diploma, and other senior activities. Please pay your dues to Ms. Fakhoury or Ms. Crockenberg in 13-101 or School Cash Online ASAP.

<u>Obligations</u> Prior to participating in any senior activity, all financial obligations [money for lost books, fines, fees, uniforms, etc.] must be cleared by Ms. Baez in the main office. The deadline for clearing obligations in order to participate in senior activities, prom, and Grad Bash.

<u>Class Tee Shirts-</u> Yellow class shirts are still on sale at a new discounted price of \$15. Please come to room 14-115 or 13-101 before or after school.

<u>Class of 2018 Senior Visors-</u> On sale for \$10. Please come to room 13-101 to buy your visor before or after school.

<u>Class of 2018 GYM SHOT</u> - Thursday, January 11th. You will dress up on this day. Please adhere to appropriate clothing. This is a classy photo shoot.

Class of 2018 Field Shot- Date TBD- Wear Yellow or White

<u>Senior Exams</u>: April 25th-April 30th. May 1st is final make up day. All final grades are submitted by May 2nd. Seniors are required to take and pass their final exams if: they failed the 3rd or 4th quarter, have *six* or more absences [10 absences in 5th block] during the second semester. Exam schedule will be distributed in the upcoming weeks.

<u>Senior Week</u>: May 1st – May 4th. Planned activities include: Skate Zone, Bowling, and a Catered Barbeque. Students can sign up for these activities starting April 9th through April 23rd on Edline's Senior Page. All activities are <u>free</u> for the first 200 students that sign up. If you sign up and do not attend, you will be put on obligation.

<u>Obligations</u> Prior to participating in any senior activity, all financial obligations [money for lost books, fines, fees, uniforms, etc.] must be cleared by Ms. Baez in the main office. The deadline for clearing obligations in order to participate in senior activities is April 30th

<u>Senior Checkout</u>: Wednesday May 9th at 7:30am in the school gymnasium. Student parking under I-95, enter the gym through West entrance. Students will be checked out on a first come – first served basis. <u>A school ID is required to be checked out.</u>

Movement outside of gymnasium is prohibited. Caps & Gowns will be distributed after checkout. Students that bring washed solid polo shirts can earn extra tickets. 2 solid polos earn 1 ticket. Students can earn a maximum of 2 extra tickets. <u>School ID is required for extra tickets</u>.

<u>Senior Awards Day</u>: Friday May 11th @ 8:00 am-11:00 am. Attendance is mandatory. This is an awards ceremony, please dress to impress and wear your cap & gown. No sneakers, jeans, flip flops. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria at 8:00am for Seniors only. Awards will begin at 9am in the school auditorium. Parents and family members are strongly encouraged to attend the awards ceremony. After the ceremony, students may attend 1st lunch from 11:15-12:00 pm. Student parking is restricted to under I-95. **It is encouraged that ladies bring a pair of flat shoes for the afternoon rehearsal*

<u>Graduation Rehearsal</u>: Friday May 11th from 12:00-2:45 pm in the gymnasium. Attendance is mandatory for students attending the graduation ceremony. Graduation tickets will be given out at the end of rehearsal. <u>A student ID will be required to receive graduation tickets</u>. You must attend Graduation Rehearsal to receive your tickets!

<u>Graduation Ceremony</u>: Wednesday May 16th at 12:00 noon at the South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center. Students are required to arrive at 10:30 a.m. in the staging area wearing their caps and gowns. Dress code for graduation: Males = black or blue pants (no denim), collared white long sleeve dress shirt, tie, dark socks, dark dress shoes. Females = white dress/pants (appropriate length), WHITE dress shoes. All = NO bright or dangling jewelry, sunglasses, jeans, oversized clothing, sneakers, or flipflops. Gowns are worn over the dress outfit and caps are placed flat on the head (tassels on right). Decorating or modifying your cap is prohibited. Medallion is worn around the neck. Approved cords, medallions, and stoles are permitted.

*Student receive their diplomas or certificates after the ceremony in the staging area. Students not attending the ceremony may pick them up the following school day in the guidance office after checking in at the front office.

