

Class of 2014

Treasure Coast High School

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Welcome Class of 2014

The Treasure Coast High School family extends a warm welcome to each of you as you continue with the final year of your high school career. We want you to experience a memorable year and we are very excited to assist with making this a successful year; as many exciting activities are being planned for you. This handbook is provided to keep you up to date with events, deadlines, and pending fees.

Seniors are the best part of our Treasure Coast family! It is important that we all build strong relationships and memories by participating in planned activities. As school leaders, we expect you to set an example, stay motivated and most of all have a memorable final year, filled with fun school spirited activities.

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 are in need of assistance. We are here for you!

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Senior Fees

Senior fees cover the following: diploma, embossed diploma cover, graduation tickets, and our senior portrait for the school from the Class of 2014.

Senior fees for the 2013-2014 school year is \$35.00 per student.

The payment for senior fees will be collected by Treasure Coast High School counselors. **The fees are due before January 1st 2014. After January 1st, the fee will increase to \$45.00 and after May 1st, the fee will increase to \$55.00.**

REFUND POLICY

If you have paid your graduation fees and do not graduate in 2014, but you return to Treasure Coast High School in the fall of 2014 as a 2nd year Senior, the Senior fee for the Class of 2015 will be waived.

If you do not graduate in June of 2014 and do not return to Treasure Coast High School, NO refund will be issued.

Graduation Items

Representatives from Herff Jones will be at Treasure Coast High School on **November 15, 2013** for a mandatory senior presentation on caps, gowns, victory hoods, and class of 2014 tassels.

Herff Jones representatives will be on campus the week of **November 17th – 22nd** taking graduation material orders. **The deadline to order materials from Herff Jones is January 1, 2014. After January 1st, the cost will increase.**

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 Herff Jones representatives are on campus in November. Please note the deposit will be due at the time of ordering and checks must be made payable to Herff Jones. You can also order on line at www.herfforlando.com. Create a student account and continue your ordering.

Graduation Announcements

The Herff Jones representatives will present the Treasure Coast High School Class of 2014 graduation announcements and other graduation memorabilia. See Dates above. 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.**

*******Parents are encouraged to meet with Herff Jones. Do not miss this opportunity to order all of the items you may need to celebrate your graduation.*******

PICKING UP YOUR CAP AND GOWN FOR GRADUATION

Your cap and gown may be picked up during our first mandatory practice for graduation on:

Tuesday, May 27th at 8:00am in the TCHS Auditorium

All seniors will receive **6 (six) tickets** to the graduation ceremony. The number will be determined by the County Graduation Committee. Due to the planned seating arrangement for graduation and because of traffic and security considerations, there is a seating capacity for the graduation ceremony that will be enforced by the County School Board.

** Graduates should sign a ticket request form during the second week in May to request additional tickets for the Graduation Ceremony. Every attempt will be made to give you additional tickets. However, there is **NO GUARANTEE** that you will receive the total number of tickets you request. The ticket request form will be located in the 1 WEST SLC Office with Mrs. King.

Before your cap and gown can be issued to you, all obligations...books, library fines, parking fines, athletics, activity moneys, and any other outstanding obligation...must be cleared.

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

2014 Graduation

A Treasure Coast High School Graduation Contract will be distributed to students during the beginning of the second semester. If you have plans to graduate in June 2014, you and your Parent/Guardian must read and sign this contract. Signed contracts must be returned to either Mrs. Belgraves and / or Mrs. King no later than **Friday, April 11th.**

To graduate in 2014, you are **REQUIRED** to attend the two (2) rehearsals that will guide you through the Graduation Ceremony activities. One of these practices will be held at TCHS along with gown pickup and the second practice will be held at the location of the Graduation Ceremony (Adams Arena at the Saint Lucie County Fairgrounds).

Practice Dates:

May 27th – 8:00am - TCHS Auditorium

May 29th – 11:30am - St. Lucie County Fair Grounds / Adams Arena

IF YOU PLAN TO WALK FOR GRADUATION YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH PRACTICES.

So make your plans now to attend; as soon as you are told the dates of the practices you will need to ask for time off from work.

Required dress code for graduation

- Ladies: Dresses or skirts/blouses: do not let your dress show below the hem of your gown.
Dress shoes will be black. 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.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Seniors must:

1. HAVE A GOOD ATTENDANCE RECORD.

- a. Excessive absences may result in your NOT being allowed to participate in Senior Activities. No more than four (4) unexcused absences per quarter.
- b. Special circumstances will be addressed and considered on an individual basis.
- c. Remember that 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...)

2. Be a Senior of Record (18 or more COMPLETED credits)

School records must verify you are classified as a senior, (at the beginning of the year for first semester activities, at the beginning of second semester for second semester activities), and will graduate in June 2014. **Must have a minimum GPA of 2.0**

3. HAVE A GOOD DISCIPLINE RECORD

Subject to approval by administration, the deans, and the senior sponsors. No level 3 offenses or higher. May not have a combined point of 4 or higher.

4. TURN IN CORRECTLY COMPLETED and SIGNED PERMISSION FORMS BY THE SPECIFIED DATE

THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE SIGNATURE for parent/guardian permission for participation in a Senior Trip/Activity is the signature of the Parent or Guardian unless a senior has filed Emancipation Papers with the Attendance Office.

5. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL SENIOR ACTIVITIES

At Treasure Coast 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 PINNING

The Senior Pinning will be held in the auditorium on **Friday, September 20th 2013.** If students are planning on signing out after Senior Pinning they must have notes from parents to the attendance office no later **than September 13th, 2013.**

BUSCH GARDENS HOWL-O-SCREAM

Howl-O-Scream 2013 will transform Busch Gardens Tampa into a nightmare of inescapable fear with psychotic surprises around every turn. The devious creatures that infest all-new haunted houses, scare zones, thrilling shows and even the streets themselves will have guests watching their backs, and bone-chilling roller coasters to keep the screams coming all night long.

The date of this event is **Friday, October 25, 2013**. The cost of admission and transportation is **\$85**. Permission slips and full payment will be collected September 10th – October 14th. You must meet all senior requirements to attend. Checks will **not** be accepted; the only forms of accepted payment are money orders, cashier's checks, and cash. No refunds. **Tickets are limited**. The district Code of Conduct, as well as all school rules, apply on all field trips.

GRAD BASH – April 25th 2014

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS/ISLAND OF ADVENTURE GRAD BASH 2014

Grad Bash, Friday, April 25, 2014, is a special party at the Universal Studios/Island of Adventure parks for graduating high school seniors. Universal, which is closed to the general public for this event, will begin the party at 7:00 PM and the event will continue until 2:00 AM.

All students attending Grad Bash must arrive by bus. **Under no circumstances can a student drive to 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.

Since Grad Bash is such a special event for seniors, Universal Studios requires the students to dress accordingly. **Universal Studios provides us with 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 Treasure Coast High School**.

We will be leaving from the student parking lot at Treasure Coast High School at **approximately 4:00 pm on Friday, April 25, 2014**. We will be returning to TCHS at 4:00 am Saturday morning, April 26, 2014. **PLEASE HAVE TRANSPORTATION READY TO PICK YOU UP SATURDAY MORNING WHEN WE RETURN TO TREASURE COAST HIGH SCHOOL AT 4:00 AM**.

Travel to Grad Bash will be by charter buses. **Students will sign up to ride on a specific bus. Bus lists will be available for sign up in April during B lunch only**. If you have not

signed up for a bus by the end of the last sign-up date, the senior sponsors will assign you to a bus.

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/Islands of Adventures and Grad Bash is no exception. 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.

ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 25th.

Students must be in school on Friday, April 25, 2014. If you have an appointment which will keep you out of school, you must provide a note to both the attendance office (Ms. Evans) and a senior sponsor (Mrs. Belgraves or Mrs. King) at least two days prior (by Wednesday, April 23th).

Ticket price for Grad Bash is \$110 at this time. Unfortunately, due to the current status of gasoline prices the cost of the bus could increase. If this happens, it will cause an increase in the cost of the Grad Bash ticket. Checks will **not** be accepted; the only forms of accepted payment are money orders, cashier's checks, and cash. There is one (1) payment option for Grad Bash this year.

1. One payment of \$110.00

No refunds will be made for any reason after February 14th.

Remember: **You cannot attend Grad Bash unless your obligations are clear and you have met all senior requirements.**

DRESS CODE FOR GRAD BASH

Students are to be in TCHS dress code for Grad Bash. Shorts and skirts must be knee length. Shoes must have a back. 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

Tentative Calendar of Events

Date*	Time*	Event*
August 27, 2013	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Senior Parent Meeting
September 6, 2013	9:15am – 10:30am	Senior Welcome Meeting
September 20, 2013	9:00am – 11:00am	Senior Pinning
October 10, 2013	7:00pm – 11:00pm	Homecoming Pep Rally
October 11, 2013	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Homecoming Game
October 12, 2013	TBA	Homecoming Dance
October 25, 2013	4:30pm - 3:00am	Howl-O-Scream - \$85.00
November 15, 2013	9:15am – 10:30am	Senior Meeting
Herff Jones Graduation Materials meeting		
Nov. 10, 14,15th, 2013	during B-lunch and Saturday	Graduation item ordering
January 7, 2014	8:30 – 10:30am	Clash of the TITANS
January 31, 2014	9:30am	Panoramic Photo - Gym
March 7, 2014	9:15am – 10:30am	Senior Meeting
April 25-26, 2014	4:30pm – 4:00am	Grad Bash
May 26-30, 2014	8:00am – 10:00am	Graduation Rehearsals
May 31, 2014	1:00pm	Graduation (Adams Arena)

If you have morning senior privileges you are still required to make arrangements to be at the senior meetings.

Dual Enrollment students should provide Mrs. King 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.**

Treasure Coast High School Graduation Contract

I, _____ (print name of senior),
Being a Senior of the Class of 2014 at Treasure Coast High School and planning to participate in the
Graduation Ceremony to be conducted on June 1st, 2013, do agree to the following:

I WILL ATTEND the Graduation Practice to be held at TCHS on **May 27th at 8:00am** in the Auditorium and I WILL STAY FOR THE ENTIRE PRACTICE.

I WILL ATTEND the Graduation Practice to be held on **May 29th at 11:30am** in the Adams Arena and I WILL STAY 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 TCHS.

I WILL NOT DISRUPT the Graduation Ceremony by leaving my seat at inappropriate times.

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

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 TCHS and to the Senior Sponsors of TCHS, 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 2014, have read this Graduation Contract. I understand and acknowledge its contents.

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE