



# Gibbs High School

*Respect... Excellence... Pride...*

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Date: May 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

To: Gibbs High School Seniors Parents, Faculty, and Staff

From: Mr. Barry Brown, Principal  
Ms. Nina Olivardia, Senior Class Sponsor

Re: Gibbs High School's 94<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony

The Gibbs High School graduation ceremony has been planned for Friday afternoon, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm at BayCare Sound located at 255 Drew St, Clearwater, Florida 33755. This ceremony is in honor of you, your family, and friends for completing all the graduation requirements established by the Pinellas County School Board. All are encouraged to attend the ceremony free of charge. BayCare Sound does not provide wheelchairs, please ensure your guests bring their own wheelchairs or other ambulatory assistive devices. All parents and guests will enter through gates located at either side of the library on Osceola Ave. Please plan to arrive early. Also, BayCare Sound has adopted a "NO CASH" policy for vending too, so please be sure your families know if they wish to purchase drinks/food during the ceremonies, they must have a credit/debit card to do so.

Participation in the ceremony is contingent upon a student's successful completion of the required credits and adherence to school regulations for behavior and clearing all outstanding financial obligations. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have satisfactorily met all graduation requirements.

This should be an incredibly special and meaningful occasion for you and your families. As members of the 94<sup>th</sup> graduating class of Gibbs High School, you are asked to follow the high standards established by the first graduating class of 1930.

To ensure a well-organized ceremony each graduating senior must attend the **graduation rehearsal, which is scheduled on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Gibbs High School Grand Theatre**. Seniors will check in no later than 2:15 p.m. and the complete cooperation of all seniors, staff and special guests will be expected. Any senior who is unable to participate in this mandatory rehearsal will be excluded from the graduation exercises. NO UNEXCUSED EXCEPTIONS! Please plan accordingly by notifying your job/work in advance to avoid any scheduling conflict.

On Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, seniors are to report to library on Osceola Ave. no later than 2:30 p.m. Participants, please wear your cap and gown to the gate so that you are easily identified by security. Students may not take anything into ceremony, including cameras, purses, cell phones, flowers, noisemakers of any kind, or anything that might disrupt the ceremony. This is a formal event. **Caps and gowns may not be altered or decorated in any manner.**

Your cooperation in these matters is essential. Hope to see you all there. Congratulation seniors --- Class of 2025!!!

Respectfully,

Nina Olivardia