

**Dear Oasis High School Parents/Guardians,**

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020. We are proud of the achievements of the students among this class and will honor them together and as individuals on Friday, May 22, 2020, at 7:00pm at the FGCU Alico Arena.

The past four years at Oasis High School have gone by quickly. We wish to celebrate this milestone in a dignified and respectful manner. The graduation ceremony is a solemn event that marks an important rite of passage in our students' young lives and as such students, as well as community members, must act in accordance to policies and procedures set forth by our district and school establishment.

It is important that all friends and relatives of our graduates share equally in this special experience. To give everyone the courtesy of hearing their graduates name we ask guests to hold their applause until all students have had the opportunity to be recognized. Please do not bring excess noise makers, such as air horns, as this noise disrupts the sound quality of the school's filming equipment. Please be courteous so all graduates are properly acknowledged, and the ceremony is properly recorded.

In order to be given a cap and gown and participate in the graduation ceremony, all prospective graduates are required to complete a senior check list to ensure they have met all requirements. This checklist, the graduation contract, an itinerary for days prior to graduation and other senior specific obligations can be found in detail within the attached packet.

**Please be reminded of the following graduation related events:**

- Seniors are invited to attend the Senior Awards Ceremony, held at 6:00pm on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.
- Attendance at senior breakfast, graduation practice, and the parade of graduates is **mandatory**, and is held on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8am in the OHS gymnasium.
- Dress requirements, social etiquette and all components of the student code of conduct will be fully enforced at all subsequent ceremonies and events.

**To Our Graduating Seniors,**

Every graduating student deserves the same recognition. All families deserve the pleasure of hearing their graduates' names read in the presence of all attending. Your consideration for all those attending graduation is appreciated.

To maintain a professional and dignified atmosphere, you should not be disruptive during graduation. The ceremony, even though already a long event, will be stopped whenever a disruption occurs. **As this is a student activity, the code of conduct remains in full effect. Students whose behavior infringes on the enjoyment of others will be removed from the ceremony and will not receive their diplomas until after graduation.** We hope these measures will not be necessary and that our graduates will conduct themselves in a manner that will make their families proud.

### **Graduation Obligations and Details:**

- All outstanding classroom and school organization obligations must be **paid prior to graduation practice**. Please check with related staff members for any outstanding obligations.
- A completed Senior Survey, which highlights student's post-secondary plans, and Graduation Contract are due to Ms. Show by May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- *Cap and gown, and tickets, will be provided only after all obligations have been fulfilled.*
- Students who do not attend graduation may pick up diplomas after graduation in the Front Office during regular school hours. Please be sure to bring a photo ID with you.
- Employers are more cooperative with releasing students from work to attend graduation practice when given appropriate notice. Please give employers the courtesy of notifying them as soon as possible about graduation practice dates.
- Please hang the gown once you receive it and remember to use caution if ironing the gown.
- Graduates are expected to be at Alico Arena by 5:30pm on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Doors for guests open at 6:00pm.
- As this is a formal occasion, ladies should wear a black or navy dress and black or navy dress shoes, with heels of 3" or less (no one wants to trip walking across the stage!).
- No flowers, corsages, or jewelry can be displayed on the academic cap or gown.
- Gentlemen should wear black/navy dress pants, black/navy dress shoes (no tennis shoes), a white button-down collared dress shirt, and a black/navy tie. Do not wear neck jewelry or facial piercings. Do not wear shorts or jeans.
- Mortarboards are not to be decorated or altered in appearance. This will be checked.
- During the Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem, men will remove their caps (also known as mortarboards) and put them back on at the conclusion of the music.
- Ladies wear their caps throughout the ceremony.
- As seniors enter Alico Arena, the tassel should be on the student's right side.
- Graduating students may not carry anything with them during the ceremony, including cell phones, and/or video cameras.
- Any student participating in pranks, alcohol or drug use, inappropriate behavior, will be immediately escorted from the ceremony and will not be permitted to return.

Tickets for admission to the graduation ceremony will be distributed at graduation practice the morning of May 20<sup>th</sup>, *if all obligations on the senior checklist have been satisfied and the checklist/contract has been turned in.*

Attached to this document is the 2020 Graduation Ticket Request Form. Tickets will go on sale in the front office on April 20<sup>th</sup> and will close on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Every student receives two free tickets; each ticket after that is \$5.00. This form, and all ticket purchase, must be returned to Ms. Lisa Abbondandolo in the front office, to ensure accurate ticket dispersal, no later than **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### **Graduation Tickets**

#### **ADMISSION TO GRADUATION IS BY TICKET ONLY!**

**\*Sorry, but there can be no exceptions.**

- Seniors must return a completed and parent signed 2020 graduation contract in order to request tickets.
- **Graduation Ticket Request Forms are due to Ms. Lisa Abbondandolo, no later than May 1, 2020.**

**Itinerary for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – Graduation Practice 8:00a.m.**

- By 8:00a.m., soon-to-be graduates will arrive for the senior graduation practice at OHS.
- Students will have breakfast.
- Graduation practice will be conducted.
- A photo of members of the Class of 2020 in caps and gowns will be taken.
- Students will participate in a Graduation Walk of the Oasis campuses.
- Tickets will be distributed. Students may leave.

