



Sarasota High School

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April 6, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians and Graduating Seniors of the Class of 2022,

The Class of 2022 will be honored during the **108th Commencement Ceremony** on **Friday, May 20th, 2022 at 8:00 pm**. We are proud to say our ceremony will be held in the Cleland Stadium at Ihrig Field once again. Please be advised that this letter is being sent to provide general information regarding the ceremony and does not guarantee that all requirements for graduation for your senior have been met.

Rehearsal for Graduation is a **MANDATORY** activity to participate in the ceremony. **Rehearsal will be on Thursday, May 19th at 7:45 a.m. in the SHS Auditorium and then it will move to the football field.** If a student is not at the mandatory commencement rehearsal, he/she will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Graduation is expected to be a dignified ceremony for everyone. This commencement should match the type of decorum that this group of students demonstrated during their tenure at Sarasota High School. Please assist in making this ceremony a memorable one by adhering to the following requirements:

ATTIRE: Caps and gowns may NOT be decorated or altered in any way!

Graduates are required to wear slacks/skirt with a collared shirt or blouse or dress, dress shoes, and socks. Keep in mind that graduates will be walking on the field, steps, and stage so only flats, or wedges are permitted.

Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sandals, sneakers and HEELS are NOT allowed. Graduates should arrive in their cap and gown and all gowns are zipped up while we are in the ceremony.

GUESTS/TICKETS: No tickets are needed! Our graduation is first come, first serve on seating. Bags will be checked by stadium security and only diaper bags and small purses allowed inside. We ask that all guests are **in their seats by 7:45 p.m.** Seating for individuals with disabilities is available and clearly marked directly in front of the bleachers on the field. Only 1 person may accompany each disabled guest at this special seating location.

PARKING: All graduates are expected to arrive by 6:45 p.m. Due to limited parking spaces, graduates are encouraged to be dropped off at the Bahia Vista lot. Parking will be available in the U.S. 41, Tami Sola, Bahia Vista and Shade Ave. lots. Parking for individuals with disabilities will be available in the U.S. 41 parking lot adjacent to the original red brick building (Old Sarasota High). There will be **NO PARKING** at the Field House or parent pick-up loop.

VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS: Sarasota High School has hired professional photographers who will photograph graduates as they are recognized on the stage (Leonard's Photography). You are under no obligation to purchase these photos.

SHS will be **live streaming** this event and a link will be provided. Our plan is to broadcast each graduate on our Jumbotron as they walk across the stage.

INAPPROPRIATE DISRUPTION: Loud disruptions during the ceremony will not be tolerated. Common courtesy should be given to all speakers and all graduates. Loud applause for one graduate may prevent the next graduate's name from being heard by his/her family. **AIR HORNS, COW BELLS, WHISTLES, ETC. ARE PROHIBITED.**

Please mark your calendars:

Commencement Ceremony - Friday, May 20th @ 8 p.m., Cleland Stadium at Ihrig Field

Mandatory Rehearsal – Thursday, May 19th @ 7:45 a.m., SHS Auditorium

In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be held on Saturday, May 21st at 8:00 a.m.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts to make the Graduation of the Sarasota High School Class of 2022 the celebration it should be! Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda Mavrikas in the administrative office at 955-0181. Gooooooooooooooooo Sailors!

Best Regards,



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Sarasota High School