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All of you are excited about your senior year and graduation, as well you should be. This is a tremendous milestone. You are to be congratulated on your accomplishment. This bulletin will alert everyone to key dates, activities, rules, regulations, etc., associated with your senior year and graduation.

Senior Class Officers--
President: Kylee Hewitt
Vice President: Adyson Wagner
Treasurer: London Longmire
Secretary: Matthew Allison-Williams

Senior Class Canvas Page:
This website will be used to post information about scholarships, testing dates, class meetings, etc. Every senior should already have been enrolled in this Canvas Page as it is done automatically after your Junior year. However, if you are not enrolled, please email amcfarland@ecsdfl.us

Senior Class Contacts:
Sponsor: Tiffany Odom todom1@ecsdfl.us
Co-Sponsor: Tyler Mertz tmertz@ecsdfl.us
Guidance Counselor:
A thru G = Ieasha Ridgeway
H thru O = Tammy Connors
P thru Z = Marvetta Nesbitt

Senior Dues:
Senior dues for the 2026-2027 school year will be $50.00. This money will be used to pay for senior activities during the year, including senior field day, senior graduation breakfast, snack attacks, etc.
*This can be paid through two possible ways:
---with a credit/debit card in your student's account on MySchoolBucks.com (make sure you select 'senior dues' as the product)
OR
---send your student either before or after school with cash/check to either Ms Odom (room 114) or Mr. Mertz (room 108)

All seniors paying dues will receive the following special privileges:

- FREE admission into ALL varsity home, non-playoff, games (includes football, baseball, soccer, tennis, softball, volleyball, lacrosse, and basketball). Seniors must present IDs/receipts for entry.

- Eating lunch outside in the designated Senior Area. If the designated area is not kept clean, however, this privilege will be revoked. Participating seniors must keep the area clean and dispose of all trash in proper receptacles. Participating seniors must remain in the designated area on the west side of the cafeteria at all times and must be in possession of their senior IDs (once they are distributed, otherwise your receipt is fine).
- Participate in Senior Snack Attacks (free snacks, drinks, games, movie, etc.)
- Participate in Senior Field Day (free food/drinks, bounce houses, music, field games, etc.)
- Senior Badge (must have a senior portrait on file)
- Senior Breakfast

Senior Portraits (Sept. 4, 2026) and Cap/Gown Portraits (Feb. 4, 2027) on campus
Various pictures are taken throughout the year for seniors. All pictures taken by Gulf South Pix. All pictures are optional for purchase. See Senior Calendar for specific dates. All Senior Portraits must be taken by Oct. 1, 2026, in order to be included in the yearbook. There are two required signups for on-campus photo sessions: 1.) Pay the sitting fee through gulfsouthpix.com and 2.) Signup Genius for a specific photo time for Sept. 4, 2026; this is done on the Senior Canvas Page.

Graduation Announcements + Caps/Gowns:
On September 4, 2026 a Herff Jones representative will distribute ordering information for graduation announcements, caps, and gowns. Each student will receive a packet. Students who are not on campus the day of the meeting should see either the front office or Ms. Odom the next day to receive their packets. Herff Jones representatives will return to campus September 10, 2026, and be on campus in the lunchroom from 1130am-200pm to process orders. A deposit amount will be given at a later date. In order to ensure your cap/gown is delivered by the time of the graduation ceremony, it must be ordered by **April 1, 2027**. You do not have to wait for the student to attend the meeting at school. You can order the cap/gown at any time through one of the avenues offered below.
***To order a cap/gown you must either see the Herff Jones rep on campus (dates listed above), OR visit www.herffjones.com OR call 850-432-7464.**
**Only the official cap/gown can be worn in the graduation ceremony.

Yearbooks
Seniors who have paid their dues can buy yearbooks at the reduced rate of $65 until October 30. The yearbook price in Nov./Dec. is $90. Students must present their senior dues receipt at the time of sale. Also, the discount can only be processed in-person, so seniors will need to buy books before school on Fridays (booth set up outside the Media Center in the courtyard). The last day to order a yearbook is **December 11, 2026**. Only students who pre-order yearbooks will receive one. The number of yearbooks ordered will not include extras; therefore, you should buy when the sale is conducted. See Jennifer Duke for additional details.

Senior Ads
--Senior Baby Ads can be purchased through the Yearbook Order Center website. https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/product/yearbook_ads.
--Ads are purchased and created by the parents/guardians on the website. Templates are provided to assist with design.

--Due to publishing deadlines, all ads must be created and purchased by November 1, 2026 in order to be included in the yearbook.

Class of 2027 Senior Trip: March 4-7

Senior Trip flyers will be handed-out within the next couple of weeks. Deposits ($200) will be taken through October 2. This must be paid via cash/check to Ms Odom in room 114 **and** accompanied by a signed parent/student info sheet. This paperwork is available through either Ms Odom (room 114) or Mr Mertz (room 108).

It will be on a first-come, first-serve basis until we reach 30 students. After we reach 30, there will be a list of alternates in the event someone drops out. After the deposit, the other payments will be due in November, and January. This must be paid via check/cash to Ms Odom.

*Checks should be made out to West Florida High School (memo: student's name = senior trip)

**Via vans, we will travel to Orlando and the itinerary will include stops at Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, Top Golf (Orlando), Sea World, Medieval Times Dinner Theatre, Dave and Busters, and other venues. Please see Ms Odom for an information flyer and deposit information. The trip cost will be $580 (estimate). Price includes:

- 3 night hotel stay, transportation, admission to Universal Studios, admission to Islands of Adventure, admission to Sea World, dinner/games at Medieval Times, Top Golf with play/drinks/snacks, Dave and Busters meal/drinks/game card, and other food as the budget will permit.
- Exact itinerary will be posted on the Senior Canvas Page during the first week of school.

