



Dr. Allison Castellano, Principal

April 2, 2024

Dear Senior,

I am honored to share this final phase of high school with you. These last months of high school promise to generate many great memories. Do not lose sight of your goal to graduate in good standing as you enjoy this special period of your life. Here are some of the exciting activities that will occur before this big day:

### Senior Events

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| <b>April 6, 2024</b>       | <b>Prom at Boca Lago</b>                                                                                   |
| <b>April 19, 2024</b>      | <b>Grad Bash - Universal</b>                                                                               |
| <b>May 1, 2024</b>         | <b>Seniors' Last Day</b>                                                                                   |
| <b>May 2, 2024</b>         | <b>Senior Brunch - Spanish River Theater</b>                                                               |
| <b>May 2 &amp; 3, 2024</b> | <b>Senior Exams</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>May 6, 2024</b>         | <b>Senior Exam Make-ups</b>                                                                                |
| <b>May 6, 2024</b>         | <b>Awards Ceremony 6:00pm theater</b>                                                                      |
| <b>May 7, 2024</b>         | <b>Cap/Gown pick-up/Senior Check-out - Theater Lobby and Theater</b>                                       |
| <b>May 9, 2024</b>         | <b>MANDATORY Rehearsal in GYM at 4:00 PM</b>                                                               |
| <b>May 13, 2024</b>        | <b><u>Graduation</u> at the <u>South Florida Fairgrounds at 1:00pm</u>. Seniors MUST arrive by 11:30am</b> |

### Requirements for Graduation

A senior must successfully have completed the 24 required credits with at least a 2.0 GPA, one on-line class, passing scores on the FSA and Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC) Exam, and 20 hours of community service by **May 1, 2024**. If a student has not completed a class by **May 1, 2024**, or needs to earn additional credit, that student will not be able to take part in the **May 13, 2024** graduation ceremony. There are no exceptions to this countywide policy. Students earning a certificate of completion must receive principal permission to participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors who complete work in summer school may attend the July graduation ceremony sponsored by the school district for all summer school graduates.

### Prom

The prom will be held **Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Boca Lago Golf and Country Club from 6-10 PM.**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.** An application must be administratively approved two weeks prior to the event in order to buy a ticket for anyone not attending Spanish River.

### Universal Studios Grad Bash

The date of Grad Bash is **Friday, April 19, 2024**. Students should arrive at school no later than 2:00 PM and park in the student parking lot where security will be provided. Drug dogs will be present when students board the buses. Students will receive consequences for possessing drugs, alcohol, paraphernalia, or other items, including cigarettes or vapors, which are not permitted at school. In the case that any student is found with drugs or alcohol or commits any other suspendable offense during the trip the parent will be called to pick up the student in Orlando.

Universal requires that all students abide by a strict dress code. Only properly dressed seniors will be permitted to board the buses. The buses should return to Spanish River between **5:00-6:00 AM** on Saturday morning. All school policies and regulations are enforced during this activity.

### Obligations and Textbooks

All senior obligations must be clear, and textbooks returned, prior to picking up your cap and gown at senior check-out. Obligations will be posted on School Cash Online. To check your obligation status, see SIS. It is the student's responsibility to check and pay any fines prior to checkout. Most common fines are those for overdue books/textbooks, and Chrome books. If your district issued device is found to have damage at Senior Check-Out you will be asked to pay the fine before you can complete senior checkout.

### Semester Exams/Fourth Nine Week's Exams

Senior exams will be **May 2 & 3, 2024 and May 6, 2024 for make-ups**. Seniors who earn an F for a quarter grade in either the third or fourth marking period must take the **semester exam**. Students who have 11 or more absences in any class(es) by **May 1, 2024** will have to take a **fourth nine week's exam(s)** which will be figured into their fourth quarter grade. For seniors who are not required to take senior exams, the semester grade will be determined by the average of the third and fourth quarter grades. For



students who do not have to take or choose to take a semester exam, the adjacent grades (i.e. A and B, or C and D), will be averaged according to statute.

#### **Senior Awards Night**

This event will be held **May 6, 2024 at 6:00PM**, at the Countess de Hoernle Theater. Scholarships will be announced and senior awards will be presented. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend this event. Students receiving awards/scholarships will be invited to attend by their counselors/Mrs.Riggle.

#### **Senior Check-out**

This event will be **May 7, 2024**. Students will go through a station by station check-out process. Clearance must be provided at each station. We suggest you clear all obligations before coming to senior check-out. Counselors will ensure students have met all graduation requirements. Upon completion of the check-out process you will receive your cap and gown.

#### **Senior Brunch:**

This event will be held at Spanish River **May 2, 2024** from **10:00am - 11:30am**. Tickets will be sold for \$10 prior to the event.

#### **Graduation Rehearsal**

**All students must be punctual to rehearsal on Thursday, May 9, 2024 in the GYM at 4:00pm.** Students who do **not** attend will **not** participate in the graduation ceremony. Each year, there are a few seniors who do not attend the practice and disappoint their parents by being unable to receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony. We would like to avoid such unpleasant experiences. Each graduate will receive **six** tickets. Tickets will be distributed at **Rehearsal on May 9, 2024**. **Students in need of extra tickets should fill out the released google form from Dr. Allen on April 15, 2024. The google form link will be sent to students' gmail accounts at 6:00 PM on April 15, 2024. First come, first served. A maximum of two extra tickets may be requested.**

#### **Graduation**

The ceremony will be held **Monday, May 13, 2024 at 1:00pm**, at the **South Florida Fairgrounds**. Seniors should arrive no later than **11:30am**. Though many senior activities are designed for the enjoyment of the seniors, the graduation ceremony is a formal occasion showcasing to your parents, teachers, and guests what an awesome class you are. Students who do not respect the formality of this ceremony will receive severe consequences and their diplomas will be held. Expectations will be clearly communicated during the graduation rehearsal.

A professional photographer will take a picture of each graduating senior receiving a diploma. Members of the audience will not be permitted to go to the stage area to take pictures during the ceremony. Graduates and guests will want to arrive early to deal with heavy traffic and crowded parking. The entrance doors will be closed at 1:00 pm for the processional. All attending graduation will be required to pass through security.

#### **Graduation Attire**

Dress code includes:

Male seniors are required to wear a solid color, collared shirt and tie, dark dress pants, dark socks and dark dress shoes (not sneakers) for graduation. Female seniors should wear professional attire and dress shoes (not sneakers). Caps and gowns will be worn. You can only wear cords/sashes/stoles approved and purchased by the school over your gown. **No decorating of caps.**

Please contact me if there is anything I can do to assist in making these last months of your high school career as positive an experience as possible.

Sincerely,

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