

April 11, 2018

Dear Senior and Senior Parents,

As a senior and as parents of seniors, we know you are thrilled about the upcoming graduation of the Class of 2018. Graduation will take place at Germain Arena on Saturday, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m. We want to get some important information to you as far in advance as possible. To ensure you will receive this information, it will also be in the Riverdale newsletter and the IB newsletter "The Raider Review."

Graduation from high school happens only once in a person's life. It is a serious, solemn occasion; therefore, we have some very important guidelines that must be followed.

ATTENDANCE AT THE GRADUATION PRACTICE IS REQUIRED. All seniors are to report to New Life Assembly, 5146 Leonard Blvd S, Lehigh Acres, FL 33973 by 8:45 am on Friday, May 18, 2018 (this may be moved to Germain Arena; we will notify you if this happens). The practice will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. **If a senior is not in attendance, then his/her name will be removed from the list of marching graduates.** If that occurs, then the graduate will be able to pick up his/her diploma at the RHS Guidance Office on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. If a senior owes any fines, monies, etc., to any Lee County School the debt **MUST** be cleared before the graduate will be allowed to participate in graduation practice.

The seniors are to be at Germain Arena no later than **5:45 pm** for the graduation ceremony. We are recommending using EXIT 123 (Miromar Outlet Mall). **Proper dress is required under the gowns:** Male students are to wear dark dress slacks, a buttoned-down shirt, a tie, dress shoes, and socks. Boots/Sneakers are allowed if they are dressy, clean, and neat. Female students are to wear a dress, skirt or dress pants and blouse, and black or neutral colored shoes or dressy sandals – (no flip flops). The girls must have their hair low or flat on top of their heads so the mortar boards (caps) will lay flat. Caps are **not** to be placed on the back of the head. They will also need bobby pins to attach the mortar board to their hair and small safety pins to attach the white collar to their gown (the white collar comes in the package for ladies). Members of the faculty will be available before the processional to assist our graduates.

We require parents, family members, and friends of the graduate to follow proper decorum, so the graduation ceremony will run smoothly and in the **solemn** manner in which it is intended. **No noisemakers of any kind (horns, whistles, bells, etc.) are allowed. No flowers or balloons are allowed inside the arena. They will make you check them at the door and pick them up when the commencement is over. Germain's security will also be checking bags as you enter.** We request that you please remain in your seat during the ceremony. It is very difficult for others to see and hear when people are moving up and down the bleachers. We also request all persons attending the ceremony to dress appropriately to show respect to the graduates and for the dignity of the ceremony. Handicapped seating is available.

Grad Images will take individual photos that may be purchased. You can order a DVD of the graduation for \$20.00 in the lobby before 7:00 p.m. If we can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact us at 694-4141. **Tickets are required to enter and all ages are required to have a ticket to enter. The graduates will receive 10 tickets at graduation practice on May 18th. Extra tickets will be given at the end of practice.**

**Contact Mrs. Jones at the school if you have any questions or need to purchase a yearbook.*

*April 13th – Senior BBQ and Pool Party at 10:45 am

*April 17th – 19th – Caps and gowns will be distributed during all lunch shifts

*May 2nd – Mandatory: Senior Meeting and Senior Breakfast for all seniors at 7:10 am in the auditorium.

*May 15th – Baccalaureate Ceremony at 6:30pm in the auditorium

Sincerely,

Misti Gonzalez and Michelle Gralinski