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July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Class of 2020 and LOLHS proudly announces that this year's in-person graduation ceremony will be held on **Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 8:00PM at the LOLHS John Benedetto Stadium**. Though the ceremony begins at 8:00PM, students must report to the seating area on the field by 7:45PM. Gates open at 7PM. We understand that it will be very hot, but to observe this as a special occasion all guests should dress for the occasion. Guests should not wear shorts, t-shirts, sneakers, sandals, flip flops, etc. to the event. There are no assigned seats; however, the graduate and their 2 guests will sit together. No additional guests can attend.

To uphold the dignity of our graduation ceremony and to meet increased COVID-19 safety and security requirements, the following procedures will be implemented by Pasco Schools and Pasco County Sheriff's Office personnel that are in attendance:

1. Only students that have met all their graduation requirements are able to participate.
2. Any final notice of debts must be cleared before July 18. All debts must be resolved prior to the ceremony to participate.
3. Current CDC guidelines must be obeyed. Masks must be worn; however, upon reaching their seat the graduate and their guests can remove the face coverings.
4. Use the parking lots at the front of the school. Parking on Keppel Way and near the stadium will be reserved for handicapped parking and those that need additional assistance.
5. Graduates may put their cap and gowns on after they have entered the stadium. Additionally, they should not bring anything else with them. This includes purses and bags. Dress expectations are being communicated to the graduates.
6. All guests should limit what they bring to the event. No backpacks, or other similar bags, will be permitted. Cameras and binoculars will only be permitted if they are out of their cases.
7. Tickets are not required for entry to the stadium. For seating, your party of 3 should arrive at the same time since you are all sitting together.
8. Guests are encouraged to stream the event to others that cannot attend. The school will not be providing a link to a streaming service or social media site.
9. Balloons, signs, noisemakers of any kind (including, but not limited to, bull horns, cowbells, whistles, and air horns), or laser pointers should **NOT** be brought inside the stadium.
10. Concessions will not be open. The graduate and their guests are encouraged to each bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated. These items are allowed within the seating area for the graduates and their guests.
11. Hearing-impaired services are available. Please contact Mrs. Beerman, Assistant Principal, if you need this service.

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. Beerman at tbeerman@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Ric Mellin - Principal