

Class of 2012



GRADUATION: Saturday, May 26, 10:00 a.m. Turner Chapel Cathedral

**GRADUATES SHOULD REPORT TO
FELLOWSHIP HALLS A & B AT 8:30 a.m.**

Ticket holders may enter through the FRONT DOORS only for seating at 9:15 a.m. (*forty-five minutes before the ceremony*).



**THE DOORS WILL CLOSE TO LATE ARRIVALS
AT 10:15 A.M. GUESTS SHOULD BE SEATED BY THIS
TIME SO AS NOT TO DISRUPT THE CEREMONY.**

**All guests, even babies that are carried, must have a ticket to enter the ceremony site.
Each senior will receive tickets on Friday, May 25 at graduation practice.
Tickets will not be distributed before that time.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE AND ALL OTHER SCHOOL POLICIES
ARE IN EFFECT FOR ALL SENIORS.**

Senior Dues: Seniors dues are \$70. Dues include the senior t-shirt and all senior activities throughout the year. Dues may be paid before or after school to Ms. Arora, Coach Snyder or Ms. Valentine.

Graduation Tickets:

ANY person attending graduation must have a ticket.

Each eligible senior will receive graduation tickets. Tickets will be distributed at the practice on Friday, May 25. No one, including small children and babies, will be admitted into graduation without a ticket. Remember that your graduation announcement does not serve as a ticket.

Graduation Ceremony:

Graduation is **Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Turner Chapel Cathedral.** We will line-up at 9:15 a.m. and march promptly at 10:00 a.m. ***BE ON TIME!!*** We will march with or without you!

Boys should wear white dress shirts, dark (navy or black) dress pants and black dress shoes (no khakis, jeans, or athletic shoes). Girls should wear a dress and black closed-toe dress shoes (No sandals). Jewelry should be conservative, no hoop or dangling earrings; post earrings are more appropriate. Be sure to have your cap, gown, and tassel with you when you arrive. You may press the gown with a COOL iron or you may hang it in a steamy room to remove the wrinkles. Do not carry any valuables with you when we march. Leave your purses, keys, or any other valuables with your parents before the ceremony begins.

Graduation Practice and Ceremony Behavior:

- All rules and school policies including the dress code will be strictly enforced.
- Students must arrive on time, follow all directions and cooperate fully during practices and the ceremony.
- Disruptive students will be removed and not allowed to participate in the ceremony.
- **The administrative team reserves the right to withhold the diploma of any student who displays inappropriate or disruptive behavior during practice or the ceremony. Disciplinary action will be taken.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Participation in the graduation ceremony is optional; however, only students who have met all expectations and requirements for graduation are allowed to participate.

GENERAL GRADUATION INFORMATION

1. After the ceremony we will return to the line-up area where you will receive your actual diploma from your advisor. Final report cards will be in your diploma envelopes.
2. Final grades will not be available from the guidance office until after school on Wednesday, May 23. The guidance office will be closed that day, so do not go in to check your grades. The counselors will notify you prior to that day if you failed a class that prevents you from graduating. If you are not notified, you may assume that you have met all requirements for graduation.
3. All financial obligations, including payment for lost textbooks, parking fines, media fines, etc. must be cleared before seniors will be allowed to participate in graduation practice or participate in the ceremony.
4. Seniors who do not wish to participate in our graduation ceremony should fill out the attached form and turn it in to **Ms. Valentine by Friday, May 11**. If you do not participate in the ceremony, you may pick up your diploma from the guidance office on Tuesday, May 29.
5. Requests for final transcripts should be made to the guidance office by Friday, May 25. You must request a copy to be mailed; these are not mailed automatically. The cost is \$2.00 per official transcript.
6. Senior lockers should be cleaned out after your last final exam on Monday, May 21st.
7. Professionally produced DVDs of the graduation ceremony will be available for your purchase. You will receive an order form at the graduation site.
8. Cobb County police will ticket anyone who is illegally parked in the handicapped, reserved or loading areas of Turner Chapel.
9. **SENIOR EXAMS**
Friday, May 18 Periods 3 & 4
Monday, May 21 Periods 1 & 2 (early dismissal form required)

These are regular school days, and exams will be given in the regularly scheduled 90-minute period. Seniors are expected to be at school all day on Friday, but may leave after exams on Monday, if a permission form (to be provided by Admin as the date nears) has been properly submitted.

South Cobb High School assumes no responsibility for any trips, parties or social activities that are not specifically scheduled, supervised, and /or sponsored by the school.

GRADUATION PROTOCOL FOR GUESTS

Graduation ceremonies are traditionally formal and dignified occasions. To maintain the dignity of the ceremony we request that each parent and guest of the graduate observe the following:

1. **Please stand** in honor of your graduate when his/her name is called.
2. While your excitement is understood and appreciated, **please do not yell, scream, use noisemakers or make any other undue recognition for your graduate.**
3. Plan to remain seated for the entire ceremony.
4. Please do not exit until all graduates' names have been called, and the graduates and faculty have concluded their recessional. Help to show the same respect to the graduates at the end of the alphabet as shown to those in the beginning.
5. Pictures should be taken before and after the ceremony. Any pictures taken during the ceremony must be taken from your seat; no audience members will be allowed to walk to the front of the church.
6. Tripods are not allowed due to space restrictions.
7. Plan a designated area, in advance, to meet your graduate after the ceremony.

This is a special occasion for each graduate, parent and guest. Please help us to maintain the dignity of our ceremony by observing the above guidelines.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

**Return this form only if you are NOT participating
in the graduation ceremony!!**

_____ will NOT be attending the
(Print student's name)

graduation ceremony for South Cobb High School on Saturday, May 26,
2012 @ 10 a.m.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

You may pick up your diploma on Tuesday, May 29 in the Main Office.

RETURN THIS FORM TO Ms. Valentine (Rm. 212)
BY FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012.

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Important Checklist for Graduating Seniors

To be able to participate in graduation practices and the graduation ceremony, you must:

- _____ 1. Turn in your completed, signed graduation contract to Ms. Valentine in Room 212 **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 7**. This contract also serves as your early dismissal permission form for final exams.
- _____ 2. **Clear all fines, fees, and textbook holds with the Media Center NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 23.**
- _____ 3. Clean out your locker before the end of the day on Monday, May 21.
- _____ 4. NOTE: If you do not pass a required course, the guidance counselors will contact you AFTER 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21.
- _____ 5. Attend graduation practices on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. **REMEMBER, YOUR ATTENDANCE AT ALL PRACTICES IS MANDATORY FROM BEGINNING TO END.** *Read the senior newsletter for times and places.* Arrive on time and plan to stay until graduates are dismissed. Remember that one practice will be held at Turner Chapel.
- _____ 6. Dress and behave appropriately at all times. Be courteous, respectful and patient with your peers and adults during practices and the ceremony. You remain a student of South Cobb High School until you receive your diploma following the ceremony; therefore, you **MUST** adhere to Cobb County policies (including dress code).
- _____ 7. Final transcripts will not be mailed to your college, university, etc. until you come by the guidance office and complete a *Request for Final Transcript*. There is a \$2.00 charge for each official final transcript.
- _____ 8. Official transcripts will be mailed directly to the college or university.
- _____ 9. Final transcripts will NOT be ready until all grades are posted. Often, colleges will take time to update the status of your admissions file. Please allow 2-6 weeks for the college to receive your final transcript and record that they have received it.
- _____ 10. The guidance office is only open once or twice a week in the summer; make sure you take care of all business before the last day of school.

Once you graduate, South Cobb High School will conduct all business with YOU.

Your parents will not be able to request information for you.