

CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL



**COMMENCEMENT
2026**

Parent/Student Meeting

April 1st, 2026



Welcome

Mr. Paul Gillihan, Principal

Ms. Davana Silva-Rose, Assistant Principal

Dr. Jennifer Dorrough, Assistant Principal

Ms. Taisa Turner, Lead Counselor

Ms. Dawn Holmgren, Counselor

2026 Graduation Administrators



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Kennesaw State University

May 23rd, 2026

2:30 PM



2026 Commencement

Kennesaw State University

Convocation Center



2026 Guide to Graduation Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcySJ18IoLw&t=252s>

Commencement Ceremony

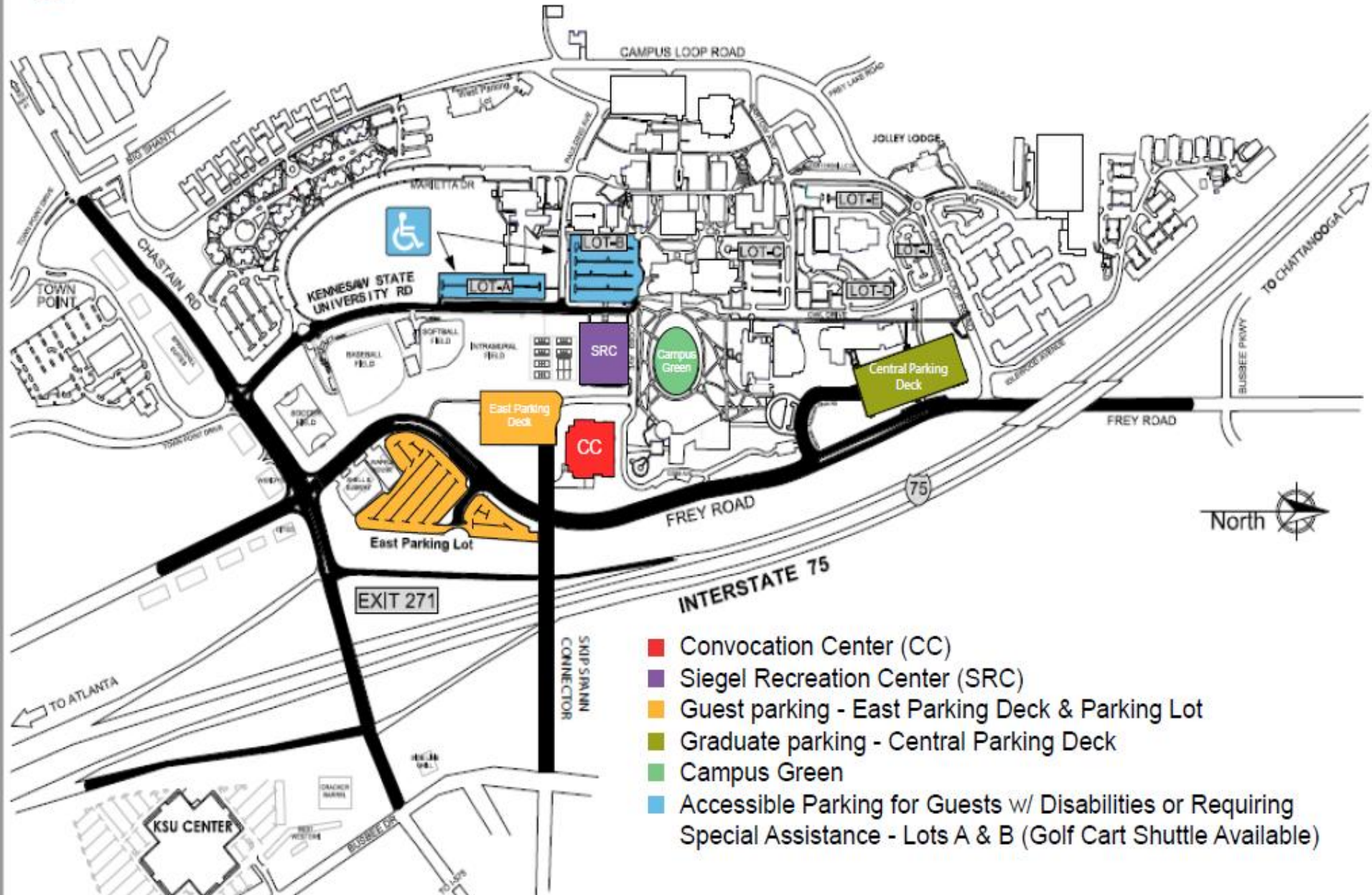
Location of Venue & Directions

- Campbell's Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony will be held at Kennesaw State University's Convocation Center.
- Address: 590 Cobb Ave, Kennesaw, GA 30144.
 - From I-75, exit at Chastain Road (Exit 271) and turn West.
 - Graduate and Guest Parking is located off of Frey Road. (first traffic light past I-75 and turn right onto Frey Road)

