



Cambridge International School

**Dear Oasis High School Graduating Seniors and Parents/Guardians,**

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2023. We are proud of the achievements of the students among this class and will honor them together and as individuals on Friday, May 19th, 2023, at 7:00pm at 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 with policies and procedures set forth by our district and school establishment.

Every graduating student deserves the same recognition, and it is important that all friends and relatives of our graduates share equally in this special experience. All families deserve the pleasure of hearing their graduates' name read in the presence of all attending, we ask all 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 and livestreaming equipment, the event will be stopped whenever a disruption occurs. Please be courteous so all graduates are properly acknowledged, and it allows for the ceremony to be properly recorded. Balloons, large arrangements, and signs are not permitted. FGCU security will confiscate such items at the door. Your consideration for all those attending and watching graduation is appreciated.

**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.

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. Dress requirements, social etiquette, and all components of the student code of conduct will be fully enforced at all subsequent ceremonies and events. The checklist, graduation contract, senior timeline, and other senior specific obligations can be found in detail within the attached packet.

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

Each student will receive 2 free tickets, up to 18 additional tickets may be purchased for \$8 each.

Small children or children seated on laps equal a ticket. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Tickets can be purchased on My School Bucks from May 1st to May 12<sup>th</sup>

I look forward to seeing you on this special day!

Respectfully,

*Christina M. Britton*

Dr. Christina M. Britton  
Oasis HS Principal

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

- Students that are in danger of NOT receiving a diploma due to a credit deficit or testing have been notified.
- Graduating students should have ordered a Cap and Gown.
  - *In order to participate in graduation, you must have a cap and gown.*
- All outstanding classroom and school financial obligations must be paid by May 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 Guidance Counselors by May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 being held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the OHS gymnasium.
  - *We will not be done until approximately 12:00pm. Having to work is not a reason not to be there.*
- Please hang the gown once you receive it and remember to use caution if ironing the gown. When you get home, please take the gown out of the packaging, and hang it up. Wrinkles can be removed using a steamer or iron on the lowest setting.
- Graduates are expected to be at FGCU Alico Arena by 5:30pm on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Doors for guests open at 6:00pm. Processional starts at 7:00pm. All guests should be in their seats by 7:00pm. Please allow time for parking and seating.
- As this is a formal occasion, ladies should wear a black or navy dress, or pant suit, and black or navy dress shoes, with heels of 3" or less (no one wants to trip walking across the stage!).
- No flowers, corsages, pins 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/blue/black button-down collared dress shirt, and a black/navy tie. Do not wear neck jewelry or facial piercings. Students in shorts or jeans and inappropriate footwear will not be permitted in the ceremony.
- 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 FGCU 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.
- To maintain a professional and dignified atmosphere, you should not be disruptive during graduation. The ceremony, even though it is already a long event, will be stopped whenever a disruption occurs.
- 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.
- Any student suspended out of school after March 1<sup>st</sup> may not be permitted to attend any senior events: Prom, Grad Bash, and Graduation.

## Oasis High School 2023 – Senior Timeline

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Third Quarter Ends

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>– April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Prom tickets on sale

- Electronic payments **ONLY** (My School Bucks)

**April 22<sup>rd</sup>** – Prom - Luminary Hotel, Downtown Fort Myers – 6:00-10:00pm

- All those attending are required to submit a permission form.
- If bringing a guest, a form must be filled out and approved by the principal.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Grad Bash @ Universal Studios

**May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Graduation tickets on sale - 2 free per student, each additional person \$8 (up to 18).

- Electronic payments **ONLY** (My School Bucks)

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Senior Awards – OHS Gym – 6:00pm

- Students and guests must RSVP – Limit 4 guests
- This event is not mandatory

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Exams

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Seniors Last Day & Graduation Obligations Due

- Graduation contract due
- Outstanding financial fees due

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** - Graduation practice in OHS gym – 8:00am – 12:00pm (Breakfast will be served)

- **MANDATORY attendance!** – Cap and Gown will be distributed.
- Graduation tickets will be distributed.
  - Students will turn in school issued Chromebook and charger. If a student is turning in damaged equipment the fees are below and must be paid.
  - \$262 for cracked/unusable screen, \$42 for missing charger, \$375 for missing Chromebook.
- A photo of members of the Class of 2023 in caps and gowns will be taken.
- Students will participate in a graduation walk of the Oasis campuses.
- We should be done by 12:00pm. Do not expect to leave before this.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Graduation – FGCU Alico Arena

- Seniors report to FGCU Alico Arena at 5:30p.m. in the designated receiving area. Only students are allowed in this area. Please be prompt.
- All parents, relatives, and friends are asked to find their seats and not visit the graduates in the line-up area.
- Doors will open at 6:00pm for families and friends. The ceremony will commence at 7:00p.m.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, students will file out, and can meet family members outside.
  - *Please remember that students with AICE exams that occur post-graduation will pick up their diploma after completing their AICE exam(s).*

## Oasis High School 2023 - Graduation Contract

Due no later than: Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

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 are indicating that I/we agree to the following:

- ☐ **OBLIGATIONS:** I understand that all obligations to the school for debts, lost books, lost or damaged Chromebook, chargers, etc. must be cleared (paid in full) by May 12<sup>th</sup> in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. See Ms. Rhonda Pignataro (cashier) to pay any outstanding obligations. Checks should be made payable to **OHS**. Chromebooks and chargers will be collected during graduation ticket distribution
  - \_\_\_\_\_ AICE transcript requests (Mrs. Long)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Final transcript ordered (Ms. Lisa)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Bright Futures Account created (Guidance Counselors)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Survey completed and submitted (Guidance Counselors...last one)
- ☐ **GRADUATION PRACTICE:** I understand that I must attend graduation practice on Wednesday, May 17<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/blue/black dress shirt, and black/navy tie.
  - **Graduating Women:** black/navy dress / pantsuit 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 **March 1<sup>st</sup>** and the end of the school year that results in suspension out of 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. Law enforcement will handle the situation if necessary.
- ☐ I understand that students who participate in pranks, fights, any offense that involves law enforcement, 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.

**\*\*Please sign on the reverse of this paper\*\***

**Student:** *I have read and agree to abide by the above guidelines for Graduation 2023.*

**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 guidance counselors by **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.***

*Questions related to upcoming ceremonies should be **directed** via phone to the principal's secretary at (239) 541-1167.*