



# Sarasota High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Graduating Seniors of the Class of 2021,

The Class of 2021 will be honored during the **107<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony** on **Friday, June 4, 2021 at 8:00 pm**. Due to a turf and track project on our football field this year, our Commencement ceremony will be held at **Ed Smith Stadium**. 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, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:45 a.m. in the SHS Edward F. Howard Gymnasium and SHS practice 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 dark clothing under their gown - dark dress/skirt/slacks, dark dress shoes, and dark socks. A white or light-colored collared dress shirt or blouse is permitted. **Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sandals, or sneakers are NOT allowed**. Keep in mind that graduates will be walking on a covered field, steps, and stage so only flats, wedges, or low-heeled shoes are permitted. Face masks are required and will be provided to graduates. No dressing rooms are available at this venue, so graduates should arrive in their cap and gown.

**GUESTS/TICKETS:** Seating is limited at Ed Smith Stadium for health and safety reasons. Each graduate will be given four tickets for family members and guests at the mandatory rehearsal on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. All family and guests with a ticket will enter at the **North Gate which will open at 7:00 p.m.** Please remain in your car until the gate is opened for guests to enter. Bags will be checked by stadium security and only diaper bags and small purses allowed inside. Guests must sit in their **assigned seat** as designated by the section, row, and seat number on their ticket. All guests are asked to **be in their seats by 7:45 p.m.**

**PARKING:** Graduates and SHS Faculty will park in the East Lot. All graduates are expected to arrive by 6:45 p.m. Due to limited parking spaces in the East Lot, graduates

are encouraged to be dropped off in that location. All family members and guests with a ticket will park in the North Parking Lot.

**VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:** Sarasota High School has hired professional photographers who will photograph graduates as they are recognized on the stage (Lifetouch Photography). You are under no obligation to purchase these photos. Additionally, SHS will be live streaming this event and a link will be provided.

**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, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8 p.m., Ed Smith Stadium**

**Mandatory Rehearsal – Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:45 a.m., Howell Gym**

In the event of inclement weather, graduation will be held on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts to make the Graduation of the Sarasota High School Class of 2021 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