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High School*



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## *Welcome Class of 2015*

The Fort Pierce Central High School family extends a warm welcome to each of you as you enter the final year of your high school career. We want you to experience a memorable year and we are very excited to assist you in making this a successful year. Many exciting activities are being planned for you. This handbook is provided to you so that you may stay informed about events, deadlines, and amounts due in order to ensure that your Senior year will progress smoothly.

It is important that you realize that you should participate in planned activities if you wish to build memories. Seniors are the best part of our Cobra family! As the leaders of our school, we would like for all of our Seniors to enjoy their last year here at Fort Pierce Central High School.

Please know that as your Class Sponsors, we are here to help you. Feel free to stop by (at an appropriate time), email, or leave a note for either of us if you ever need anything. We will be happy to help you.

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### **Senior Class Officers**

President – Saleshia Ellis  
Vice President – Karen Cadet  
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Secretary – Bryan Thompson  
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## REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING SENIOR ACTIVITIES

### 1. Good Attendance Record

- a. No more than four (4) unexcused absences per quarter.
- b. All notes for absences need to be turned into the attendance office within 3 days. The note should include first and last name, and student identification number. (56...)
- c. Attend school the day of the activity.

### 2. 17 or more COMPLETED credits

School will verify that you are classified as a senior and will graduate in June 2015.

### 3. Minimum GPA of 2.0

### 4. Good discipline record

Subject to approval by Administration, the Deans, and the Senior sponsors.

### 5. Turn in correctly completed and signed permission forms by the specified date

A Parent or Guardian must sign the permission form for participation unless a Senior has filed Emancipation Papers with the Attendance Office.

### 6. All financial obligations must be paid in full.

At Fort Pierce Central High School it is expected that ALL students will be on their best behavior at all senior activities. **Seniors who do not follow the rules at any of the senior activities will NOT be permitted to attend other Senior functions.** You may also be subject to a Discipline referral, along with disciplinary action.

## SENIOR BREAKFAST

The Senior Breakfast will be held at The Inlet and Beachfront Inn in Fort Pierce on **Wednesday, October 15th, 2014 from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.** Seniors attending the breakfast will meet at the restaurant at 7:30AM. The cost of the Senior Breakfast is **\$15.00 per person.** This includes your meal & gratuity. In order to reserve your breakfast spot, you must turn in the permission form with the payment. Permission forms are included at the end of this Handbook. Checks should be made payable to FPCHS. **The final deadline for payment is Tuesday, October 7th, 2014.** No reservations will be made after this date. NO refunds will be given after this date.

If a student requests to sign out upon returning to school, SLC School District Policy must be followed. In order to leave with an excused absence, you must complete the section on the permission slip giving your parent's name, home phone number, work phone number and cell phone number. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Schwerer will be calling to verify. During breakfast you will receive an off campus pass which will allow you to leave early

You may **not** leave campus early if verification is not made prior to the Senior Breakfast. If you do not have a pass you will not be allowed to leave.

**NO LAST MINUTE PHONE CALLS WILL BE MADE OR ACCEPTED.**

## SENIOR PINNING

The Senior Pinning will be held on Monday, November 24, 2014. You must be present to receive a pin. No pins will be awarded after this date. **Dress code:** This is a rite of passage, a dignified ceremony. Please wear professional attire. Parents/guardians are invited. More information will be available soon.

## SENIOR WEEK

Senior Week for the Class of '15 will take place in the spring of 2015, April 20 – 24. Many activities are being planned and we hope that all Seniors will get involved in this special week honoring you as our future. **One permission slip will be required for the entire week. You will select which activities you want to attend.**

Monday – Thursday TBA  
FRIDAY **GRAD BASH**

## UNIVERSAL GRAD BASH 2015

Grad Bash, Friday, April 24th, 2015, is a special party at the Universal Islands of Adventure and Universal Theme Parks for graduating high school seniors. Universal Studios, which is closed to the general public for this event, will begin the party at 7:00 PM and the event will continue until 2:00AM.

All students attending Grad Bash must arrive and depart by bus, with the school group. **Under no circumstances can a student drive to/from Grad Bash.** Once our school enters Grad Bash, students and chaperones must remain in the parks until transportation out of the park resumes at 2:00 AM.

