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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Class of 2019 proudly announces its graduation. The graduation ceremony will be held on **Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 2:00PM at the Yuengling Center (formerly the USF Sun Dome)**. Though the ceremony begins at 2:00PM, students will report to the Yuengling Center by 1:00PM. In order to uphold the dignity of our graduation ceremony and to meet increased security requirements, the following procedures will be followed by the Yuengling Center and the Pasco County School District for all Senior and Graduation Activities:

1. Senior Breakfast, a breakfast held for the senior students only, will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, at the Bethany Center. There is not a fee for this event, nor is there a ticket. This event will begin at 9AM, with check in starting at 8:30AM. Dress for this event is business professional. Students should be dressed appropriately. Students who are in jeans, shorts, flip-flops, or any attire deemed not business professional will be turned away from this event and not admitted until they comply with the dress code.
2. Graduation Practice will be held at Sunlake High School in the gymnasium on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 8:30AM – 10:30 AM and Wednesday, May 29, 2019 from 8:30AM – 10:30 AM**. Any student who does not attend rehearsal may not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Students should arrive at the school by 8:30 AM and be ready to practice on time.
3. Senior Checkout will be on May 24, 2019. During Checkout, students will be receiving a final notice of debts. Times for checkout will be announced.
4. For Graduation Practices and Checkout, **students must be dressed according to the Pasco County School District Dress Code. Students will be sent home to change if they are out of dress code and this may jeopardize their participation in graduation.**
5. Parking lots around the Yuengling Center charge \$5.00 for parking. Please bring exact change if possible.
6. The graduates must **carry** their caps and gowns into the Yuengling Center as a visual search will be conducted by security personnel. Graduates may put their gowns on after they have entered the building. Additionally, they should not bring anything else with them except their caps and gowns. This includes purses and bags. Graduates should enter and go immediately to the entry that is marked for graduates (Gate A near the USF Store).
7. Tickets are **NOT** required for entry into the commencement exercises. For seating, your party should arrive at the same time if you want to sit together.
8. All bags brought in by guests will be searched and all guests will be wanded by security staff. No backpacks will be permitted in the Yuengling Center. Cameras and binoculars will only be permitted if they are out of their cases (the cases should be left in the car). No professional camera equipment will be allowed in the arena.
9. Balloons, flowers, signs, noisemakers of any kind (including, but not limited to, bull horns, cowbells, whistles and air horns), or laser pointers will **NOT** be allowed in the Yuengling Center.
10. Concessions at the Yuengling Center may be open before the ceremony begins. Food and drink can be purchased for guests only.
11. Hearing-impaired services are available. Please contact Ms. Hall if you need this service.
12. We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your graduate and family following the ceremony. Graduates will first have to pick up their diplomas following the ceremony in the area reserved for graduates, then will be able to meet at a spot immediately following this process.

Students will be informed by their school counselor if their graduation status changes. If a student is no longer eligible to graduate per the standards set by the State of Florida and the School District of Pasco County, then he/she will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in making our graduation ceremony a memorable event for our graduates and their guests. If you have any questions or concerns regarding graduation, please contact Ms. Karen Hall (813)346-1000 or e-mail khall@pasco.k12.fl.us.

With best wishes,

Michael Cloyd
Principal