KSU Parking

- Parking will cost \$10 for each car parked for commencement. This fee applies to graduates and to guests.
- **Credit/Debit card ONLY.**
- Graduates are to park in the Central Parking Deck.
- Guests are to park in the East Parking Deck and the East Economy Lot (across Frey Road from the East Parking Deck). Overflow parking will be available in the Central Parking Deck.
- Guests with disabilities and elderly guests who require assistance should park in either Lot A or Lot B. Golf carts will run continuously to transport guests to and from the Convocation Center.

Commencement Facilities & Parking Locations



Commencement Tickets

- Students can log into the Student Portal to view the number of tickets received for commencement on **April 1st** (<https://studentportal.cobbk12.org>).
- Tickets will be distributed to seniors during the last graduation practice.
 - All seniors must be cleared of Fines and Fees before receiving tickets.

Requests for Additional Tickets

- If additional tickets are available, a lottery system will be used to determine if additional tickets are received based on the initial student request.
- Any additional tickets will be received at the final graduation practice.

Commencement Tickets & Entry into KSU Convocation Center

- Every guest entering the KSU Convocation Center must present an individual ticket at the door. All guests attending commencement, including babies and small children who will be seated in the laps of adult family members, will require a ticket.
- No tickets will be provided in advance.
- Tickets cannot be purchased from graduates or from their families.
- **Lost or damaged tickets CANNOT be replaced.
- **A photograph of a ticket (including but not limited to images on a cell phone) may not be substituted for a legitimate ticket.



Senior Clearance, Final Exams, and Commencement Practices

Senior Clearance

- All students must be cleared of fines and fees before commencement practice. All fees (textbook, parking, media, uniforms, CCSD laptops, etc.) must be cleared by **May 12**. Fines must be paid in cash or by money order to the bookkeeper.
 - ****If you are taking an IB/ AP Exams, you will turn in your senior clearance after your final exam (includes your laptop)**
- All students are required to have on file a completed Senior Clearance of Fees and Fines Form.
- Forms can be turned in on **May 11 and May 12** in the CHS cafeteria.
- Seniors must have record of the Commencement Contract submittal by **April 24** (student & parent signatures required).
- Students with outstanding fees will be prohibited from participating in the ceremony.

Senior Final Exams

- **Monday, May 11:** 3rd and 4th Block Senior Finals/Laptop Return (*you will attend all four classes on May 11th*)
- **Tuesday, May 12:** 1st and 2nd Block Senior Finals/Laptop Return (*Seniors should leave after 2nd block ends*)
- ****Senior Clearance Forms MUST be submitted, and all parts completed upon leaving on May 12.**

Commencement Practice

Mandatory Practices

Tuesday, May 19 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.


Thursday, May 21 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Gwyn-McClure Gymnasium

*****Graduates must attend ALL practices to participate in Commencement.***

*****If you do not attend all practices, you will NOT be eligible to walk at graduation.***

*****Graduates are NOT PERMITTED to remain on campus following commencement practice.***



Graduating seniors do not report to school (unless they are taking an AP/IB Exam or completing Course Extension)

Wednesday, May 13

Thursday, May 14

Friday, May 15

Monday, May 18

Wednesday, May 20



Commencement Attire

Graduate Attire: Cap and Gown

- All graduates must wear the approved cap and gown for commencement provided by Herff Jones/ATLGrad.
- To ensure the decorum of the ceremony and to provide consistency among schools, alterations to the mortarboard and gown will not be permitted.
- Graduates may only wear stoles, cords, and other insignia authorized by the school.
- There will be a **final distribution on April 28th** for any orders placed by April 21th .



Graduate Attire

- Male and Female:
 - Men shall NOT wear shorts, flip-flops, or sandals.
 - Women, although not required, flat shoes are recommended due to the distance graduates walk from the parking lot to the line-up room and to the ceremony venue.
- NO flip flops, tennis shoes, house shoes, slippers, or shoes with sparkles/bling are to be worn.
- Graduates may only wear stoles, cords, and other honor insignia authorized by the school.
- Students may NOT alter/decorate cap & gowns

Graduate Attire: Honor Insignia

- Students may qualify for cords or stoles based on their academic performance, pathway completion, or participation in community service, extracurricular clubs and honor societies.
- Only school-approved Honor Insignia can be worn during graduation (cords and stoles) and can be purchased by the student through **MyPaymentsPlus**.
 - It is the responsibility of the student to contact the necessary staff member to determine eligibility and for additional information.

Organization	Cord	Stole or Medal	Sponsor/Coordinator	Diploma Seal
AJROTC	Black & Gold Intertwined	n/a	Hulsey	No
Accelerated Career Diploma Program (ACD) at Chattahoochee Technical College	Turquoise Double-Braided	n/a	Art O'Neil (district office)	No
AP Capstone (Research)	Blue, White, & Silver intertwined	n/a	L. Cook	No
AVID	Blue & Gold Intertwined	White Stole	Johnson-Brownlee/Bostic	
Beta Club	n/a	Gold Stole	Thabet	
Biliteracy	n/a	n/a	Andrea Radford (district office)	Yes
CAPS	n/a	White Stole	Dorrough	No
Civic Engagement	n/a	n/a	J. Searcy	Yes
Community Service	Silver	n/a	Silva-Rose	No
CTAE Pathway Completers	Light Blue	n/a	G. Brown	Yes
DECA	Royal Blue & White	n/a	Lewis	No
Fencing League	Red & White Intertwined	n/a	Kroeger	No
Fine Arts Pathway Completers	Pink	n/a	Pittman (list & seals sent from the district)	Yes
Fine Arts Diploma Seal Candidates	Pink, White, & Brown	n/a	Pittman	No
FBLA	Royal Blue & Gold	n/a	Flemming	No
Georgia Scholar	n/a	n/a	Sent from the State (if applicable)	Yes
Honor Grads (3.5+ GPA)	Double Gold	n/a	Dorrough	No
HoPe	Black and Gold	n/a	Fain/Romero	No
International Thespian Society	Blue & Gold Braided	White Stole	Coleman/Williams	No
IB	n/a	Medal	Penick/Wood	Yes (IB puts on diploma)
International Skills	Apricot	n/a	Roberson	Yes
Mu Alpha Theta	Light Blue & Gold	n/a	Aly Hallacy	No
National English Honor Society	Purple & White	n/a	Marissa Braxton	No
National French Honor Society	Blue, Red & White	n/a	Moye/Methvin	Yes
National Honor Society	n/a	Gold Stole	Penick/Franco	No
National Spanish Honor Society	Yellow, Red and Gold	n/a	Roberson/Walker	Yes
Student Government Association	Blue, Gold, & White Single Cords	n/a	McCully	No
Tri-M Honor Society	Pink & Gold	n/a	Pittman	No
Japanese Honor Society	Red and White	n/a	Jadlocki	No
World Languages Pathway	Maroon	n/a	Jadlocki	No
Medal	Staff Responsible	Diploma Seal	Notes	
Valedictorian	Max Jones	Yes	Seals are delivered with diplomas	
Salutatorian	Max Jones	Yes	Seals are delivered with diplomas	

Community Service Cords

- **Seniors! You must turn in your Community Service hours by April 24, 2026.** Community Service cords can be purchased on **[Mypaymentsplus.com](https://mypaymentsplus.com)** after approval. Please turn in the documentation to Ms. Wood.



Commencement Day

Graduate Arrival Instructions

- Graduates must arrive at the **Siegel Recreation Center by 1:00 p.m.** with cap and gown for attendance verification and line-up for the processional.
- To participate in the commencement ceremony, graduates must purchase the approved cap and gown through Herff Jones/ATL Grad (www.atlgrad.com).

Graduate Decorum & Personal Items

- Throwing caps is inappropriate, dangerous, and will not be permitted during the ceremony. If a student tosses a cap during the ceremony or during the recessional, the student will pay restitution for any damages incurred.
- Any senior who causes a disturbance or in any way conducts himself or herself inappropriately during the ceremony will be removed.
- Graduates should **NOT** bring personal items to commencement such as cell phones, keys, purses, or selfie sticks. There is **NO** place to secure these items while participating in the commencement ceremony.