As Grad Bash is such a special event for Seniors, Universal Studios requires that students dress accordingly. **Universal Studios provides a dress code brochure which outlines approved attire.** Dress code rules will be provided upon sign up for the trip. **Individuals violating the dress code will not be allowed on the bus to leave Fort Pierce Central High School.**

We will be leaving from the student parking lot at Fort Pierce Central High School at approximately 3:30 pm on Friday, April 24th, 2015. We will be returning to FPCHS by 4:00 *a.m.* Saturday morning, April 25th, 2015. **Please have transportation ready to pick you up Saturday morning when we return to Fort Pierce Central High School by 4:00 AM.**

Travel to Grad Bash will be by charter buses. Students will be assigned to a bus when they make their first deposit. If you want to ride with your friends on the same bus, you must come in together. Sign up/make payments before or after school, or during lunch in Room 4-102. **You may not sign anyone's name to the bus list but your own.** If you have privileges and are not here during lunch, you will need to make arrangements to be at school. The Senior sponsors have the right to assign any student to a specific bus.

**Alcohol, drugs, and cigarettes are never permitted in Universal Studios.** All guests will be searched to prevent these substances from entering the parks. Students under the influence of drugs or alcohol during Grad Bash will be brought to Security. A chaperone will be notified and your parent will be responsible to pick you up from the park. If students are accused of any illegal activities, it will be the responsibility of the parent to pick up the student from the park or legal authorities.

**Ticket price for Grad Bash \$110.** Checks should be made payable to Fort Pierce Central High School. There are two (2) payment options for Grad Bash.

1. Three (3) payment installment plan. These installments will follow the plan below:

Payment 1:	December 12, 2014	\$40.00
Payment 2:	January 16, 2015	35.00
Payment 3:	February 13, 2015 No Checks	35.00

**Payments will only be accepted on the dates listed above. NO exceptions will be made.**

2. One payment of \$110.00 by February 13, 2015 **if seats are available.**

**No refunds will be made for any reason after February 17, 2015.**

Remember: **You cannot attend Grad Bash unless you have been cleared all of your obligations and have met all Senior requirements.**

### **DRESS CODE FOR GRAD BASH**

You will not be allowed on the bus if you are not in dress code. Please note additional unacceptable attire per Universal Studios.

#### **UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE**

- Backpacks of any size, type or style
- Accessories that may be used as weapons (chains, spiked collars or belts, sharp objects, pendants or charms larger than 2 inches)
- Clothing with holes, tearing, or shredding
- Clothing with language or graphics that are obscene, offensive or suggestive of sexual, vulgar, drug, alcohol, or tobacco-related messaging.
- Gang paraphernalia, jewelry, tattoos, clothing or other insignias which display, suggest or provoke violence.
- Clothing that is too tight or exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function
- Revealing clothing (i.e. Tops that bare the midriff or sides even when arms are extended above the head, see-through clothing, etc.)
- Visible undergarments
- Clothing or accessories with high school name, mascot or logos
- High school jerseys or other attire displaying high school name/letters or mascot
- Sports team apparel of any kind (high school, college, group, club, or professional)
- Clothing or accessories with area codes

## CLASS PICTURE

We are working on having a class picture taken this year. When plans are finalized, a date for the picture will be posted. All graduating seniors will be requested to be present in the Gym for this picture. You must present your FPC picture ID as proof of Senior status.

## IRSC BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

Seniors from all St. Lucie County High Schools are invited to attend the annual Baccalaureate Ceremony sponsored by IRSC. The tentative date is May 26, in the evening. Students wear their caps and gowns and 1 student from each high school speaks on behalf of the student body. Families are invited, as well.

# Graduation

## \$70

The Graduation fee covers the following: cap, gown, Senior pinning, FPC hood and tassel, and diploma cover. Purple gowns will be worn by both male and female students.

Representatives from Herff Jones will be at Fort Pierce Central High School on October 21 at 10:00 for a mandatory Senior presentation on caps and gowns. Parents are encouraged to attend this presentation.

\*\*\*The Class of 2015 Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be selected based upon their January 2015 GPA's. All gold tassels and honor hoods will be ordered based on students January 2015 GPA's.

## Measurement for Graduation Cap and Gown

The ordering of your cap and gown for Graduation will be taken by Herff Jones. You must complete an order form for the cap and gown when the Herff Jones representatives are on campus October 30 or 31 (during lunches). They will also be available for families on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10:00 – 12:00. The deposit is due at this time for ordering. **Checks must be made payable to Herff Jones.**

Caps and gowns will be distributed May 26 - after the first graduation practice.



## Graduation Pictures/Announcements/Tickets

Parents will be able to purchase picture packages from the Graduation Ceremony. More information will be presented to students on what will be available and how to purchase. This will also be handled by Herff-Jones.

