



## Land O' Lakes High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Class of 2013 proudly announces its graduation. The graduation ceremony will be held on **Friday, May 31, 2013 at 4:00 PM at the University of South Florida Sun Dome**. Though the ceremony begins at 4:00PM, students will report to the USF Sun Dome by 3:00PM. In order to uphold the dignity of our graduation ceremony and to meet increased security requirements, USF and the District School Board of Pasco County will adhere to the following:

### Information for the Remainder of the Year

- Online Class coursework must be completed by **May 10<sup>th</sup>** if you want to participate in graduation.
- Senior Exams are **May 17<sup>th</sup> - May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Make-ups can extend to **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. See your teachers for exam information.
- The last academic day for seniors is **May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Senior Check-Out forms need to be completed, and turned in to Mrs. Karpay in the guidance office, by 2:30PM on **May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Only students that have completed his/her checkout form by 2:30PM on **May 21<sup>st</sup>** will be allowed to participate in the field day activities.
- The field day activities are planned for **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**.  
8AM – 9AM Yearbook Signing, Senior Slideshow and Senior Class Social: LOLHS Gym  
9AM - 9:30AM Continental Breakfast: LOLHS Gym Lobby  
9:30AM – 11:30AM Field Day Activities: LOLHS Practice Fields (behind the stadium scoreboard)  
12:00PM – 1:30PM Lunch: Stadium Concession Stand  
**Seniors that are participating in these activities must remain outside of the main school building.**
- Participation in the Graduation Practice is mandatory. Any student who does not attend rehearsal may not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. Practice will be held in the LOLHS gymnasium on **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM – 11:30AM**. Students should arrive at the school by 9:15AM and be ready to practice on time.
- During Graduation Practice, students will receive a final notice of debts. It is the student's responsibility to fulfill all debts to the school bookkeeper prior to 12PM on Thursday, **May 30<sup>th</sup>**. We only accept **CASH** to pay for any debts.
- For Graduation Practice and other senior activities, **students must be dressed according to the District School Board of Pasco County Dress Code. Students will be sent home to change if they are out of dress code and this may jeopardize their participation in graduation.**

### Information for the Graduation Ceremony

- The University of South Florida Sun Dome charges \$5.00 for parking.
- Graduates must carry their caps and gowns into the University of South Florida Sun Dome, as security personnel will conduct a visual search. 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.
- 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.
- All bags brought in by guests will be searched. No backpacks will be permitted in the University of South Florida Sun Dome. Cameras and binoculars will only be permitted if they are out of their cases (the cases should be left in the car).
- 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 University of South Florida Sun Dome.
- Concessions at the University of South Florida Sun Dome will be open before the ceremony begins. People attending the ceremony can purchase food and drink.
- Hearing-impaired services are available. Please contact Mrs. Riddle, Assistant Principal, if you need this service. Other handicapped accommodations are detailed in the additional graduation guidelines that will be published soon.
- We recommend having a pre-arranged meeting place set with your graduate and family following the ceremony. Graduates will pick-up their diplomas immediately following the ceremony in the area designated. Once released, they will be able to join their guests.

We will provide further guidelines, similar to what is included in this letter, to students before final exams. If a student is not eligible to graduate per the requirements set by the State of Florida and the District School Board of Pasco County, then he/she will not be able to participate in the commencement ceremony on **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. A guidance counselor will inform students, on **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**, if they are ineligible to graduate. 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 Mrs. Amy Riddle, Assistant Principal, at e-mail [ariddle@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ariddle@pasco.k12.fl.us) at (813) 794-9400.

With best wishes,

Amy Riddle