

May 13, 2022

Dear 2022 Graduates, Parents, and Guests:

The Commencement Exercise recognizing the graduates of the Class of 2022 will be held **Friday, May 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Exactech Arena at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on the University of Florida campus. Teachers and staff are working diligently to plan and prepare for this ceremony. The graduation ceremony is a formal event which is performed with an established code of civility and politeness. It is an official function of the Alachua County School Board and is subject to its rules and regulations.

Proper behavior is expected of everyone at the graduation ceremony. Parents and guests have waited many years to attend a son or daughter's graduation, to see him/her on stage and hear his/her name called. We encourage your applause but urge you to refrain from yelling or cheering when a student's name is announced. Noisemakers are strictly prohibited, as are any other items unbecoming to this event. Throughout the entire ceremony, graduates are required to follow the attire guidelines which are outlined below.

Graduation guidelines for graduates are as follow:

1. Caps and gowns will be distributed at the senior class meeting May 13 at 10:40am at the Santa Fe High School auditorium. If you do not get your cap and gown at that time, be sure you get them from the SFHS front office by May 26.
2. Report to graduation practice at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 21 at the Exactech Arena at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on the University of Florida campus. **Failure to attend practice will result in not being permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.**
3. Report to the graduation ceremony by 3:15 p.m., Friday, May 27 in the practice court. Enter through Gate 4.
4. The graduation ceremony will start promptly at 4:00 p.m. If you report after the ceremony has started, you will not participate.
5. The Class of 2022 will wear red robes and caps for the graduation ceremony.
6. Female graduates will wear dress clothes and shoes. Sneakers, boots or flip-flops are not permitted.
7. Male graduates will wear slacks (dress pants) and dress shoes. Jeans, shorts, sneakers, boots, flip-flops or any other sandal-like shoes are not permitted.
8. No decorations or alterations of the cap and gown will be permitted.
9. All debts to the school must be paid in full before you participate in the ceremony and/or receive your diploma.
10. Graduates will not possess any item that may jeopardize the decency of the ceremony, on or off stage. NOTE: The personnel at the O'Connell Center do not allow any type of balloons including those that have congratulatory messages.
11. **All cell phones must be silenced and out of sight** during the ceremony.
12. Diplomas will not be distributed after the ceremony. They may be picked up at Santa Fe High School Monday-Thursday, beginning May 31 from 9am-3pm in Student Services/Guidance Offices.

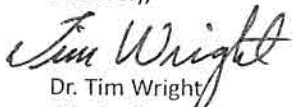
Any violation of the above requirements will result in your removal from the ceremony by any school staff person. In addition, your diploma will be pulled and held until your misconduct is resolved by the school administration.

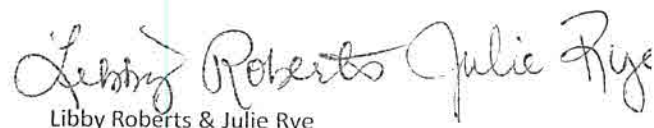
Your cooperation in complying with the above requirements will reflect favorably upon the Class of 2022 and Santa Fe High School. It is our desire to bring about an atmosphere which will transfer to parents, guests, and peers, the feeling of respect, confidence, and success that these Santa Fe High School graduates have accomplished.

The Class of 2022 Awards Program will be held Tuesday, **May 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the high school auditorium. We invite you to attend this event where our graduates will be recognized for their outstanding achievements. If you are receiving an award, you will receive a personal invitation.

If you have any questions, check the Santa Fe High School web site for additional announcements and information or call 386-462-1125. The administration and faculty look forward to seeing you at the awards program and graduation. Let's make these occasions memorable for everyone.

Sincerely,


Dr. Tim Wright
Principal


Libby Roberts & Julie Rye
Senior Class Advisors

FINAL INFORMATION for SENIOR CLASS of 2022

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY: Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30

The Awards Ceremony will be held in the Auditorium beginning at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend; however, if you are receiving an award, you will receive a personalized invitation.

SENIOR EXAMS: Tuesday, May 17 – Wednesday, May 18

- The bell schedule will be as usual, with each exam being taken during a normal class period.
- Tuesday will be periods 1, 3, and 5. Wednesday will be periods 2, 4, and 6.
- Make-up exams will be held on May 19-May 20.
- ALL SENIOR GRADES ARE FINAL NO LATER THAN NOON on Friday, May 20!

MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL: Saturday, May 21, 10:00am – 11:30am

- University of Florida, Stephen C. O'Connell Center @ The ExacTech Arena
- 250 Gale Lemerand Dr, Gainesville, FL 32611
- Parking is available in the adjacent parking lot or parking garage.
- Practice will begin promptly at 10am, so be sure to allow adequate time to arrive, park and get inside on the floor of the arena.
- **Failure to attend rehearsal will result in not being able to participate in the graduation ceremony on Friday, May 27.**

SENIOR FIELD DAY & PICNIC: Tuesday, May 24, 10:00am – 2pm SFHS Football Stadium

- We will host a free Senior Field Day and BBQ catered lunch by Cowboyz BBQ. There will be field day games, food, and fellowship.
- You must RSVP today when signing for your cap/gown to attend.

GRADUATION CEREMONY: Friday, May 27, 4:00pm UF Stephen C. O'Connell Center

Graduates must enter through Gate 4 and line up on the practice court by 3:15pm. Please refer to the graduation letter for appropriate attire.

All Parents and Guests must enter through Gate 1.

All specific graduation information is provided in the graduation letter.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Roberts or Mrs. Rye.