**Graduation Night!**

- Seniors report to Alico Arena at 5:30p.m. in the designated receiving area. Only students are allowed in this area.
- Students are reminded to be prompt. The ceremony will commence at 7:00p.m.
- When seniors arrive that evening, all parents, relatives, and friends are asked to find their seats and not visit the line-up area.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, students will file out, and report to designated area to pick up diplomas and other documents. Please remember that students with AICE exams that occur post-graduation will pick up their diploma after completing their AICE exam(s).

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I look forward to seeing you on this special day!

Respectfully,

*Christina M. Britton*

Dr. Christina M. Britton  
Principal  
Oasis High School

## Oasis High School 2020 Graduation Contract

**Due no later than: Monday, May 18th**

**I understand that my participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right. By checking off these items and signing the form, I/we am indicating that I/we agree to the following:**

- ☐ **OBLIGATIONS:** I understand that all obligations to the school for debts, lost books, lost or damaged chromebooks, chargers, etc. must be cleared (paid in full) by May 18<sup>th</sup> in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. See Ms. Jana Humenay (cashier) to pay any outstanding obligations. Checks should be made payable to **OHS**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chromebook and charger turned in (Mr. Cole)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Bright Futures Account created (Mrs. Long)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Transcript taken care of (Mrs. Long)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Final transcript ordered (Ms. Tammy)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Survey completed and submitted (Ms. Show...last one)
- ☐ **GRADUATION PRACTICE:** I understand that I must attend graduation practice on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00a.m. I am aware that any student not in attendance at practice cannot take part in the ceremony.
- ☐ **GRADUATION ATTIRE:** Underneath the graduation gown, I will wear appropriate clothing.
- Graduating Men:** black/navy dress shoes, black/navy dress pants, white dress shirt, and black/navy tie.
  - Graduating Women:** black/navy dress with black/navy dress shoes, with heels of 3" or less.
- \*Any senior who has a question about appropriate dress should contact Dr. Britton. Dress will be checked prior to lineup. Students will not be allowed to have phones, keys or purses/bags with them during the graduation ceremony. No items should be left in the staging area.
- ☐ **SUSPENSION:** I am aware that any behavior between February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the end of the school year that results in suspension from school may jeopardize my participation in senior activities and graduation.
- ☐ **REMOVAL FROM THE GRADUATION CEREMONY:** Families attending graduation deserve to enjoy the graduation ceremony without disruption. I am aware that it is disrespectful to other students and their families to use noise makers, possess distracting materials, or do anything that disrupts graduation. I understand that if I participate in any disruptive activities that I will be removed from the graduation ceremony and not allowed to return. Students who appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol fall under reasonable suspicion statutes. Police officers will handle the situation if need be.
- ☐ I understand that students who participate in pranks, fights or other unacceptable behavior in the last month of school, risk being barred from the graduation ceremony.
- ☐ **SENIOR CHECKLIST:** I have completed the senior checklist.

**Student:** *I have read and agree to abide by the above guidelines for Graduation 2020.*

**Student Name: (Print Legibly)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** *The above named student has my permission to attend graduation. I have read the information above and understand the requirements for attending graduation, including but not limited to dress code and any attempts to disrupt the graduation ceremony. I understand that participation in graduation is a privilege, not a right, and that students will be removed from the graduation ceremony if their behavior is inappropriate.*

**Parent/Guardian Name: (Print Legibly):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*Turn the completed form in to Ms. Arah Show by May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Questions related to upcoming ceremonies should be directed via phone to the principal's secretary at (239) 541-1167*

## OASIS HIGH SCHOOL

### Graduation Ticket Request Form

- All guests must have a ticket to enter, no exceptions.
- Seats are not assigned, and are first-come, first-served.
- Alico Arena has designated areas for wheelchair seating.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am: ☐ attending OHS graduation ceremonies  
☐ not attending OHS graduation ceremonies

I am requesting two (2) free tickets. ☐ yes ☐ no  
If less than 2, enter # here \_\_\_\_.

I am purchasing: \_\_\_\_\_ (insert total number of tickets) at a cost of \$5.00 each

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to Oasis High School. Returned checks are subject to a fee and tickets will be withheld.

Tickets will be distributed at graduation practice, if ALL expectations are met on the graduation contract. Students are responsible for delivering tickets to family members.

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#### Office Use Only

Total Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Funds Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ cash

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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