Diploma Distribution




- Diplomas will not be distributed after the commencement ceremony at KSU.
- Students can pick up their diplomas at CHS on **Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the **Counseling Office** entrance.
- ****If a parent picks up, it must be the enrolling adult, and they must present ID.**

Commencement Photos & Video Sales

- **Cady Studios** will take photos of each graduate prior to ascending the stage and as they receive their diploma. These photos will be available for purchase. (www.cadystudios.com)
- Parents and/or guests may not be in the aisles, along the stadium railings, or at the front of the stage to film or to take photographs. The use of monopods, tripods, selfie sticks, or other camera stabilizing devices is prohibited.
- Video sales will be made available online on the district graduation page (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).
- CCSD will provide a live webcast of the commencement ceremony which will be publicly available via the school district website (www.cobbk12.org/graduation).

Required Bag Check/Clear Bag Policy

- In accordance with KSU requirements, all persons entering the Convocation Center **MUST** pass through metal detection devices. Also, guests entering the Convocation Center with a bag **MUST** use either a **CLEAR TOTE, PLASTIC ZIP TOP BAG, or SMALL CLUTCH** to be approved for entry into the venue. All bags and packages are subject to inspection by public safety personnel. Guests are advised not to bring any package that cannot be opened or inspected, and to allow extra time for entry as there may be delays.

Clear Totes	Plastic Zip Top Bag	Clutch Bag or Small Purse
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Size may not exceed 12"x 6"x 12"• Logo may only be on one side of the bag• Items in the tote must be loose• All bags are subject to search	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Size may not exceed 11" x 11"• Resealable• Clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Size may not exceed 6.5"x 4.5"• May include a handle or strap• Does NOT need to be clear• All bags are subject to search
		

Prohibited Items at the KSU Convocation Center

Prohibited Items

Prohibited in all Commencement Venues

Graduates and guests may not bring any of the items listed below into any commencement venue. All bags and packages are subject to inspection by public safety personnel. Please do not bring any packages that cannot be opened or inspected.

- Aerosol/pressurized cans
- Alcohol
- Animals (except service animals)
- Any object which obscures the view or impacts the safety of others
- Artificial noisemakers (including air horns, whistles, etc.)
- Balloons of any kind
- Camera tripods, monopods, selfie sticks, or any other camera stabilizing device
- Costumes which fully cover the face and/or head
- Fireworks of any kind (including smoke bombs and flares)
- Flags
- Flyers, handouts, advertisements, etc.
- Glassware of any kind
- Glitter
- Illegal substances, drugs, and chemicals of any kind
- Inflatables
- Laser pointers
- Musical instruments of any kind
- Open flames
- Poles or staffs of any kind (metal, plastic, wooden)
- Signs, banners, and posters
- Skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, roller shoes, etc.
- Strollers
- Weapons of any kind including, but not limited to, knives (including pocketknives), pepper spray, stun guns, slingshots, concealed weapons, and firearms

All venues are tobacco-free venues, whether inside or outside. This includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes, and electronic nicotine delivery systems (e.g., e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, e-pipes, and other forms of what is commonly referred to as "vaping").



Finishing Strong

Meeting Graduation Requirements

- The Georgia Department of Education has identified the requirements to be met for students to be eligible to graduate.
- *Any senior who does not meet the established requirements cannot participate in the May commencement ceremony.*
- Because senior grades are due early, the final grading period will end earlier than other grade levels.
- *It is important for seniors to monitor their grades to ensure that you finish strong and are committed to the end.*

Graduation & Discipline

- If you are suspended during the last days of the semester or are expelled, you will **NOT** be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Important Dates