The Herff Jones representatives will present the Fort Pierce Central High School Class of 2015 graduation announcements and other graduation memorabilia. The cost of announcements varies depending upon the item(s) you choose to purchase and the quantity. A deposit for your announcement order will need to be paid when you place your order. The amount of the required deposit will be given to you in the meeting with Herff Jones. If you pay by check, **make the check payable to Herff Jones.**

Announcements may be purchased at other locations in our area, but they will not look the same as the official Fort Pierce Central High School announcement designed by your classmates, and are often priced higher.

Tickets for graduation will be distributed at the mandatory *second* practice, May 29, at the Adams Arena/Fairgrounds.

All Seniors will receive a specific number of tickets to the Graduation ceremony. The number is determined by the County/School Graduation Committee. Due to the planned seating arrangement for Graduation and to traffic and security considerations, there is a maximum seating capacity for the Graduation Ceremony that will be followed by the County School Board and Law Enforcement.

\*\* Graduates will receive the allocated tickets at the May 29<sup>th</sup> rehearsal. You may request additional tickets, however, there is no guarantee that extras will be available.

**All obligations...books, library fines, parking fines, athletics, activity moneys, and any other outstanding obligation...must be cleared before a cap and gown will be given to you.**

It is not wise to wait until the last minute to take care of these important matters.

## Graduation Ceremony

A High School Graduation Contract is included in this Handbook. In order to participate in the Graduation Ceremony – after fulfilling all the requirements, you and your Parent/Guardian need to read and sign this contract. Return the contract to Ms. Hoffman no later than **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**.

To graduate in May, you are **REQUIRED** to attend the two **(2)** rehearsals that will guide you through the Graduation Ceremony activities. The first rehearsal is Tuesday, May 26 at 8:30 in the Gym. The second practice will be held at the location of the Graduation Ceremony (Adams Arena at the Saint Lucie County Fairgrounds) on Friday, May 29. Time TBA.

**Graduation is on Saturday, May 30 at 6:00 pm.**

**IF YOU PLAN TO WALK FOR GRADUATION YOU MUST ATTEND ALL PRACTICES.**

*So make your plans now to attend. Clear your calendars.*

**Required Dress Code for Graduation**

Ladies: White dresses or skirts/blouses so that the colors don't show through the gown. Do not let your dress show below the hem of your gown. Dress shoes should be **white**. Thong type shoes (any type of flip flop) are not allowed. This is a safety issue for your protection as you are going up and down the stairs of a stage. If stockings are worn, they should be flesh colored.

Gentlemen: Black dress slacks and a white dress shirt must be worn. You must wear black shoes with dark colored socks. **No tennis shoes or sandals may be worn.**

**A DETAILED dress code for graduation will be given to Seniors in May.**

**REFUND POLICY**

*Once orders have been placed NO refunds will be made!*

**SENIOR FUND RAISERS**

The Senior Class Officers are hoping to plan some fundraisers to off-set costs. They will provide further information and appreciate your support!

## **Fort Pierce Central High School Graduation Contract**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of Senior),  
Being a Senior of the Class of 2015 at Fort Pierce Central High School and planning to participate  
in the Graduation Ceremony to be conducted on May 30, 2015, do agree to the following:

I WILL ATTEND the Graduation Practice to be held at FPC the week of Graduation and I WILL  
STAY FOR THE ENTIRE PRACTICE.

I WILL ATTEND the Graduation Practice to be held at the location of the Graduation Ceremony  
during the week of graduation and I WILL STAY FOR FOR THE ENTIRE PRACTICE.

I WILL FOLLOW all guidelines concerning behavior and dress code established by the Graduation  
Committee of Saint Lucie County and of FPCHS.

I WILL ARRIVE ON TIME to all graduation practices and also at the designated time for the  
Graduation Ceremony.

I WILL NOT DISRUPT the Graduation Ceremony by leaving my seat at inappropriate times, while  
in line or on the stage.

I WILL NOT LEAVE the Graduation Ceremony until the Recessional is complete.

I understand and acknowledge that failure to attend BOTH graduation rehearsals in their  
entirety may result in my not participating in the ceremony. If there are extenuating  
circumstances and permission is granted for participation, I will be positioned at the end of the  
processional line for presentation of my diploma.

