

# A Guide to Class of 2025 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 22<sup>nd</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 23<sup>rd</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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am for St. Mary’s Church, 11:00am for Fifth St Baptist Church, and 12:30 for Trinity Presbyterian 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 holding service at 10:30am, Fifth Street Baptist will hold a service at 11:00am and Trinity Presbyterian Church will hold a service at 12:30pm. Graduates are welcome to participate in either service regardless of church membership. Dress is Cap and Gown with the appropriate attire underneath.

## **Senior Prom – Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm—10:00pm at the Southernmost House**

This year’s Senior Prom is at the Southernmost House. This theme is TBD. This is for seniors and one guest if they elect to take one. All guests 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 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm in the auditorium**

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!

### **Graduation practice – Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at Tommy Roberts Memorial Stadium**

Graduation practice is **MANDATORY** for any student wishing to walk in Friday's graduation ceremony. It is held at 6:00pm at Tommy Roberts Stadium on Kennedy Dr. 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 your seat and how to walk to receive your diploma and how to walk back to your seat once you have received your diploma.

### **Graduation – Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Line up is at 7:00pm at Tommy Roberts Memorial 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 7:00pm because the ceremony will begin promptly at 8:00pm. There are no tickets, all family is welcomed.

#### **Appropriate clothing for under the cap and gown:**

**Boys**—white button up shirt, black tie, black pants, black shoes (no crocs)

**Girls**—white clothing (no color), white shoes (no crocs)

## **Graduation Details**

- Diplomas will be available for pick-up in the KWHS Front Office beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Only the graduate can pick up their diploma (they must sign for it).

### **Elementary Walks (dress is cap and gown)**

Big Pine Academy	TBD
Poinciana Elementary	TBD
Sigsbee Elementary	TBD
Basilica School	TBD
Grace Lutheran	TBD
Sugarloaf School	TBD
HOB	TBD
Gerald Adams Elementary	TBD
Montessori	TBD
May Sands Montessori	TBD