

Senior Class
Information Bulletin
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Class of 2024

All of you are excited about your senior year and graduation, as well you should be. This is a tremendous milestone. You are to be congratulated on your accomplishment. This bulletin will alert everyone to key dates, activities, rules, regulations, etc., associated with your senior year and graduation.

Senior Class Officers--

President: Michael Kleback

Vice President: Madison Caldwell

Treasurer: Chloe Knight

Secretary: Bryson Adams

Senior Class Google Classroom and Canvas:

This website will be used to post information about scholarships, testing dates, class meetings, etc. Every senior should already have been enrolled in this Google Classroom, as it is done automatically after your Junior year. You should also have received an invitation to the Senior Canvas Page. However, if you are not enrolled, please email amcfarland@ecsdf.us

Senior Class Contacts:

Sponsor: Tiffany Odom todom1@ecsdf.us

Co-Sponsor Laura Rainey lrainey@ecsdf.us

Guidance Counselor:

A thru G = leasha Ridgeway

H thru O = Tammy Connors

P thru Z = Stacy Moore

Senior Dues:

Senior dues for the 2023-2024 school year will be \$50.00. This money will be used to pay for senior activities during the year, including senior field day, senior graduation breakfast, snack attacks, etc.

*This can be paid through two possible ways:

---with a credit/debit card in your student's account on MySchoolBucks.com (make sure you select 'senior dues' as the product)

OR

---send your student either before or after school with cash/check to either Ms Odom (room 114) or Ms Rainey (room 115)

All seniors paying dues will receive the following special privileges:

- FREE admission into ALL varsity home, non-playoff, games (includes football, baseball, soccer, tennis, softball, volleyball, lacrosse, and basketball). Seniors must present IDs/receipts for entry.

- Eating lunch outside in the designated Senior Area. If the designated area is not kept clean, however, this privilege will be revoked. Participating seniors must keep the area clean and dispose of all trash in proper receptacles. Participating seniors must remain in the designated area on the west side of the cafeteria at all times and must be in possession of their senior IDs.
- Participate in Senior Snack Attacks (free snacks, drinks, games, movies, etc.)
- Participate in Senior Field Day (food/drinks, bounce houses, DJ, field games, etc.)
- Senior Badge (must have a senior portrait on file)
- Senior Breakfast

Miscellaneous Costs:

Senior Dues \$50.00

Senior pictures \$75.00 - \$500.00

Graduation announcements \$50.00 - \$250.00

Yearbook \$65.00 - \$85.00

Cap and gown* estimated \$60.00 rental, prices increase second semester

Panoramic picture \$20.00 - \$50.00

Club fees \$10.00 - \$40.00

Commencement picture \$20.00 - \$50.00

Senior Trip \$550.00

*These are very rough estimates. The total costs will be determined by the activities participated in or items purchased.

Senior Portraits and Cap/Gown Pictures: January 18, 2024 (on campus)

Various pictures are taken throughout the year for seniors. All pictures are done by Jim Owen Studio. For pricing, dates, and more information please contact RHuntley@ecsdfl.us (Riana Huntley). All pictures are optional for purchase. See Senior Calendar for specific dates.

Graduation Announcements + Caps/Gowns:

On September 13, 2023 a Herff Jones representative will distribute ordering information for graduation announcements, caps, and gowns. Each student will receive a packet. Students who are not on campus the day of the meeting should see either the front office or Ms. Odom the next day to receive their packets. Herff Jones representatives will return to campus September 20, 2023, and be on campus in the lunchroom from 1130am-200pm to process orders. A deposit amount will be given at a later date. In order to ensure your cap/gown is delivered by the time of the graduation ceremony, it must be ordered by **April 1, 2024**. You do not have to wait for the student to attend the meeting at school. You can order the cap/gown at any time through one of the avenues offered below.

***To order a cap/gown you must either see the Herff Jones rep on campus (dates listed above), OR visit www.herffjones.com OR call 850-432-7464**

****Only the official cap/gown can be worn in the graduation ceremony.**

Yearbooks

The number of yearbooks ordered will not include extras; therefore, you should buy when the sale is conducted. Only students who pre-ordered yearbooks will receive one.

*Seniors who have paid their dues can buy yearbooks at the reduced rate until December. The discounted price is \$65 (will later increase to \$80). They must present their senior dues receipt at the time of sale. Also, the discount can only be processed in-person, so seniors will need to buy books before school on Fridays (booth set up beside the library in the courtyard). The last day to order a yearbook is December 15, 2023. See Ms. Lonquist for additional details.

Class of 2024 Senior Trip: April 11-14, 2024

Senior Trip flyers will be handed-out later this week. Deposits (\$200) will be taken through September 30. This must be paid via cash/check to Ms Odom in room 114 **and** accompanied by a signed parent/student info sheet. This paperwork is available through either Ms Odom or Ms Rainey (room 115).