I understand and acknowledge that any misbehavior and/or disruptive actions during the  
graduation ceremony will result in my Diploma being pulled and I will not be able to receive my  
Diploma until I have (1) written letters of apology (minimum 100 words) to the Administration of  
FPCHS and to the Senior Sponsors of FPCHS, and (2) completed five (5) hours of volunteer service  
at the school. I will not be able to receive my diploma until all of the above is completed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT STUDENT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

I, as the Parent of Guardian of the above listed Senior of the Class of 2015, have read this Graduation Contract. I understand and acknowledge its contents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## 2014 – 15 Tentative Calendar of Events

<b>Date*</b>	<b>Time*</b>	<b>Event*</b>	<b>Place*</b>
October 6 - 11	Lunches/12:45	Homecoming Week/Pep Rally	Gym
October 11	7:30pm – 11:00pm	Homecoming Dance	Gym
October 15	8:00 – 9:00 am	Senior Breakfast	Inlet and Beachfront Inn
October 21	10:00 am	Cap/Gown Meeting	Auditorium
October 30-31	A & B Lunch	Herff Jones Orders/Measurements	Cafeteria
November 1	10:00am-12:00pm	Herff Jones Orders/Measurements	Main Entrance
October 24	4:30pm - 3:00am	Halloween Horror Nights	Orlando, FL
November 24	TBA	Senior Pinning	TBA
<i>December 12th, 2014</i>		<i>1<sup>st</sup> Grad Bash Payment Due</i>	<i>Rm. 3-123</i>
<i>January 16, 2015</i>		<i>2nd Grad Bash Payment Due</i>	<i>Rm. 3-123</i>
<i>February 13, 2015</i>		<i>Final Grad Bash Payment Due</i>	<i>Rm.3-123</i>
April 20 - 24	Various	Senior Week	Various
April 24	3:30 – 4:00 am (4/25)	Grad Bash	Universal
May 2 (tentative)	TBA	Prom	TBA
May 26	TBA	Baccalaureate Ceremony	IRSC
May 26	8:30am	Graduation Practice	Gym
May 29	TBA	Graduation Practice	Fairgrounds
May 30	6:00pm	Graduation	Fairgrounds

Students with morning Senior privileges you are still required to make arrangements to be at the Senior meetings.

Dual Enrollment students should provide the Senior sponsors with an e-mail address in order to receive updates.

**It is the responsibility of all Seniors to check with the sponsors and to look on the website for updates.**

\*All dates, times, prices, and events are subject to change.

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## Fort Pierce Central High School Senior Obligations Check Out List

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE CLEARED TO RECEIVE A GRADUATION CLEARANCE TICKET!**

<u>Obligations</u>	<u>Report to/Location</u>	<u>Required Signature</u>	<u>Date</u> <small>(must be after May 4)</small>
<i>Library Books</i>	<i>Mrs. Gaskin, Media Center</i>		
<i>Textbooks</i>	<i>Mrs. Gaskin, Media Center</i>		
<i>Athletics</i>	<i>Mrs. Stanton, Gym</i>		
<i>Cafeteria</i>	<i>Mrs. Ludwig, Cafeteria</i>		
<i>Graduation Contract</i>	<i>Ms. Hoffman 4-102</i>		
<b>If you are a member of any club, check with your sponsor to see if you have any obligations.</b>	<b>Ms. Hale will have an obligation list. You will not receive a clearance ticket if you have any outstanding obligations.</b>		
<i>Completed Checkout Sheet</i>	<i>Ms. Hale/Front Office</i>		

Please check with your club sponsor to clear the fine amount(s) for the club(s) below and return with payment receipt to **Ms. Hale in the Front Office.**

<u>Club/Organization</u>	<u>Fine Amount</u>	<u>Signature</u>
	\$	
	\$	

Note: Secure the signatures of the appropriate staff members and **return the completed sheet to Ms. Hale in the Front Office by Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Do not turn in without all signatures complete.**

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**Fort Pierce, Florida**  
**PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM**

We, the undersigned parents of \_\_\_\_\_,

hereinafter referred to as the "student" do grant permission for the student to take a

school sponsored trip to: The Inlet and Beachfront Inn - 110 S. Ocean Drive, Ft. Pierce - Senior Breakfast - Class of 2015.

The students will be accompanied by their teacher(s). Students will leave campus

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. and return by 9:30 a.m.

Date

Time

Time

*Students are responsible for their own transportation.*

My son/daughter understands that he/she must follow the rules and regulations of the St. Lucie County School System as well as the Florida High School Athletic Association.

I authorize the school to obtain, through a physician of its own choice, any emergency medical care that may be necessary for the student in the course of such activities or such travel.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(telephone)

(If the permission is signed by persons other than the parents, the signer should identify his or her relationship with the student.)

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Cost is \$15 and must be paid no later than October 7, 2014 to reserve a spot. There will be no refunds after that date. Make checks to Ft. Pierce Central High School.

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\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ and return \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date Time Time

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