

### Lake Howell High School

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February 15, 2024

Dear Senior:

Less than one semester to go! Congratulations on your hard work to date. I have included some important reminders for you in this letter. Please make sure you and your parents read and discuss these items in depth to make sure you are cleared and prepared for graduation. If you have any questions, please contact your school counselor or an administrator.

# **Important Dates:**

February 26 Senior 4.0 Ice Cream Social 10:30am April 12 AA and Top 10 Breakfast 8:00am

April 13 Prom at Contemporary

April 15 – 19 Senior Week

April 17 Senior Switch April 17 Senior Sunset

April 19 Senior Breakfast/Howie's Senior Awards/

Cap & Gown Distribution

April 19 Grad Bash at Universal Studios 6:00pm-3:00am

May 6 - 17 AP Testing

May 8 Silver Scholars Awards & Senior Awards Night 6:00pm in the

Auditorium

May 7 Senior Exams: English, Math, and Electives May 8 Senior Exams: English, Math, and Electives

May 9 Senior Exams: Social Studies, Science and Electives May 10 Senior Exams: Social Studies, Science and Electives

May 13 Senior Exams: Make Up Exams
May 14 Last Day of School for Seniors

May 17 Mandatory Senior Meeting 12:30pm in the Auditorium

**Graduation Ticket Distribution** 

May 21 Graduation 2:00pm Addition Financial Arena at UCF

## **Bright Futures Scholarships**

Counselors have assisted all seniors in registering for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program through their Social Studies classes. If you missed this opportunity, make sure you set an appointment to meet with your counselor to make these arrangements. Students who have not registered will not be eligible for participation in the program.

## Cap & Gown (Grad Fee)

If you have not submitted your order for your cap and gown, or other commemorative items, you should do so immediately before it is too late for the company to process the order in time for the graduation ceremony. To ensure your cap and gown will be distributed on April 19 after the Senior Awards (The Howie's), please place your order by April 1, 2024. If you ordered any package or the Cap and Gown package from Herff Jones, your grad fee is included in this package. All payments must be done through their website at www.herfforlando.com. Your grad fee includes your cap, gown, tassel, diploma, diploma cover, graduation program, arena ceremony rental, arena security and staffing, arena video and audio equipment, and arena decorations. Students who have not paid the graduate fee cannot participate in the ceremony. If you are unsure if you paid your fee for your cap and gown, contact Herff Jones at 407-647-4373.

# **Mandatory Senior Meeting**

On Friday, May 17, 2024, all graduating seniors must attend the Senior meeting at 12:30pm in the Auditorium. Graduation tickets and parking passes will be distributed at this meeting's end.

### **Grad Reader Card**

All Seniors planning to participate in the graduation ceremony need to complete their grad reader card. Grad reader cards are used to pronounce students' names correctly at the graduation ceremony and it is also what the photographers use to send you your pictures after the graduation ceremony. Here is the link: bit.ly/GRADREADER24. The company used to take graduation pictures is *GradImages*. Should you have any questions about your pictures after the ceremony please contact them.

#### **Graduation Memorabilia**

Pre-order your graduation memorabilia at <a href="www.thecommencementgroup.com/lakehowellhs/">www.thecommencementgroup.com/lakehowellhs/</a>.

# **Graduation Ceremony**

The graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 2:00pm at the Addition Financial Arena at UCF. Seniors must arrive no later than 1:00pm to participate in the ceremony. Seniors arriving after 1:00pm will not be admitted by the Arena staff. The doors for family and friends will open at 1:15pm. All spectators for the graduation ceremony must have a ticket and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Graduation dress code for seniors will be the following:

Boys are to wear dark dress pants, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes under the cap and gown. Girls are to wear a dress or a dress pant suit with dress shoes under the cap and gown. You will be walking up and down stairs and over cables, so choose your shoes wisely. Sneakers, athletic shoes or flip flops, jeans, or shorts are not acceptable.

Only those students who have met all credit requirements, have no outstanding financial obligations, have dressed appropriately, and have paid the grad fee to Herff Jones will be allowed to participate in the ceremony. If you are unsure of your academic progress since your last senior credit check, please check with your school counselor.

Each graduating senior will be given twelve tickets for the commencement ceremony. Beginning May 1, students desiring more than the allotted number may purchase additional tickets at the cost of \$5 each in Bookkeeping (room 01-109) – cash only please.

We are immensely proud of all you have achieved as individuals and as a class, and we are extremely excited that your four years will culminate with our graduation ceremony. Remember, there is still a semester to go, and you still have a lot of work to do. Keep your focus and make the remainder of your final year with us a positive and memorable experience! Remember, **Keep Moving Forward!** And as always, *GO SILVERHAWKS, and STAY HAWK STRONG*!

Sincerely,

Michael Howard Principal