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Dear Parents and Seniors:

Class of 2023 upcoming events include **Grad Bash and Prom**. To attend these events, students must be in good standing with the school. On-Track/Off-Track status is determined based on unexcused absences, grades, and discipline data through the 2nd/3rd quarter of the school year. Only on-track students are eligible to participate in these two events. Students may ask their teachers or the media staff to confirm their on-track/off-track status.

Grad Bash- Appeal forms for Grad Bash are open from Feb. 1st through Feb. 8th. The appeal form is on the school website. Remember, students can appeal once per school year. Tickets go on sale on February 6, 2023.

Prom- Students may petition the school's administration to review their off-track status. Students that are off-track may appeal during the week from March 6 – March 10, 2023. If the appeal is approved, students will complete the decision outcome during the two weeks from March 20 - March 31, 2023. Remember, students can appeal once per school year.

Grad Bash

Grad Bash will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Universal Studios in Orlando. The cost is \$140 which includes transportation and admission. **No Universal Ticketholder passes are allowed for this event.** We have a maximum capacity of 300 people, and we cannot order additional buses. So, tickets will only be available until they sell out. **There are no refunds for this event, and students cannot transfer their ticket to another student.**

- A deposit of \$50.00 will be due by February 15, 2023. Once received their spot is secured, and the final payment option will be available on the Rycor account within 72 hours (about 3 days) after this deposit is made. Deposit for Grad Bash will open on February 6, 2023 on **Rycor**. Don't wait until the last minute.
- Remaining Balance: \$90.00 due by March 20, 2023. The balance can be divided into two payments of \$45.00 each if needed.
- Students can make deposits payment in person with Mrs. Hydes in the Collaboratory before school or during their lunch.
- **Required documentation needed:** dress code, permission slip, and student behavior agreement forms will be available on our school website by February 10, 2023. These forms must be submitted to the school by the time the final payment is made.
- **Transportation:** students are required to ride on the charter bus to and from Universal Studios. Students are not allowed to drive their own vehicles, nor can parents provide a ride.
- **Students must remain on-track to attend this event.**
- Students should bring money to purchase food and souvenirs.
- **More detailed information will be posted on the school's website in March.**

Prom

Our prom theme this year is Le Fleur (flowers, pastels- French). Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Venetian Event Center in Cross Creek (New Tampa) from 7 – 11pm. Senior ticket sales start at \$85 on April 3, 2023. Tickets for seniors during the first week are guaranteed. Prices will increase to \$90 on April 8, 2023, and will no longer be guaranteed. Tickets go on sale for juniors during the morning of April 6, 2023. They will continue to be available to all eligible students for the next two weeks or until the event sells out ending on April 21, 2023.

Guest forms will be available for submission between March 1-24, 2023. Students will be notified of the status prior to tickets going on sale.

Senior Breakfast/Graduation Rehearsal- Mandatory

All Seniors will need to attend this event on May 31, 2023, at Grace Family Church in Land O' Lakes at 9am. There is no additional cost for this event. **Attendance for rehearsal is mandatory to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

This is a special occasion, so students should dress nicely. This would include dress pants, dress shirt with tie, socks and dress shoes, specifically closed shoes (no sneakers, sandals, flip flops, etc.) for boys. For girls, a dress, skirt, blouse, or pant suit. Jeans, shorts, shirts without a collar, tennis shoes, and flip-flops will not be permitted, and students will be sent home to change if they come to the event dressed in this manner. Graduation practice and the senior checkout will be held after the senior breakfast. The administration in charge of graduation must review and approve any extenuating circumstances that prevent a student from attending graduation practice. Caps & Gowns are distributed during graduation practice.

Graduation

The graduation ceremony will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 1:00PM. The location is the University of South Florida Yuengling Center. More information will be provided when we get closer to the event. Tickets are not required for parents or guest to attend graduation.

If a refund is requested and approved by the school's administration, the transaction will be handled through the bookkeeper. Please be patient as the process must be documented and handled correctly.

If you have questions about Grad Bash or Prom email Mrs. Hydes if you have questions about the appeal form email, your administrator.

Thank you.

Kindest Regards,

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