

Dear Oasis High School Parents/Guardians,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021. We are proud of the achievements of the students among this class and will honor them together and as individuals on Friday, June 4, 2021, at 7:00pm at the FGCU Alico Arena. FGCU will have *limited seating*; all other seating will be blocked off.

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 and livestreaming equipment. Please be courteous so all graduates are properly acknowledged, and the ceremony is properly recorded. Balloons, large arrangements, and signs are not permitted. FGCU security will confiscate such items at the door.

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. *In order to walk in the graduation ceremony and receive a diploma, students must have met all graduation requirements.*

Please be reminded of the following graduation related events:

- Seniors are invited to attend the Senior Awards Ceremony, held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, May 19th, at the Oasis High School gym. Students and guests (limit 2) must RSVP.
- Attendance at senior breakfast, graduation practice, and the parade of graduates is **mandatory**, and is held on Wednesday, May 19th, 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' name 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 financial 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 Guidance Counselors by May 17th.
- *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 being held on May 19th 8:00 am in the Oasis High School gym. *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 Alico Arena by 5:30pm on June 4th. 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 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 seniors (2) for admission to the graduation ceremony will be distributed at graduation practice. Tickets that have been purchased may be picked up in the front office June 1st and 2nd from 8am-12pm.

ADMISSION TO GRADUATION IS BY TICKET ONLY!

***Sorry, but there can be no exceptions. Each student will receive 2 free tickets, up to 6 additional tickets may be purchased for \$10 each. Small children or children seated on laps equal a ticket.**

- Tickets can be purchased on MySchoolBucks May 3rd to May 14th.

Itinerary for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – Graduation Practice 8:00a.m.

- By 8:00a.m., soon-to-be graduates will arrive for the senior graduation practice in the OHS gym.
- Students will have breakfast.
- Graduation practice will be conducted.
- A photo of members of the Class of 2021 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.

Seniors Last Week – May 24th-28th

May 24th – May 28th - Seniors last week-They will be **VIRTUAL** and will take exams from home. If they have AICE or AP tests that require on campus testing they must come in to take them.

Distribution of Graduation Tickets / Collection of Equipment – June 1st and 2nd

Graduation tickets will be distributed on June 1st and 2nd, 8am-12pm, in the front office. *Students will turn in their school issued Chromebook and charger at this time.* If students are turning in damaged equipment, fees must be paid at that time: \$80 for cracked/unusable screen, \$25 for missing charger, \$300 for missing Chromebook.

Graduation Night – June 4th!

- Seniors report to Alico Arena at 5:30p.m. in the designated receiving area. Only students are allowed in this area.
- Families **must** sit together! Masks **must be worn** at all times in the facility.
- Graduates will be given matching masks to wear at graduation. Masks can be taken off when walking across the stage and for formal pictures.
- 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 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).*

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 2021 Graduation Contract

Due no later than: Monday, May 17th

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 Chromebook, chargers, etc. must be cleared (paid in full) by June 1st 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
 - Bright Futures Account created (Mrs. Long)
 - AICE Transcript requests (Mrs. Long)
 - Final transcript ordered (Ms. Tammy)
 - Senior Survey completed and submitted (Guidance counselors...last one)

- GRADUATION PRACTICE:** I understand that I must attend graduation practice on Wednesday, May 19th 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 April 19th 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. Law enforcement 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.

Please sign on the reverse of this paper.



Student: *I have read and agree to abide by the above guidelines for Graduation 2021.*

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 17th, 2021. Questions related to upcoming ceremonies should be directed via phone to the principal's secretary at (239) 541-1167

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