

Good Morning Class of 2023,

Graduation is fast approaching, and I would like to congratulate you for this accomplishment. Graduation from high school is a milestone event in the life of every student. Your hard work and dedication over the last thirteen years of schooling have made this special occasion possible. Below is helpful information to navigate through the last few weeks of your Senior year.

1. **College Signing Day** will be held on **Thursday, May 18th** at 11am in the PBMHS stadium. Seniors who have been accepted to a college, university, trade school or enlisted in the military will be honored in front of our entire school in the stadium. Seniors should upload their college acceptance/military enlistment letter to



no later than Monday, May 15th.

2. The **Senior Academic Awards** program will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 9am in the Palm Bay Magnet High School auditorium. Seniors receiving awards will be given an invitation to this event. Any



senior receiving a scholarship should upload awards to be honored at this event. The deadline for turning in scholarships is **May 15th**.

3. Senior Field Day will also occur after lunch on May 18th in the PBMHS Stadium. Seniors are invited to form teams to compete in a fun-filled afternoon. Seniors should complete the google form to review the rules and sign their team up at

<https://forms.gle/gWlJZsWsMDfTD52h8>

4. **Senior exams** are scheduled for Monday, May 15th through Wednesday, May 17, 2023. The exam schedule will be advertised in school, through email, and posted on our school website. Seniors are expected to complete all final exams.

5. The **last day for seniors** on campus will be Friday, May 19, 2023.

6. **Graduation practice** will take place on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 3:00pm. Graduating seniors should report to the auditorium by 3:00pm for this important rehearsal. **GRADUATION PRACTICE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL GRADUATING SENIORS.** Graduation practice will last approximately two hours. We will provide a BBQ dinner to the senior class immediately following the practice.

7. **Students should be absolutely certain they have taken care of all responsibilities concerning grades, credits, and attendance well in advance of graduation practice. Please contact the appropriate teacher, counselor, or administrator if there are any questions.**

8. Our **Graduation Commencement Ceremony** will take place on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 9:00 am at the Palm Bay Magnet High School Stadium. Seniors will need to arrive at the gymnasium by 8:00 am. Seniors must be in line and ready for the processional by 8:45 am.

9. **DISTRICT POLICY REQUIRES THAT STUDENTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED ALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO MAY 26, 2023 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

10. **Dress for seniors during the Graduation Commencement Ceremony should include the following:**

A. Ladies: A dress or skirt/slacks and a blouse, cap with tassel, graduation gown, and flats or low heels – **no spike heels.**

B. Men: Slacks and a shirt with a collar, necktie, cap with tassel, graduation gown, and dress shoes.

STUDENTS MAY NOT DECORATE THEIR CAP UNLESS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED BY MRS. HUGHES

Additional Approved Regalia

Honor Grads will wear Gold Tassel & Gold Cord (received at Academic Awards Program)

AA Grads will wear Blue Tassel

AP Diploma Candidates will wear Red Sash (received at Academic Awards Program)

CTE/JROTC Sashes

AVID Red Tassel

- 11. Students will receive a diploma cover during the Graduation Commencement Ceremony. Diplomas will be available immediately after the ceremony in the gymnasium.**
- 12. Students will receive their high school diplomas if they have satisfied the following requirements:**
 - A. Completed all academic and attendance requirements for graduation.
 - B. Paid all school fines, fees, and/or other financial obligations.
 - C. Returned all library books, textbooks, or other school-owned materials.
 - D. Completed the Graduation Commencement Ceremony in an appropriate manner, exhibiting the dignity, respect, and proper decorum necessary for this important event.
- 13. A photographer will take a picture of each graduate receiving his/her diploma cover from the Principal.** You may purchase these photographs directly from Dean Stewart Photography. We will provide specific information to seniors about graduation photos during graduation practice.
- 14. Seniors who have not yet ordered their cap and gown for graduation should contact Jostens representative Ryan Comparato as soon as possible at 321-242-2055.**
- 15. Our graduation ceremony is outdoors, so inclement weather is always a possibility.** We will make every effort to finish our Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, May 27, 2023. If it is raining heavily at 9:00 am we will delay the start of the ceremony until there is a break in the weather. Be advised that we may delay the start of the ceremony as late as 10am if necessary. We will conduct the ceremony in light/medium rain if necessary. **Students are permitted to bring a clear plastic poncho to wear over their graduation gown if it rains.** We will continue in the rain unless there is lightning in the area. In that case, we will make an announcement over the PA system in the stadium to evacuate the field. Seniors will return to the gym. Guests will have to return to their vehicles to wait out the storm. We will keep you updated via emails and telephone calls about when we will resume the ceremony. Finally, we ask your help to make sure that our commencement ceremony runs smoothly. The Class of 2023 is very special and deserves to have a memorable ceremony. Since graduation is such a meaningful event, it is essential that we conduct the ceremony in a proper and dignified manner. **Air horns, beach balls, or other disruptive items that distract from the ceremony are not appropriate for this event, and we ask you to leave them at home.** All of our families deserve the opportunity to clearly see their graduate walk across the stage and hear their name called by the announcer. Let's work together to make our ceremony a first class event as we honor our leaders of tomorrow.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 321-952-5900.

Respectfully,

Jud Kaminski
Principal