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### **Spring Senior Newsletter**

#### **Senior Contacts**

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### Is Your Child On-Track for Graduation?

If you are unsure, please request to speak with an admin or counselor! We are running out of time to ensure your child graduates on time.

### **Graduation Requirements:**

https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7764/urlt/aaflyer-2324thereafter.pdf

### Attendance Is Important

Please be sure your child is attending every class period everyday these last few months. Research shows that there is often a decline in motivation and academic performance from Seniors in their final months of school. This is characterized by tardiness, absences, lower grades, forgetfulness/lack of energy in completing and turning in assignments. Don't let your child be at risk of graduating due to poor attendance and motivation in their final months of high school!

### **Credit Recovery & Testing Requirements**

If your child has failed any course, we will continue to offer our After-School Program with buses every Monday-Thursday from 3:15pm-5:15pm. Request to speak with Mr. Hand or Ms. Rose for more information. Transportation is available!

### Remember:

-All Students must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA to graduate -Pass the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading FSA/FAST and ALG 1 FSA/BEST -Must have required credits for core classes and electives

#### **Important Test Dates**

 $\frac{College\ Reportable\ SAT}{March\ 24^{TH},\ 25^{TH},\ and\ 31^{ST}\ on\ AHS\ Campus}\\ *ALL\ 11^{th}\ and\ 12^{th}\ GRADE\ STUDENTS\ WANTING\ HIGHER\ SAT\ SCORES\\ -\ Pay\ \$38.50\ on\ Rycor$ 

 $\frac{\text{Non-Reportable ACT}}{\text{March 26}^{\text{TH}},27^{\text{TH}},\&28^{\text{TH}}\text{ on AHS Campus}}\\ *\text{MANDATORY FOR STUDENTS NOT MEETING GRADUATION TEST REQUIREMENTS}\\ -\text{Pay $40 on Rycor}$ 

ACT.org
April 5<sup>TH</sup> (Register by February 28<sup>th</sup>)
\*\*TEST WILL BE ON AHS CAMPUS!\*\*



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### **CLT ON CAMPUS: FREE!**

April 10th

\*\*You can take the CLT remotely at cltexam.com: Cost is \$69.00 NO FEE WAIVERS\*\*

#### SAT (collegeboard.org)

March 8<sup>TH</sup> (Register by Feb 21<sup>ST</sup>)
May 3<sup>RD</sup> (Register by April 18<sup>TH</sup>)
\*\*THESE TESTS ARE NOT ON AHS CAMPUS\*\*

FAST ELA & BEST ALGEBRA May – Dates to Be Announced.

### **Grad Bash is April 11th!**

Grad Bash is Friday, April 11th from 7pm-2am at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. We will be leaving at 5pm from AHS and returning at 4am on Saturday, April 12th. There were only 150 spots available, and students must have turned in 2 permission slips and \$130 payment to Mr. Leeds room 3-163 by February 24th. Students must have a 2.0 GPA to attend, attendance in good standing and NO level 3 referrals. Students need to be in school the entire day and the bus leaves the AHS campus at 5:00pm. Students must be here and, in the cafeteria no later than 4:00pm for check-in. Please see your child's Grad Bash flyer that was shared through English classes for more information.

### Graduation FEEs are now overdue!

Graduation is June 7th at 4:00 PM at the USF Yuengling Center. We have now passed the deadline to pay the graduation fees however will still require them prior to participation in the graduation ceremony. Fees are \$100 & include cap, gown, tassel, medallion diploma cover and the utilization of the Yuengling Center. If you have not paid this then please do so ASAP. Pay by cash, check or credit card. We strongly encourage you to pay by card by visiting the school website at <a href="http://ahs.pasco.k12.fl.us/">http://ahs.pasco.k12.fl.us/</a> and click on the school fees link on the right, or in your My Student account. Cash and checks can be turned in to Mr. Hand or Ms. Rose.

### Herff Jones (Grad Products Ordering)

Herff Jones was on campus earlier in the school year to go over information on ordering grad products such as class rings, invitations, etc. If you still have not ordered these items, please go to <a href="https://www.herffjones.com/">https://www.herffjones.com/</a> for more information.

### Yearbook

Yearbooks are \$75 and can be purchased online. If seniors or parents have any questions about the school yearbook, please email Ms. Howell <u>alhowell@pasco.k12.fl.us</u>. Follow @AHSShiver on IG for more yearbook news/reminders.