<u>Project Graduation</u>: Graduation Night (May 16th) 11pm- 5am. Doors close at midnight and students are required to stay until 5am. Tickets will be sold at senior checkout for \$10 per person and \$25 at the door. Each ticket provides free food, drinks, unlimited games, and a chance to win awesome prizes [ipads, tvs, headphones]. This is your final time to celebrate with your classmates!

Address: 2003 10th Ave N, Lake Worth, FL 33461 Phone: (561) 547-0817.

<u>Class of 2018 Yearbooks:</u> On sale until run out. \$60 in room 2-107. See Mr. Harlowe to purchase.

<u>Tutoring for the ACT & SAT</u> is FREE and available to you Monday-Thursday in Room 1-224 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. You are encouraged to create a Khan Academy account for tutorial purpose and test preparation practice.

ACT, SAT, and College Application Waivers are only given to students with FREE/REDUCED Lunch, verification is required. For those that have not applied for FREE/REDUCED Lunch, please do so, there are so many additional benefits to having this lunch status.

College Applications and Scholarship Information -

Scholarships are available now, I highly recommend you start here:

- *Dollars for Scholars (Scholarship America), George Snow, and Dreamers USA
- *http://www.yourcommunityfoundation.org
- *scholarships on the district website under student tab (click on students & on the right... click on scholarship)
- *Collegeboard.org Look under the Access tab at the bottom, middle of homepage and click on scholarship search
- *Create a FASTWEB account. Profile should be specific to student (interest, hobbies, height, bilingual, first generation, etc.)
- *In the Next booklet that was given in their yellow Senior folder, start with page 33-40
- *Whatever college/trade you are applying to, search scholarships on the homepage of the college/university website.

College & Career Initiative

Reminders:

*Should you need a concordant FSA score to meet the reading requirement for graduation, register for the next ACT & SAT, then STUDY.....

Test Type	Test Date	Reg. Deadline	Late (\$29.50 fee)
ACT-	February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 19, 2018
SAT	March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018

^{*}Complete your Financial Aid Application (FAFSA)

- -What's needed to apply:
 - Student's Social Security Number
 - Student accessible email address
 - Parent's/Guardian's 2016 Tax Return (if they filed)
 - Create FSA ID for both student and parent (if parent has a social security number)

*Apply to college, trade/vocational program, or meet with a recruiter from a branch of service to consider enlisting (contact information is located in the College & Career Center).

*Need to pay for college/trade program????

- -Scholarships are available...both Merit base & Need base
 - Compose a generic scholarship essay
 - Compose a resume
 - Conduct a scholarship search apply to a minimum of 2-3 scholarships per week
 - Secure 3 letters of recommendations

**the College & Career Center is open daily to assist you and to offer guidance regarding all things graduation & post-secondary learning opportunities. **

Save the Dates:

- January 2018 FAFSA & Post-Secondary Learning Recap & Planning night
- Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) & Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Recruitment Tour (On-SITE ACCEPTANCE) Fieldtrip - Jan 23th 7:30 a.m.
- February 2018 PBSC Academic & Trade Tour Fieldtrip
- February 2018 Palm Beach State Application Day
- April 2018 Reach Higher "Rep Your Future" Social
- April 2018 May 16th... "Then What?" Parent Night

Important Contacts

- Questions regarding graduation ceremony and Senior Checkout: <u>Christopher.Cain.2@palmbeachschools.org.</u>
- Questions regarding graduation Status: Call the Counseling Services office @ 561-540-6128 to be connected to your Guidance Counselor.
- Questions regarding Senior Activities, Grad Bash, or purchasing Senior items: <u>Cindy.Fakhoury@palmbeachschools.org</u> or <u>Amanda.Crockenber@palmbeachschools.or</u>
- Questions regarding Prom:Gretchen:Johnson@palmbeachschools.org
- Questions about Senior Award: Jequivia.Roy@palmbeachschools.org
- Questions regarding obligations: See Ms. Baez in the main office
- College, Trade, Enlistment, ACT & SAT, daily assistance navigating high school and Scholarship information <u>Joyel.Loiz@palmbeachschools.org</u>
- All other Senior Questions: Caelethia.clemons@palmbeachschools.org