

# A Guide to Class of 2022 Senior Week

*Senior Week is a memorable week of events to recognize student achievement, perseverance, and success leading up to the ultimate recognition of Graduation. The sequence of events allows students, parents, and staff to reflect, remember, and enjoy their Key West High journey in preparation of moving on to the next chapter of their lives. We hope that you can join us for all of the following events.*

## **Senior Banquet – Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm in cafeteria---7:00pm in the auditorium**

These are awards given by teachers, coaches, and sponsors for student involvement and achievement. Many students, including ones who do not expect it, receive some sort of recognition. You will eat first in the cafeteria (food provided by your executive board) and then head over to the auditorium for the ceremony. Seniors will sit in the front center section of the auditorium. Majority of these awards are pins that you will put on your gown when you receive it. Dress is banquet attire

## **Investitures practice – Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00am in the auditorium**

Investitures practice is MANDATORY for all seniors participating in any graduation ceremony. Students will fill out exit slips from Mrs. Estenoz which are a quick little survey of your plans after high school, then you will receive index cards where you will put who you want for Prom King & Queen on one side of the card and then put who you want to be the recipient of the Balfour Award (did the most for the class) on the other side of the card, we will then go over procedures for the week, practice walking in the auditorium and the backyard, and get your caps and gowns. CAPS AND GOWNS WILL NOT BE GIVEN UNLESS ALL CREDITS ARE EARNED AND CLEARED FROM DEBT LIST (school books, sports uniforms, library books, graduation fees). Girls may want to bring their graduation shoes so they can practice walking in them. Dress is comfortable causal

## **Investitures – Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> ~~7:00pm~~ 6:00pm in the auditorium**

Investitures is the ceremony in which students are officially qualified for graduation. This is the first time they will wear their caps and gowns. Please remember what to wear underneath the gown: Girls-white dress or pants outfit (no print) and white shoes (heels, wedges, pretty sandals, Birkenstocks if needed). Boys-white button up shirt (short or long sleeve), black pants, black tie and black shoes. In addition to qualifying students as candidates for graduation, this night recognizes student leadership in major clubs (NHS, Beta, Z Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council, Interact, and Executive Board). Pins, chords and stoles will be handed to you by the newly elected officers of that club. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the class are announced. Dress is cap and gowns with appropriate clothing underneath.

## **Baccalaureate – Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am for St. Mary’s Church and 11:00am Fifth St Baptist Church**

Baccalaureate is a religious service held at local churches in recognition and prayer for our graduates. Though not a school sponsored event, we just pass on the information so that students may participate if they so choose. St Mary’s will hold a service at 10:30am and Fifth Street Baptist will hold a service at 11:00am. Graduates are welcome to participate in either service regardless of church membership. Dress is Cap and Gown with the appropriate attire underneath.

## **Senior Prom – Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00pm—10:00pm at the Opal**

This year’s Senior Prom is at the Opal. Seniors are FREE! This theme is A Night to Remember and tickets are \$20. This is for seniors and one guest if they elect to take one. All guests must be current Key West High School students and can be a freshmen, sophomore, or junior. If you are bringing an underclassmen, they MUST arrive with you. There is no dress code, however please wear appropriate attire

### **Class Night – Wednesday, May 25th 6:00pm in the Backyard**

Class Night is a special night of impressive generosity. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are presented to worthy recipients, all of whom are announced that night. There are also scholarships that are given based on nominations by staff so we encourage all students to attend. Dress at Class Night for students is Cap and Gown. While long, it is certainly exciting to see whose hard work has paid off! Seniors will be in the bleachers and parents and family members are welcomed to bring their chairs and sit around the track and field in the backyard.

### **Graduation practice – Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at the Tommy Roberts Stadium**

Graduation practice is **MANDATORY** for any student wishing to walk in Friday's graduation ceremony. It is held at 6:00pm at the Tommy Roberts Stadium. Please be on time. Dress is casual, but it is suggested that girls bring their shoes to ensure they can walk comfortably. You will receive an index card for you to phonetically write your name with how you want it announced as you walk across the stage. We will then practice how to walk to the bleachers to take your seat, how to walk to receive your diploma and how to walk back to your seat once you have received your diploma.

### **Graduation – Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Line up is at 6:00pm at the Tommy Roberts Stadium**

Graduation is the ultimate goal and marks the turning of a page in many students' lives. Though a celebration, there is a tradition of formality throughout the evening. We hope that the sanctity of this milestone is protected by all parties exercising appropriate graduation etiquette. Doing so will make it all the more special for those involved. Dress is your cap and gown. Be to your line up by 6:00pm because the ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00pm. There are no tickets, all family is welcomed. Parents and family members will enter through the gates and make their way to the football field to have a seat. **Please bring your own chairs**. Parking-the Poinciana school and the men's softball parking lots are available, as well as the K-mart parking lot. Please do not park in the senior citizen or the Depoo hospital parking lots.

## **Graduation Details**

- Diplomas will be available for pick-up in the KWHS Front Office beginning Tuesday, May 31st and after.
- Only the graduate can pick up their diploma (they must sign for it).

### **Elementary Walks (dates will be forthcoming soon)**

Most of the area elementary schools invite their alumni students to return for a walk through the campus. This event is meaningful not just to the graduate, but to the students who are currently there who are excited to see you in your cap and gown. The days for each walk are listed below if you would like to participate. Dress is cap and gown.