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### **Important Dates:**

- March 8: SAT (Register by Feb 21)
- March 12 Family Night from 5:00 7:00pm
  - March 13 End of 3rd Qtr
  - March 14 -23 Spring Break
- March 24, 25, and 31: College Reportable SAT (11th grade and 12th grade students wanting higher scores for Bright Futures) 12th grade pay \$38.50
- March 26, 27, and 28: Non-Reportable ACT (Students missing testing requirements) \$40, no waivers
  - April 5: ACT (Register by Feb 28)- Here at Anclote HS!
- April 10: CLT (Register by March 13) Paid for 11th /12th grade students missing testing requirements
  - April 11th: Grad Bash @ Universal Studios
    - May 3: SAT (Register by April 18)
  - May 3: Prom 7-10 pm at Ruth Eckerd Hall
    - May 20: JROTC Awards Night
    - May 21: Night of Excellence
      - May 22: Athletic Banquet
  - May 23: Senior Picnic (10:30AM 12:30PM)
    - May 27: 4.0 Breakfast (9:30 11:00AM)

### Graduation Practice is Mandatory! You must attend to walk in the ceremony at USF.

- May 28: Grad Practice in Gym (8:45 11:30AM)
- May 29: Senior Breakfast (9:00 10:45AM) & Grad Practice in Gym (11:00AM 1:30PM)

After Grad Practice: Cap & Gown Distribution and Clap Out

-May 30: Last Day of School

-June 7th: Graduation @USF Yuengling Center at 4:00pm. Students must be there by 3:00pm! No tickets required, and no limit on the number of guests. Parking is \$13. Shout outs will be available soon for \$20 More Info TBA.

Bright Futures Information: <a href="https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/">https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/</a>

FAFSA IS NOW OPEN! www.studentaid.gov - Free money for college based on parent/guardian income.



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# **Anclote High Graduation Shout-Outs are for Sale!**

Cost: \$20



Details: Share some encouraging words or memory to celebrate your graduate for all to see! These will be displayed inside the USF Yuengling Center on Graduation Day!

\*No more than 30 words (5 lines). Payment can be made online on the school website through Rycor or by cash/check (made out to Anclote High School). Please submit your shout-out message by scanning the QR code or completing the link below.



Link: https://forms.office.com/r/XDAZsqDV1D

Questions? - Please contact Mrs. Rose via email at <a href="mailto:erose@pasco.k12.fl.us">erose@pasco.k12.fl.us</a> or Mr. Hand at rhand@pasco.k12.fl.us



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# CLASS OF 2025 YEAR-END SENIOR EVENTS & GRADUATION GUIDELINES

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! We are giving you the following guidelines so that graduation and senior activities will be a proud memory for all graduates. While we hope it does not become necessary, diplomas may be pulled for any student not following the guidelines set forth at any point through the graduation ceremony.

### **ONLINE CLASSES COMPLETION**

Students who are taking online classes must have assignments and DBAs completed no later than **Friday**, **May 2,2025** at 11:59PM and exams completed no later than **Friday**, **May 9,2025** at 11:59PM if they intend to participate in the June 7<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony.

### **GRADUATION PRACTICE**

Graduation Practice is mandatory. There will be two practices held in the Anclote High School gymnasium. The first practice will be held on **Wednesday**, **May 28,2025 at 8:45AM**. The second practice will be held on **Thursday May 29,2025 at 11:00AM** (immediately following Senior breakfast). Students are expected to be in classes until practice begins. Attendance on both days is **MANDATORY** for participation in graduation. **Senior students should not plan on leaving until 3:00 PM**. The administrator in charge of graduation (Mrs. Stacey) MUST review and approve any extenuating circumstances. *Students must be dressed according to the Pasco County School District Dress Code*. *Students will be sent home to change if they are out of dress code and this may jeopardize their participation in graduation*. Caps & Gowns are distributed on the second day of Graduation Practice prior to clap out. There is no exception to this policy.

#### **SENIOR BREAKFAST**

All senior students are invited to attend the annual Senior Breakfast that will be held on **Thursday**, **May 29**, **2025**, **at Anclote High School's cafeteria at 9AM**. There is not a fee for this event, nor is there a ticket. Students should be dressed appropriately, no shorts, ripped jeans, flip flops, pajamas etc. Students not dressed appropriately will be sent home to change and will not be admitted to this event.

### **SENIOR Picnic**

All senior students are invited to the Senior Picnic on **Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> periods** on the Anclote High School football field. There is not a fee, nor is there a ticket. Students should be dressed according to the Pasco County Schools Dress Code. There will be inflatables, waterslides, games, food, and fun. Please plan on getting wet by wearing appropriate attire and bring a towel.



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### **CEREMONY (LIVE AND ONLINE VIA STREAMING)**

The graduation ceremony will be held on **Saturday**, **June 7**th **at 4:00 PM**. Seniors are to report at **3:00 PM** to the University of South Florida Yuengling Center in Tampa to participate in the graduation ceremony. The graduates must report to the corral, the entry that is marked for graduates (the **Gate A Annex** near the USF Store). The security personnel will conduct a visual search and students will be wanded. Graduates **MUST** put their gowns on after they have entered the building. In addition, they should not bring anything else with them except their caps and gowns. This includes purses and bags. There will be a livestream of the ceremony via Pasco County Schools website.