It will be on a first-come, first-serve basis until we reach 30 students. Afterwards, the \$175 payments will be due in November, and January. This can be paid through MySchoolBucks.com

**Via vans, we will travel to Orlando and participate in Universal Studios' Grad Bash 2024. The itinerary will also include stops at Top Golf (Orlando), Busch Gardens (Tampa), Medieval Times Dinner Theatre, and a variety of other venues. Please see Ms Odom for an information flyer and deposit information. The trip cost (\$550) includes:

- Hotel stay, transportation, admission to Universal Studios, admission to Islands of Adventure, admission to Busch Gardens, dinner/games at Medieval Times, Top Golf, and several meals.**

Scholarship Information

Scholarship information is located in the Guidance Department and on the school website. Contact a guidance counselor for assistance.

Important Upcoming Dates

(Please note that these dates are subject to change should they interfere with a School District policy or encounter unforeseen circumstances. Should a date be changed, notice will be provided ASAP.)

August-April:

*Senior dues may be paid before or after school in Ms. Odom or Ms. Rainey's classroom

August 24– October 6:

*Senior Class Shirt sale—see Ms. Odom or Rainey to purchase

August 28 - October 1:

*Senior Trip Deposit + Paperwork = This is open until we reach either 30 people or October 1 (whichever comes first will signal the end of the availability). Please see Senior Trip paperwork for more information. Paperwork can be picked up from either of the Senior Class Sponsors (Ms Odom and Ms Rainey).

August 30:

*Senior Portrait Make-ups (See Riana Huntley for more info = RHuntley@ecsdf1.us)

--The makeup photo session is on campus on August 30, 2023. Students must sign up for a time. The signup link is posted in the senior class Canvas page.

--A sitting fee of \$35 must be paid to Jim Owen Studios. It can be paid ahead of time online or in person (students will give the money to the photographer). Copies of the photo can be ordered online at <https://www.jimowenstudios.com/>.

--Please refer to the JOS flyer from the summer photo session for more information on what to wear, how to order images, and how to schedule additional photo shoots at the studio (optional).

--If students do not take their photo on campus (either in June or Aug. 30), they must schedule a session with Jim Owen Studios. The deadline for taking photos at the studio is November 1, 2023. Any photos taken after this date will not be included in the yearbook due to submission deadlines with the yearbook publisher.

--This is the formal senior portrait that will be included in the yearbook. Cap and gown photos are currently scheduled for January 18, 2024. Stay tuned for more information.

September 13:

*Seniors class meeting: will receive graduation announcements, cap and gown information

September 20:

*During all lunches, Order announcements, caps and gowns at school (or you can order online/phone anytime until April 1)

September 28:

*Senior Snack Attack

Typically lasts from 3:15-4:30pm**

September 25-30:

*Homecoming Week = Numerous events throughout the week

--September 25-29 = dress up days

--September 28 = Snack attack (for seniors who have paid dues)

--September 29 = Homecoming Game
--September 30 = Homecoming Dance

September 30:

*Last day for deposits for Senior Trip (\$200)

October 6:

*Last day to order senior shirts/hoodies

November 20-24:

Thanksgiving Break

December 7-8:

*Seniors will vote online for class Song, Motto and Flower

December 15:

*Last day to order yearbooks

December 21- January 8:

Winter Break

January 18:

*Cap and Gown Portraits (See Ms. Lonquist for more info)

March 25-29:

Spring Break

Early April 2024:

*Graduation Announcements will be delivered to the school (if purchased from Herff Jones).
Balance must be paid in order to pick up announcements.

April 11-14:

*Senior Trip: Orlando and Tampa

April 18:

*Senior Snack Attack

Typically lasts from 3:15-4:45pm**

April 19:

*Senior Pep Rally

April 20:

*Prom at Scenic Hills Country Club (times, prices, and specific details will be announced second semester)

May 23, 2024
Pensacola Bay Center
(Formerly Pensacola Civic Center)

*All graduates must be attired in caps and gowns to participate in Commencement. The mortarboard should be worn “square” on the forehead, not tilted on the back of the head. Please try on the cap as soon as you get it to make sure that it is the right size. A neat tacking with needle and thread will prevent a lot of slipping and sliding and attaching with bobby pins at the last minute. Please DO NOT alter the cap or gown in any way. Doing so will result in non-admission to the Bay Center ceremony.

**Young men should wear dress collared white shirts, dark tie, dark slacks, dark shoes and socks under their gowns. Neither sandals nor tennis shoes are acceptable. Girls should wear dresses that are not longer than their own gowns and dark dress shoes. No corsages, flowers, hair ornaments, or jewelry may be worn on top of the cap and gown at Commencement. No gum or sunglasses. Flowers may not be carried by the graduates.

No attire other than school designated will be allowed. Please do not attempt to wear something from an off-campus club, society, organization, etc... Any senior who attempts to wear unauthorized articles will be pulled from the graduation line and will not be allowed to “walk” unless the situation is rectified. This is a district-level, backed policy for all schools.

AFTER THE CEREMONY—Seniors will proceed to the tables located alphabetically around the floor of the Bay Center where teachers will collect the gowns. Each senior will be given his/her diploma when returning his/her gown. Do not forget that all you receive on stage is the diploma cover. Remember, those who have not participated in the full mandatory graduation practice will pick up their diplomas from the principal the week following graduation.