

*Class of 2019*

*Fort Pierce Westwood  
High School*



*Senior Handbook*

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## *Welcome Class of 2019*

The Fort Pierce Westwood 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 and successful year and we are very excited to assist you throughout the 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 Panther family! As the leaders of our school, we would like for all of our Seniors to enjoy their last year here at Fort Pierce Westwood 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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**For updates and reminders – Remind App FPWSeniors2019 code: 2k9dec**

### **Senior Class Officers**

President – Delelia Baskett

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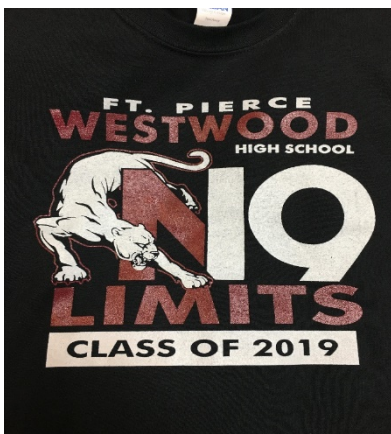
Treasurer – Madison Strowbridge

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING SENIOR ACTIVITIES



### 1. Good Attendance Record

- a. No more than five (5) 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...) and parent info.
- c. Students must attend school the day of the activity.

### 2. Good discipline record

Subject to approval by Administration, the Deans, and the Senior sponsors. No Level 3 or 4 offenses.

### 3. Turn in correctly completed and signed permission forms/paperwork and money by the specified due date

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

### 4. All St. Lucie County School District financial obligations must be paid in full.

At Fort Pierce Westwood 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 – on or off campus - will NOT be permitted to attend other Senior functions.** You may also be subject to a Discipline referral, along with additional disciplinary action.



# COLLEGE NIGHT

Parents and students are invited to attend SLC's District College Night. Many schools will be represented to provide information. The event will be held at the PSL Civic Center on Oct. 18, 2018 at 6:00.



## SAT DATES

Test Date	Normal Registration	Late Registration	Score Release
Aug 25, 2018	Jul 27, 2018	Aug 10, 2018	Sept 13, 2018
Oct 6, 2018	Sep 7, 2018	Sep 21, 2018	Oct 25, 2018
Nov 3, 2018	Oct 5, 2018	Oct 19, 2018	Nov 22, 2018
Dec 1, 2018	Nov 2, 2018	Nov 16, 2018	Dec 20, 2018
Mar 9, 2019	Feb 8, 2019	Feb 22, 2019	Mar 28, 2018
May 4, 2019	Apr 5, 2019	Apr 19, 2019	May 23, 2018
Jun 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 17, 2019	June 20, 2018

## ACT DATES

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Score Release*
Sept 8, 2018	Aug 3, 2018	Aug 17, 2018	Sept 18; Oct 2, 2018
Oct 27, 2018	Sept 21, 2018	Oct 5, 2018	Nov 6; Nov 20, 2018
Dec 8, 2018	Nov 2, 2018	Nov 16, 2018	Dec 18, 2018; Jan 1, 2019
Feb 9, 2019	Jan 4, 2019	Jan 18, 2019	Feb 19; Mar 5, 2019
Apr 13, 2019	Mar 8, 2019	Mar 22, 2019	Apr 23; May 7, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 17, 2019	June 18; July 2, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 21, 2019	July 23; Aug 6, 2019

# SENIOR BREAKFAST



The Senior Breakfast will be held at Cobb's Landing in downtown Fort Pierce on **Friday, Oct. 19, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Seniors attending the breakfast will meet at school and ride a bus with the class to the restaurant. Students must ride the bus in order to attend. The cost of the Senior Breakfast is **\$20.00 per person.** This includes your meal, bus & gratuity. In order to reserve your breakfast spot, you must turn in the permission form with the payment. Payment can be made with cash or credit card – no checks. Ticket sales will begin on Monday, Oct. 1. **The final deadline for payment and permission slip is Tuesday, October 16, 2018.** No reservations will be made after this date. There will be NO Refunds - NO Exceptions.

If a student wishes to sign out after the breakfast, 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. If need be, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Hoffman or Administration will call to verify. You may **not** leave campus early if verification is not made *prior to* the Senior Breakfast.

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

Students are expected to follow our **FPWHS Dress Code** for the Senior Breakfast.



# SENIOR PINNING

Senior Pinning is a formal pre-graduation ceremony. It is held to recognize Seniors that are on track for Graduation. The Pinning will be held on **Friday, January 18, 2019** in the FPWHS Gymnasium. Parents/guardians are invited. As this is a dignified ceremony, students are expected to wear professional attire – continuing to adhere to the School/District standards.