### **DRESS EXPECTATIONS FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**Dress Code for Graduates:** Dress pants and dress shirt, a dress or skirt and blouse or pantsuit are recommended outfits. No sneakers, sandals, flip flops, etc. are allowed. We recommend that students not wear high heels, as there will be a lot of walking and stair climbing.

**Personal Items:** Leave purses, cameras, and personal items with a parent or friend in the audience; those items may not be taken into the corral. Flowers or corsages are NOT permitted.

**Graduation Gowns:** We have ordered all caps and gowns for students. Please do not order a second cap and gown. Please carry your cap and gown into the University of South Florida Corral. We will not have extra gowns on hand. Gowns are to look like they did when received from the company. Nothing extra may be added to them.

**Graduation Cap:** The mortarboard (graduation cap) is to be worn flat with the tassel over the right eye. Once the seniors are declared graduates, the tassel is moved to the left side in unison with the class. Cap decoration must be approved by Mrs. Stacey prior to graduation. If students bring a cap that is not approved, they will not be allowed to wear that cap. We will not have extra caps or tassels on hand.

#### **BEHAVIOR**

Graduation is a momentous occasion not only for the seniors, but also for their parents, families, and friends. For that reason, the ceremony is to be held with dignity and courtesy to others. All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the occasion, which includes walking across the stage. All participants must comply with the Pasco County Student Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior will result in both students and parents/guardians having to meet with the school administration prior to receiving a diploma.

Improper noises and distractions will not be permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, noisemakers such as bullhorns, air horns, whistles, cowbells, and firecrackers, etc. Do NOT bring in beach balls, silly string, or any item that would be deemed inappropriate. We ask that you request family and friends to remain seated throughout the ceremony, except when it is appropriate to stand (during the Pledge of Allegiance, for example), as a courtesy to other graduates and their families and friends. No one, other than graduates and designated guests, is permitted in the seating area for graduates.

Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not receive his/her diploma and/or will be turned over to appropriate law enforcement officials. As this is a School District of Pasco County event, alcohol will not be permitted inside of any of the areas in the University of South Florida Yuengling Center dedicated to the graduation ceremony.



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### TRAFFIC TO AND PARKING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA YUENGLING CENTER

Please be advised that the time of arrival for the graduation ceremony for students is **3:00 PM**. Traffic is very heavy based on the location of the University of South Florida Yuengling Center. Please plan appropriately when leaving your homes and give yourself more than enough time to arrive without incident. Once students and staff have left the corral for the ceremony, **LATE** students will **NOT** be permitted to participate in the ceremony. Parking lots around the USF Yuengling Center will charge \$13.00 per car for parking. All of this will be done electronically and **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. When you arrive at USF, please make sure that you enter at the Fowler Avenue and Bull Run entrance. There will be signs throughout the area that will direct you. Disabled parking is located at Gate A and Gate D, Parking Lot Area 22F. Please enter the Yuengling Center through Gates A and B.

### **SECURITY AND BAG POLICIES FOR USF**

- No weapons of any kind, no outside food or beverage, no backpacks or other large bags, no balloons
- Personal bags must be smaller than 12"x12"x12". These are subject to search upon entry.
- Cameras are permitted with the exception of professional cameras with larger lenses.
- Cameras and binoculars will only be permitted if they are out of their cases (the cases should be left in the car).

### **SEATING & TICKETS**

Seating is unlimited in the University of South Florida Yuengling Center. Tickets will not be necessary as a result. **No one, other than graduates and designated guests, is permitted on the floor partitioned off on the University of South Florida Yuengling Center**. Floor seating is only permitted for invited dignitaries, graduating seniors, band members, faculty and staff, and other invited guests. All of these people will have tickets in order to go to the floor and will be listed on pre-approved lists provided to the University of South Florida Yuengling Center. No one else is permitted on the floor of the University of South Florida Yuengling Center. Those who need handicapped seating would be advised to enter in at Gate A, where there are elevators available. There is handicapped seating available throughout the Yuengling Center. There is also reserved seating for the hearing impaired. Upon entering the Yuengling Center, all people in attendance will be searched by security per Yuengling Center policy.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Gigante Productions (813-907-1078) will photograph each senior individually upon receiving his/her diploma cover and congratulations from the principal. Purchase of these photographs is optional. Gigante Productions will notify seniors via mail when the pictures are ready and all questions regarding these pictures should go to Gigante Productions. Please make sure that your address is correct with Anclote High School, as that is the address that we will provide to Gigante Productions. Anclote High School does not receive any of these pictures or information following graduation.

#### **DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION**

Diplomas will be distributed by alphabet in the same way that students lined up behind the seating for guests. After receiving your diploma, please exit the University of South Florida Yuengling Center. We recommend having a prearranged meeting place set with your family.