Class of 2025 Important Dates

Wednesday, April 1	Commencement Parent Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC @ CHS
Tuesday, April 28	Senior Honors & Award/Who's Who
Friday, May 1	Academic Signing Day (12:00-1:00) in the New Gym
Tuesday, May 5	Senior Clearance Forms distributed to 2 nd Block Classes (Campbell IB Students will receive after IB Exams) (Forms are due by May 12)
Monday, May 11	Final Exams – 3 rd and 4 th Block B All Senior Final Exams/Laptop Return
Tuesday, May 12	Final Exams – 1 st and 2 nd Block All Senior Final Exams/Laptop Return
Tuesday, May 12	Seniors' Last Day (Seniors dismissed after last exam)/Senior Final Grades Due
Tuesday, May 12	Senior Clearance MUST be completed before Seniors leave and to participate in any Commencement practices/ceremony
Monday, May 18	CAPS Stole Ceremony (CAPS Seniors) at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC @ CHS
Wed, Thurs, and Fri (May 13-15) and Mon and Wed (May 18 & 20)	Seniors DO NOT REPORT to school (unless taking an AP/IB Exam)
Tuesday, May 19	Mandatory Commencement Practice 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Gwyn-McClure Gym
Tuesday, May 19	Baccalaureate 6:30 p.m. at Smyrna First United Methodist Church
Thursday, May 21	Mandatory Commencement Practice 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Gwyn-McClure Gym
Saturday, May 23	Commencement Ceremony at Kennesaw State University Convocation Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduates must report to the Siegel Recreation Center by 1:00 p.m. to participate in the commencement ceremony (attendance verification)
Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27	Diploma pick-up from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the PAC @ CHS

For additional information and updates, please check the commencement page on the district website: www.cobbk12.org/graduation.

How To Stay Informed

- Graduation information is posted on the **Campbell High School website**. Please check frequently for information and updates. [Graduation and Graduate Information \(cobbk12.org\)](http://www.cobbk12.org/graduation)
- The Cobb County School District also maintains a website with graduation information www.cobbk12.org/graduation



Senior Events

Senior Week

JERSEY & TEE INCLUDED

4/13/26-4/18/26



Mon

DUES ONLY EVENT: SWEET TREATS @ LUNCH
CAFE ANNEX

Tue

DUES ONLY EVENT: TACO TUESDAY @ LUNCH
CAFE ANNEX



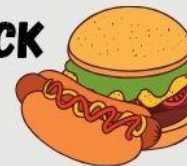
Wed

DUES ONLY EVENT: WING WEDNESDAY @ LUNCH
CAFE ANNEX



Thu

ALL SENIORS: SENIOR COOKOUT - 3RD BLOCK
ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD



Fri

DUES ONLY EVENT: SENIOR BREAKFAST @ 10:30AM
CAFE ANNEX



Class of 2026*Save the Date*

APRIL 1 7:00 PM	Senior Parent Meeting Info about graduation, deadlines, etc., in the CHS Performing Arts Center.
THROUGH APRIL 3	Purchase Senior Yard Signs Order at campbellpts.com , in Shop. Orders will be ready in mid-April.
APRIL 13-17	Senior Week Dress-up days, lunches and treats. Pay dues in MPP by April 3 (if not paid in fall).
APRIL 28 6:00 PM	Who's Who Senior Awards Senior Awards program in the CHS Performing Arts Center
APRIL 30	Deadline to Order Yearbook YearbookOrderCenter.com (school code: 14074)
MAY 1 12-1 PM	Senior/Academic Signing Day In New Gym. College/Military/Workforce. Sign-up will be sent in April.
MAY 16 10:00 AM	IB Medal Ceremony In CHS PAC, for any IB Diploma or IB Course student who sits for the IB exams.
MID MAY (DATES TBD)	Senior Walks - Elementary Schools Date is determined by each school
MAY 18 6:30 PM	CAPS Ceremony In CHS PAC, for graduates in CHS Advanced Placement Scholars Program
MAY 19 & 21 8:30 - 11:30 AM	Graduation Practice In CHS Gym, Required for all graduates participating in commencement
MAY 19 6:30 PM	Baccalaureate Ceremony Night of Inspiration for graduates and families, held at Smyrna First UMC
MAY 23 2:00 PM	Commencement At Kennesaw State University. Tickets distributed to students after practices.
MAY 26 & 27 9 AM-12 PM	Diploma Pickup At CHS Performing Arts Center

Who's Who Awards Ceremony Information

- Attention CHS Seniors--all members of the class of 2025 are invited to apply for recognition in Campbell's prestigious Who's Who ceremony.
- This is a decades-old CHS tradition that celebrates seniors who have excelled in academics, athletics, leadership, and the arts.
- Applications were given out **in first block on April 2nd & 3rd**. They must be turned in to Mr. Jones in room 3230 by 3:30 pm on Thursday, April 16th. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Jones in room 3230.

Class of 2026 Yard Signs



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Order by Friday, April 3rd!

Signs will be ready for pickup at CHS in mid-April.