# SENIOR WEEK

Senior Week for the Class of '19 will take place in the spring, April 22 – 26. Many activities are being planned and we hope that all Seniors will get involved in this special week honoring you as our future. Past activities have included Field Trips, Teacher Shadow Day, Senior Picnic, and various “theme” days. You can choose to participate in all events or specific activities. More information will be provided prior to the week.



## UNIVERSAL GRAD BASH 2019

Grad Bash - Friday, April 26, 2019, 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 and dinner at 5:00 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 Westwood High School.**

We will be leaving from the student parking lot at Fort Pierce Westwood High School at approximately 3:00 pm on Friday, April 26, 2019. We will be returning to FPWHS by 4:00 *a.m.* Saturday morning, April 27, 2019. **Please have transportation ready to pick you up Saturday morning when we return to Fort Pierce Westwood 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 625. 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 is \$150.00. Dinner is included in the price.** Payment can be made with cash or Credit card. No checks will be accepted.

There are two (2) payment options for Grad Bash.

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

Payment 1:	November 9, 2018	\$50.00
Payment 2:	February 1, 2019	50.00
Payment 3:	March 8, 2019	50.00

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

2. One payment of \$150.00 by March 8, 2019 - **IF seats are still available.**

**No refunds will be made for any reason!**

**Reminder – students with more than 5 unexcused absences during  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-weeks will NOT be allowed to attend Gradbash and will  
NOT receive a refund for any payments made.**

*Remember:* **You cannot attend Grad Bash unless you have been cleared of all 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 – information is posted on their website.

#### **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

For additional information regarding performers and other procedures, please see the Universal website.





## SENIOR CLASS PICTURE

All eligible Seniors will take part in the class panoramic picture. This will take place in the gym in the Spring. Information on purchasing the panoramic picture will come from Ms. Harris.



## Graduation

**\$85 (basic package)**

***\$110 after Dec. 31***

The Graduation fee covers the following: cap, gown, ribbon, medallion, hood, tassel, and diploma cover. Maroon gowns will be worn by both male and female students. All Seniors participating in Graduation must purchase a cap and gown. Regalia from previous Westwood Graduations cannot be worn/reused.

Representatives from Herff Jones will be at Fort Pierce Westwood High School on October 3rd at 12:30pm for a mandatory Senior presentation on caps and gowns. Parents are encouraged to attend this presentation.

### Ordering Your Cap and Gown

All orders for cap and gown for Graduation will be done by Herff-Jones. You can complete an order form for the cap and gown when the Herff Jones representatives are on campus on the dates below or orders may be done through their website [www.herfforlando.com](http://www.herfforlando.com) A deposit is due at the time of ordering.

**Checks must be made payable to Herff-Jones.**

HJ Reps on campus: October 16 and 17 – A, B, and C Lunches; MOA – during 1<sup>st</sup> pd.  
Parents are encouraged to come with your Senior to place an order.

**Honor students** (3.0 GPA and above) and **High Honor** students (3.8 GPA and above) will have the opportunity to purchase additional graduation tassels and stoles to signify this accomplishment. These will be sold by the school beginning in March. Honors and High Honors are based on a student's GPA at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Senior Year. GPAs and final class rank information will be available in late-January 2019.

Individual clubs and organizations will provide information for purchasing their cords and/or stoles. These will be awarded at our Senior Awards Ceremony in May, date is TBA.

The Class of 2019 Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be selected based upon the January 2019 GPA's.

FPWHS will distribute caps and gowns *after* the second Graduation practice in May, date is TBA.

**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. The completed Graduation Checklist must be turned in to the Guidance Office to receive your cap and gown.**



## **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 from the designated Photography company.

The Herff Jones representatives will present the Fort Pierce Westwood High School Class of 2019 graduation announcements and other graduation memorabilia on October 3, 2018. 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 Westwood High School announcement used by your classmates, and they are often priced higher.

Tickets for Graduation will be distributed at the mandatory second Graduation practice in May.

All Seniors will receive a specific number of tickets to the Graduation ceremony. The number is determined by the St. Lucie 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 Fenn Center that will be followed by the County School Board and Law Enforcement.

# Graduation Ceremony

In order to participate in the Graduation Ceremony – after fulfilling all the requirements - you and your Parent/Guardian need to read and sign the contract. Return the contract to Ms. Wilson or Ms. Hoffman **May 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

To graduate in May, you are **REQUIRED** to attend both Graduation Rehearsals in May, in the Gym.

