

2022-23 Tropicana Field Graduation INFO for Students and Parents/Guardians

Graduation: Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, at 5:30 PM

- **Graduation Ceremony STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME and CEREMONY START/END TIMES:**
 - **Student** arrival 4:30 PM - please be on time.
 - **Guest** Gates opens at 4:45 PM.

- **Dress Code**
 - Attire for graduation should be a light-colored outfit or a white or light-colored dress shirt with a collar, and dark or khaki slacks.
 - Footwear should be comfortable dress shoes with socks, dressy closed toe shoes or sandals with a strap.
 - Flip flops, tennis shoes and crocs are NOT acceptable.
 - No cargo pockets, jeans, shorts, or leggings allowed; this includes rompers.
 - Spikey high heels & high wedges are not recommended. (Heels will sink in the turf & there are stairs)
 - Be sure to have your cap, gown, tassel and any cords or stoles you may have. Tassel is worn on the right.
 - **Flowers, sashes, flags and jewelry are NOT to be worn on/with graduation gowns!!! No decorating of caps!!**
 - **There will be no electronic devices or bags permitted past this point. Leave these items with your guests.**
 - No chewing gum, food or drink allowed.
 - **Scholars will NOT be allowed to participate in the ceremony if they are in violation of the dress code.**

- **Caps/Gowns/ /Tassels/Diploma/Senior Signs/Reader Cards:**
 - **Caps/Gowns/Tassels** – will be handed out during the **MANDATORY** Senior Assembly on *Thursday, April 27th at 12:00 PM in the GYM*, which is after Senior Breakfast. All students attending graduation, whether attending Senior Breakfast or not, are to be in attendance to collect their items for graduation day. Gym doors will open no earlier than 11:30 AM. Enter through the student parking lot doors.
 - **Diploma Covers** – these will be issued at graduation when you cross the stage. If you are not walking, you will be able to pick up your diploma and cover on Wednesday, May 17th at the high school office.
 - **Senior Signs** – during cap/gown/tassel hand out, student will be provided a yard sign.
 - **Reader Cards** - during the assembly, student will be issued a reader card that must be turned in for walking. This card ensures your space in the graduation line order and assist us in the pronunciation of your name while on stage.

- **Ticketing:**
 - There is no charge for tickets to enter the event. Students can have as many guests as they would like at the event.
 - The only charge is the \$10.00 for parking (CREDIT CARD ONLY).

- **Parking, Rules, and Food:**
 - Parking will be \$10 per car and is payable by CREDIT CARD ONLY. No cash will be accepted.
 - Students arriving before guests will be charged \$10.00 and must be paid by CREDIT CARD ONLY.
 - All parking (VIP, Staff, Guest) will be in Lots 6 & 7. Overflow lots are on the west side of the stadium.
 - We will follow Major League Baseball rules as to whether bags/purses etc. are allowed into the stadium. The MLB rules are always subject to change based on events outside of our control. So, as graduation dates approach, we will continuously check the TROPICANA FIELD website for updates to their stadium rules regarding what guest may or may not carry into the stadium. We suggest referencing the Rays' website for stadium rules (<https://www.mlb.com/rays/ballpark/information/security>).
 - FOOD: Currently, there is one planned concession opening for limited items. Please plan for this in advance. Graduation is expected to last 1 hour. 45 minutes.
 - Rideshare: Lot 3 is the "Rideshare Lot" for taxis, Uber, and Lyft drop off and pick up.



- **Gate Entry and Handicap Access:**
 - Graduates will enter through Gate 1 ONLY NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - Graduates only will be allowed to enter starting at 4:30 PM ONLY NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - Guests/General Public may enter through either Gate 1 or Gate 5 ONLY. No other gates will be open for public entry. We will adhere to the safety regulations in place for the Tampa Bay Rays and Tropicana Field which may be subject to change.
 - HANDICAP ACCESS: Guest needing to drop-off a family member(s) who is unable to walk from the car may use the car circle in front of Gate 4 to drop off the family member(s).
 - Gates 1 and 5 have elevator access for guests in wheelchairs.
 - REMINDER: Tropicana Field does not provide wheelchairs, please ensure guests bring their own wheelchair or other ambulatory assistive device.
- **NO PERSONAL ITEMS may be brought into Tropicana Field:**
 - The following are not permitted into the stadium:
 - Signs
 - Flowers/gifts
 - Lasers
 - Beach balls, frisbees, and other objects are prohibited.
 - Noise makers, percussion instruments, air horns, and any other irritating or distracting items are prohibited.
 - Footwear with wheels

- Cameras with lenses longer than 12"
- Fireworks/Explosives
- Weapons of any kind including firearms, knives, and chemical sprays larger than .5 oz
- Alcoholic beverages
- No bags are permitted through Tropicana Field security, including purses, backpacks, and clear bags. Diaper bags accompanying a young child, medical device bags and clutches no larger than 6.5" x 4.5" are permitted.
- Outside food or beverage is not permitted, with the exception of one sealed, personal-sized bottle of water.

*Tropicana Field is a smoke-free facility. Use of tobacco products of any kind, including e-cigarettes and chewing tobacco, is not permitted on property.