COMMENCEMENT

DATE: May 23, 2020
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Kennesaw State University

Kennesaw State University is located at the intersection of I-75 and Chastain Road. From I-75 exit at Chastain Road (Exit 271) and turn west. Go to the first traffic light past the I-75 ramps, and turn right onto Frey Road for graduate or guest parking. For accessible and special assistance parking, continue to the second traffic light and turn right on Kennesaw State University Road.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE PRIVILEGE Schools are not obligated to allow students to participate in commencement exercises. It is a privilege, not a right. At any time, Mr. Perry (Principal) can reverse your privilege to participate in commencement due to behavior, attendance, or other major infractions. It is imperative that you stay the course and remain focused and committed to completing this journey.

COMMENCEMENT Graduates will report to the Carmichael Student Center at Kennesaw State University by 8:30 AM. Doors will open for family and friends at 9:15 AM.

Commencement is an optional, dignified, solemn ceremony for seniors, their families, and guests. The actual ceremony should be completed in approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. We ask for the cooperation of all that attend the graduation ceremony to help maintain the integrity of the ceremony. Please refrain from any inappropriate noises that will detract from the dignity of the ceremony. Balloons and/or signs are not permitted in the venue. In addition, any object which obscures the view of others or impacts the safety of others will not be allowed in the venue. Since this ceremony is an official function of South Cobb High School, all Cobb County School District and South Cobb High School policies, rules, and regulations are in effect.

ATTIRE FOR COMMENCEMENT Caps and gowns must be worn by graduating seniors. Please take your gown out of the package and hang it so that the wrinkles will fall from your gown before graduation. All students will wear navy blue gowns. Due to the texture of the material we ask that you DO NOT IRON OR HEM THE GOWN.

Women: MODEST black dress and black shoes with the gown. The dress may not hang below the gown. Stud pearl or rhinestone earrings are appropriate.

Men: White shirt, black slacks, black dress shoes, and dark socks.
Only those in proper attire will be allowed in the processional. Flowers and large pieces of jewelry are not appropriate with commencement gowns. The mortarboard should lie flat on the head, and the tassel should be placed on the right side.

**PARKING FEES** KSU charges a $10.00 parking fee PER CAR. There are no discounts, and this will not be waived. Bring cash for parking. Parents cannot enter the KSU Convocation Center for commencement until 9:15 AM.

**Graduates** are to park in the Central Parking Deck. **Guests** will park in the east parking deck or the lot (across Frey Road from the east parking deck). **Guests with disabilities and elderly guests** needing assistance should park in either Lot A or Lot B.

**DIPLOMA PICK UP** Diplomas may be picked up at South Cobb High School on Tuesday through Thursday, May 26 through May 28, 2020, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the counseling suite. Diplomas will not be available the morning of commencement and cannot be mailed. Other students may not pick up your diploma. If not picked up by 12:00 PM you must return the next business day, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM for another opportunity to pick up your diploma. For diplomas not picked up on those days, call the office first to make sure someone is present to assist you as the school will be on an alternate summer schedule. **You will receive two certified transcripts at the time of diploma pick up.**

**GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES AND ELDERLY REQUIRING ACCESS** Golf carts will be available to transport guests with disabilities and the elderly to and from the parking lot to the KSU Convocation Center. Admission for guests with disabilities and elderly needing individual assistance will begin at 9:00 AM. Only 1 person will be allowed to enter with that person. Accessible parking is provided in Lots A and Lot B.

**TICKETS** At the minimum, each graduate will receive 6 tickets this year. EVERY INDIVIDUAL (INCLUDING BABIES) MUST HAVE A TICKET.

**FEES** Those who owe fines will be given a final debt notification by May 8, 2020. If a student has an unpaid debt, their name will be pulled from the commencement list until the fee is paid. The student must receive a clearance form from the advisor/coach/sponsor to whom the debt is owed. This will be their pass back into commencement practice. Students may not participate in the commencement ceremony until all debts are paid in full. (Magnet, sports, books, clubs and organizations, debts from transferring schools are included).

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE DECORUM** Remember that we are guests of Kennesaw State University. **CAPS MAY NOT BE THROWN** in the Convocation Center. **Restitution for any damage to KSU will be the responsibility of the student or guest causing the damage. Commencement CAPS may not be decorated.** Please encourage your child to honor this request.
The doors to the convocation center will be closed until after the graduate processional. After that point, parents/guests will only be permitted to sit upstairs as directed by school personnel. To maintain the dignity of the ceremony, **guests must remain in their seats throughout the commencement ceremony.** The use of tripods, monopods, selfie-sticks, or other stabilizing devices is not permitted in the Convocation Center.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Commencement photos will be released 24 hours after the ceremony for purchase on the cadystudios.com website. Students will select "Seniors" under "Order Photos", click "Graduation" then type in their name and school (South Cobb).

**VIDEOGRAPHY** Video production, recording, and DVD sales information will be forthcoming. Please visit www.cobbk12.org/graduation for information.

**REQUIRED BAG CHECK** In accordance with KSU requirements, all persons entering the Convocation Center MUST submit all bags and packages for inspection by public safety personnel. Please do not bring any package that cannot be opened or inspected. Also, please allow extra time for entry as there may be delays.

**FINAL EXAMS**
Senior final exams are on May 13 (during 3rd and 4th blocks) and May 14 during (1st and 2nd blocks). Seniors are expected to exit the campus immediately after their final exam on May 14.

**BACCALAUREATE**
*May 17*: 3:00 PM - Orange Hill Baptist Church

**COMMENCEMENT REHEARSALS**
*April 23*: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Seniors will have their first informal graduation rehearsal during the changing of the chairs ceremony.

*May 15*: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM - Seniors must report to the new gymnasium for graduation rehearsal.

*May 18*: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM - This is the final commencement rehearsal. Students must bring their ceremony shoes to rehearsal. Commencement tickets will be distributed during this rehearsal.