

IMPORTANT SENIOR NEWS & DATES

JM Tate Graduating Senior - Congratulations! Graduation is just months away. We have thoroughly enjoyed spending the last four years with you. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the information in this document. All seniors will be held responsible for knowing and abiding by this information to participate in the commencement ceremony. Graduation is fast approaching and this is an early outline of upcoming events and dates.

*****Graduation Requirements:** It is your responsibility to know and fulfill the graduation requirements of your graduating class. If you are unsure of your graduation status, you should meet with your guidance counselor Ms. Mills as soon as possible.

*****Seniors Who Owe Fines:** It is your responsibility to know if you have a financial obligation that has not been cleared. Please check both Destiny and with the Media Center for *Overdue Fines or Materials*. Any senior who has not taken care of all their financial obligations to the school or associated vendors will not be **allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony**.

Calendar of Important Dates:

May 19th – Senior Breakfast of What-a-burger biscuits will be served in the Tate cafeteria at **9:00 AM**. Seniors will enjoy a biscuit and beverage, view the Senior Video and receive their cap & gown. Seniors will parade over from the Winn Dixie parking lot at 8:50am. At the Breakfast, Seniors with fines will **NOT** receive their cap and gown until fines are paid in CASH or TEXTBOOKS are returned – bring cash and unreturned books/materials as staff will be at the breakfast to clear fines. Turn your Chromebook in after your last exam on 5/16 to avoid having to bring it to breakfast.

May 20th – Senior Honors Night will be held in the Fryman Gym at **6:00 PM**. Parents and friends are invited to attend and this event will last approximately two hours. Those being honored will be notified in advance, please dress appropriately & sit in the area reserved for Seniors on the gym floor.

May 21st – Graduation practice will be held at **1:00 PM** in the Fryman Gym. **Attendance is MANDATORY and ANY senior who does not attend cannot participate in the Graduation Ceremony** – only those seniors with **PRIOR** written administrative approval will be excused. Practice will be approximately 2 hours and we will not dismiss until we've completed a successful run through. **Request the day off – YOU CAN NOT MISS THIS PRACTICE! School attire @ practice – If you are out of dress code you will be sent home to change! PLEASE WEAR OR BRING THE SHOES YOU ARE PLANNING TO WEAR AT GRADUATION WITH YOU TO PRACTICE.**

May 25th – A Baccalaureate Ceremony will be hosted by Hillcrest Baptist Church – details available at a later date.

May 27th – **GRADUATION @ 9:00 AM** at the Pensacola Bay Center. Graduates must report in their caps and gowns to their assigned advisory teacher by **8:15 AM**. All seniors will enter the Bay Center via the back ground level entrance and doors will close and no further entry for seniors will be granted at 8:50AM – **IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER 8:50AM OR OUT OF DRESS CODE YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.**