Scholarship Information

Scholarship information is located in the Guidance Department and on the Senior Canvas Page. Contact a guidance counselor for assistance.

Important Upcoming Dates

(Please note that these dates are subject to change should they interfere with a School District policy or encounter unforeseen circumstances. Should a date be changed, notice will be provided ASAP.)

August-April 30:

*Senior dues may be paid before or after school in Ms. Odom or Mr. Mertz's classroom

**Your Senior Dues must be paid by April 30 in order to attend Senior Field Day

August 12– October 9:

*Senior Class Shirt sale—see Ms. Odom or Mr. Mertz to purchase (the order should be delivered by the first week of November and handed out immediately).

August 24 - October 2:

*Senior Trip Deposit + Paperwork = This is open until we reach either 30 people or October 2 (whichever comes first will signal the end of the availability). Please see Senior Trip paperwork for more information. Paperwork can be picked up from either of the Senior Class Sponsors (Ms Odom and Mr Mertz) starting the first day of school.

September 1:
*Seniors class meeting: will receive graduation announcements, cap and gown information

September 4:
*Senior Portrait (Make Up): See info on previous pages + Senior Canvas page for sign ups

September 10:
*During all lunches– order announcements, caps, and gowns at school (or you can order online/phone anytime until April 1; see more info on previous pages)

September 23:
*College Application Day: See Senior Canvas page and/or Guidance Counselor for more info

October 2:
*Last day for deposits for Senior Trip ($200) unless already at capacity

October 8:
*Senior Snack Attack (proof of paid senior dues is required for participation)
Typically lasts from 3:15-4:30pm**

October 9:
*Last day to order senior shirts/hoodies (order with Ms Odom or Mr Mertz)

October 5-October 9:
*Homecoming Week = Numerous events throughout the week
--All Week = dress up days
--October 8 = Snack attack (for seniors who have paid dues)
--October 9 = Homecoming Game
--October 10 = Homecoming Dance

October 30:
*Last day to purchase yearbooks at reduced price

December 11:
*Last day to order yearbooks

December 15-18:
*Semester Exams for all students

February 4:
*Cap and Gown Portraits (See Jennifer Duke for more info)

March 4-7:
*Senior Trip to Orlando

April 2027:
*Graduation Announcements will be delivered to the school (if purchased from Herff Jones). Balance must be paid in order to pick up announcements.

April 1:
*Last day to order cap/gown to ensure delivery

April 17:
*Prom at Scenic Hills Country Club (times, prices, and specific details will be announced second semester)

April 22:
*Senior Snack Attack (for those who have paid senior dues)
Typically lasts from 3:15-4:45pm**

April 23:
*Senior Pep Rally

May 14:
*Senior Field Day: You must present your senior ID card (paid senior dues) as your ticket to participate in the senior field day activities. Non-participation in field day requires seniors to be present in their regularly scheduled class. The event takes place during last two periods of the day.

May 13-18:
*Senior Final Exams = exams are required to receive credit for the course

May 19:
*Senior Breakfast, Location: WFHS cafeteria. Seniors will be given instructions pertaining to graduation as well as information about Bright Futures, Senior honors, transcripts, and FLVS/EVA/Compass completion. Please be on time. Attendance is mandatory.
*Graduation practice at WFHS – **Practice is mandatory**. Seniors must practice to participate in the graduation exercises. Remember, this is a privilege and not a right. If you choose not to practice, you choose not to march. No excuses—work is not a valid excuse for missing graduation practice. Let your employer know you will not be available to work on this day/time. Practice is directly after Senior Breakfast until released.
*Graduation speeches will be rehearsed immediately following practice. If you do not rehearse your speech at this time, you forfeit your place in the program. Parents, please re-inforce this with your student.
*Seniors who miss more than 15 minutes of this practice either by coming late or leaving early will pick up diplomas the Monday following graduation.

May 18:
*Baccalaureate Service, 6:00 P.M. at Olive Baptist Church (optional)

May 24:
Senior Honors Night - 6:00 p.m. in the WFHS gymnasium
Seniors should wear their caps and gowns during the program. All seniors and their parents are invited to attend.

May 27:
*GRADUATION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! @ Pensacola Bay Center

May 27, 2027 @ 5:30pm
Pensacola Bay Center
(Formerly Pensacola Civic Center)

*All graduates must be attired in caps and gowns to participate in Commencement. The mortarboard should be worn “square” on the forehead, not tilted on the back of the head. Please try on the cap as soon as you get it to make sure that it is the right size. A neat tacking with needle and thread will prevent a lot of slipping and sliding and attaching with bobby pins at the last minute. Please DO NOT alter the cap or gown in any way. Doing so will result in non-admission to the Bay Center ceremony.

**Young men should wear dress collared white shirts, dark tie, dark slacks, dark shoes and socks under their gowns. Neither sandals nor tennis shoes are acceptable. Girls should wear dresses that are not longer than their own gowns and dark dress shoes. No corsages, flowers, hair ornaments, or jewelry may be worn on top of the cap and gown at Commencement. No gum or sunglasses. Flowers may not be carried by the graduates.

No attire other than school designated will be allowed. Please do not attempt to wear something from an off-campus club, society, organization, etc… Any senior who attempts to wear unauthorized articles will be pulled from the graduation line and will not be allowed to “walk” unless the situation is rectified. This is a district-level, backed policy for all schools.

AFTER THE CEREMONY—Each senior will be given his/her diploma after the ceremony. Do not forget that all you receive on stage is the diploma cover. Remember, those who have not participated in the full mandatory graduation practice will pick up their diplomas from the principal the week following graduation.