**Graduation is scheduled for May 21, 2019.**

**Date/Time of Ceremony is set by SLPS' Graduation Committee and is subject to change**

We will post the official **date/time** on **Facebook** and via **Remind App**.

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

## Required Dress Code for Graduation

- Ladies: Black 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 **dress**. 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. A dark colored tie is also required. **No tennis shoes or sandals may be worn.**

# Fort Pierce Westwood High School Graduation Contract 2019

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of Senior),  
Being a Senior of the **Class of 2019** at Fort Pierce Westwood High School and planning to participate in the Graduation Ceremony to be conducted on **May 21, 2019**, do agree to the following:

I WILL ATTEND the Graduation Practices to be held at FPW the week of Graduation and I WILL STAY FOR THE ENTIRE PRACTICES.

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

I WILL ARRIVE ON TIME to the Graduation practices and 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. If there is video/big screen available, I WILL NOT HAVE INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR in the line, in my seat or on stage.

I WILL NOT USE ANY ELECTRONICS DURING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OR THE PROCESSIONAL/RECESSIONAL.

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

I understand and acknowledge that failure to attend the graduation practices 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 FPWHS and to the Senior Sponsors of FPWHS, 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 or Guardian of the above listed Senior of the Class of **2019**, have read this Graduation Contract. I understand and acknowledge its contents.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## 2018 – 19 Tentative Calendar of Events

<b>Date*</b>	<b>Time*</b>	<b>Event*</b>	<b>Place*</b>
September 25	7:30 – 2:00	Senior Portraits	Auditorium
September 25	6:00pm	Senior & Parent Night	Auditorium
October 1	-	FAFSA Opens	<i>online</i>
October 3	12:30pm	Cap/Gown Meeting	Auditorium
October 8 – 12	Lunches /School day	Homecoming Week	Campus/Gym
October 13	TBA	Homecoming Dance	Gym
October 16 - 17	Lunches /School day	Cap and Gown Orders	Cafeteria
October 18	6:00 pm	District College Fair	PSL Civic Center
October 19	9:45 am	Senior Breakfast	Cobb's Landing
November 9		<i>1<sup>st</sup> Grad Bash Payment Due</i>	
December TBA	7:45 – 1:30	Andretti Thrill Park	Melbourne
<b>January 1</b>	<b><i>*Price of the basic <b>Cap and Gown</b> package increases to \$110.00*</i></b>		
January 18	TBA	Senior Pinning	FPWHS Gym
<i>February 1</i>		<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Grad Bash Payment and paperwork Due</i>	
<i>March 8</i>		<i>Final Grad Bash Payment Due</i>	
March TBA	TBA	3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks Activity	TBA
April 22 - 26	Various	Senior Week	Various
April 26 - 27	2:30pm – 4:00am	Grad Bash	Universal Studios
April (TBA)	TBA	Prom	(TBA)
May (TBA)	TBA	Graduation Practice #1	FPWHS Gym
May (TBA)	TBA	Graduation Practice #2	FPWHS Gym
May 21*	TBA	Graduation Ceremony	Fenn Center

Students with morning/afternoon **Senior Privilege** - 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 to receive updates and should check their 56# student-email at least once weekly.

**It is the responsibility of all Seniors to check their school-issued 56# student emails, check with the sponsors, and to look on the website (Facebook) for *updates*.**

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

## Estimated Senior Fees

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COST</b>	
Cap, Gown, Regalia	Oct. 2018	\$85; after Jan. 1, \$110	<b>Required</b>
Senior Yearbook Picture	Sept. 25	\$20 - <i>sitting fee</i> ; <i>\$ packages available</i>	<b>Required</b>
Senior T-Shirt	On Sale now, <i>while supplies last</i>	\$10 = S - XL; 2X - larger = \$12	Optional
Senior Breakfast	Due Oct. 2– 16	\$20	Optional
Andretti Thrill Park	December TBA	TBA	Optional
Homecoming	Week of Oct. 8-12	\$TBA	Optional
Sr. Panoramic Picture	Spring	\$TBA	Optional <i>to buy</i>
March Activity	TBA	TBA	Optional
Senior Week	Week of April 22 - 26	Various based on events	Optional
Grad Bash	April 26	\$150.00	Optional
Prom	April (TBA)	\$TBA	Optional
Yearbook	Sept.	\$55; after Dec. 15= \$65	Optional
Club Grad. Cords	March - April	Various \$	Optional
Honor Stoles/Tassels	March- April	\$TBA	Optional