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## Pine Forest High School

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Dear Parents,

In a few short weeks, your child will be celebrating graduation. To make the students' graduation memorable, your help is needed. Graduation will be held at the **Pensacola Bay Center on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 12:15 P.M. Students should arrive at the Pine Forest High School at Pine Forest High School no later than 8:00 A.M. All seniors will be transported to Pensacola Bay Center by bus. Buses will leave the school at 10:00 A.M.**

High school graduation is an important event in the life of a young person. To maintain the dignity of the graduation ceremony, students must adhere to the following guidelines. It is recommended that female graduates wear a dress and dress shoes (dress pants allowed for female students as well). Male graduates should wear dress pants, dress shirts, tie, and dress shoes. No jeans, flip flops, sandals, tennis shoes, or decorations on the graduation cap is allowed.

Certain guidelines and restrictions apply to the audience and will be enforced by Bay Center personnel. Everyone entering the Bay Center will have to enter through a magnetic screening machine and all guests are subject to search. The School District and Bay Center are recommending guests not bring bags or purses to the graduation ceremony - only keys and a cellphone. No other items will be allowed in the Bay Center. If it is medically necessary to carry a bag, you may do so and are encouraged to carry a clear bag. At no time can large crowds congregate; therefore, limiting items into the Bay Center will expedite entry into the event and allow for social distancing. Please familiarize yourself with all security measures in the attachment.

To avoid any inconvenience to guests of your family, please advise them of the procedures. Your cooperation will help ensure the success of this momentous occasion. Also, seniors will enter through a magnetic screening machine, are subject to search, and will not be allowed to bring items into the Bay Center. Seniors will need to leave all personal items, including cellular phones, with their family members.

The Pensacola Bay Center continues to recommend graduates and guests to wear Personal Protective Equipment such as face masks. Graduates who choose to wear a mask must wear a plain, solid colored mask. There will be live stream coverage of the commencement ceremony for those who are unable to attend. The link will also be available on the PFHS website and ECSD website. The doors will open to guests at 11:15 A.M.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests are asked to immediately exit the Bay Center and go directly to their vehicles. Security will not allow groups to assemble in front of the Bay Center.

It is our goal for all seniors to be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors will be informed prior to graduation day if they have not met all requirements for participation. Should this apply to your senior, please encourage him/her to continue to strive to complete their high school education. Attendance is **mandatory** at graduation practice on May 21, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. Graduation practice will follow the senior breakfast on May 21, 2024. Senior breakfast will begin at 10:30 A.M. in the cafeteria.

Seniors Honors Night is May 20, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. All seniors and their parents are invited to attend. Seniors being honored will receive an invitation and should wear their cap and gown with appropriate dress attire underneath the gown. We hope you will join us for this special occasion.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. It has been a pleasure educating your child.

Sincerely,

Deborah Ray, Principal