Send questions to campbellptsapresident@gmail.com



Optional IB and CAPS Toppers also available.



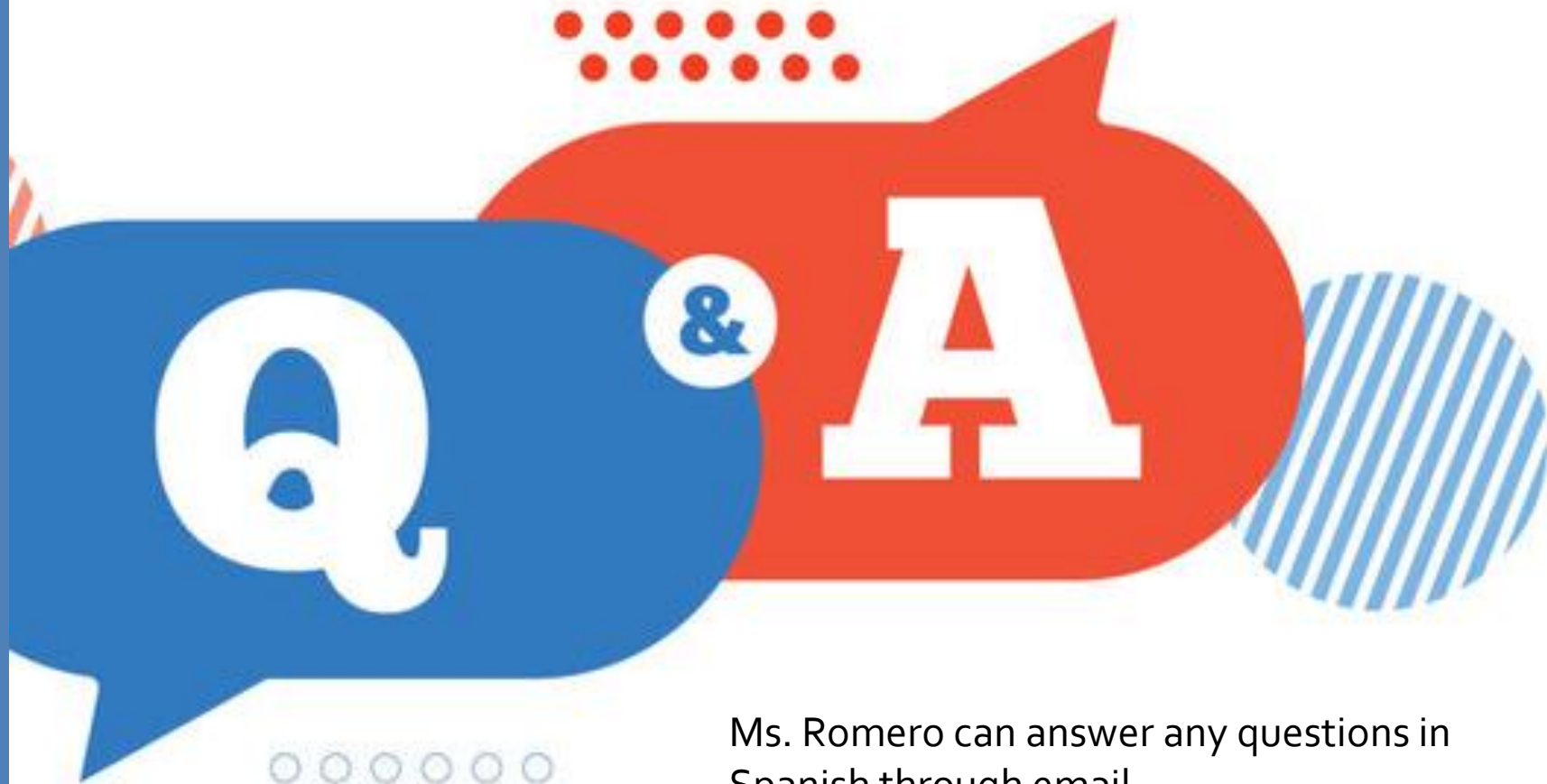
Class of 2026 Baccalaureate Ceremony

Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm

Smyrna First United Methodist Church

Graduates, families, and friends are invited to celebrate with music, candle lighting, and words of wisdom from peers and leaders. This is an interfaith event.





Ms. Romero can answer any questions in Spanish through email.
Email: rocio.Romero@cobbk12.org



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