

**Class of 2012 Graduation  
Ceremony  
Thursday, May 24, 2012  
(Procession begins at 6:50 p.m.  
Graduation Ceremony begins  
promptly at 7:00 p.m.)  
Combs High School Stadium  
2505 E Germann Rd  
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140**

Dear Families and Graduates:

Combs High School will celebrate and honor its first graduating class this coming May. Graduation represents the culmination of a student's academic achievement. It is a time of celebration and reflection for students, families, friends, faculty and staff. Graduation brings together a diverse community to share in the joy of accomplished goals.

Combs High School Commencement is a special event for all involved. Please show respect for everyone who has come to share in the experience. Individuals who engage in inappropriate or disruptive behavior may be removed from the event.

This brochure contains information specific to the graduation ceremony. Please review and keep this brochure for future reference. If at any point you have questions, please feel free to contact Combs High School administration at 480-882-3540.

### Graduation Attire

Graduation is a formal ceremony. All graduates who participate must wear the appropriate graduation attire.

- Dress or dress slacks and dress shirt for females
- Dress slacks with dress shirt and tie for males
- Students should not wear jeans, shorts, flip flops or tennis shoes for this event
- Graduation Caps **may not** be decorated in any manner

**Graduates may be prohibited from marching if they are not dressed appropriately**

### Student Arrival

Graduates must be in their assigned rooms no later than 6:00 p.m. Due to the amount of time it takes to line up and prepare students for the procession, it is possible they will not be able to march if they are not in the room by 6:00 p.m. Students must be lined up and out of the building, prepared to walk onto the field at 6:50 p.m. (Please have your student on time.)

Students must carry their cap and gown into the classroom. Once in the classroom instructions will be given about when to put on the cap and gown. No other items may be brought into the classroom. This includes: cell-phones, ipods, purses, sunglasses, keys, cameras, etc. The school staff will not hold on to any items for students and items may not be left in the classroom.

Caps and Gowns are ordered through Jostens at 480-756-0555, or contact [cindy.serrano.office@jostens.com](mailto:cindy.serrano.office@jostens.com).

### Graduation Logistics

The commencement ceremony will take place in the football stadium. The stage will be set up on the south end of the football field. Female graduates will be seated on the west side of the field and male graduates will be seated on the east side of the field. Graduates will remain standing until all graduates have entered the stadium. Several speakers will address the graduates and the audience. Graduates will then be called up alphabetically, alternating by gender to receive their diploma. Students will return to their seats and remain standing until everyone in their row returns. At the conclusion of the ceremony family and guests will be invited onto the field to greet graduates and take pictures.



### Graduation Photos

Combs High School has contracted with Duke Photography to have photos taken of **each** graduate as they receive their diploma. Pictures may be purchased through Duke Photography at 602-265-2605.

### Diplomas

Following the ceremony, each student will return to the row where they were seated. A designated teacher from the row will be holding onto the diplomas. In order to receive the diploma, the graduate must have behaved appropriately throughout the ceremony.

### Parent / Guest Arrival

Parents and guests of graduates are encouraged to be in the stadium no later than 6:15 p.m. Please arrive with plenty of time to park your vehicle, walk to the stadium and find a seat.

#### Parking

A map of available parking has been included for your convenience. Highlighted areas show the open parking locations. Parking is also available in the dirt area to the north of the 600 building as well as the dirt area north of the tennis courts. Parking will be available starting at 5:30 p.m. Please follow the directions of the parking attendants.

**Note:** The land south of the school is private property. If you park at this location you are parking at your own risk.

#### Seating

Seating is on a first come basis. Please be mindful of others when you are looking for seats. We may have ushers asking people to sit closer together in order to accommodate the expected crowd.

**Note:** Parents and family members are not allowed on the football field during the ceremony.

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## Parent / Guest Arrival

### Wheelchair Bound Seating

In order to serve our students and families, we must know in advance if anyone in attendance is wheelchair bound. Guests who are wheelchair bound will be allowed to be seated on the track with one (1) guest. In order to reserve a place on the track, please contact the office with the name of the person who is wheelchair bound as well as the guest who will accompany them on the track.

## Stadium Rules and Regulations

**Combs High School is a drug, tobacco and weapon free school zone as identified in A.R.S. 13-1092. Anyone violating this statute will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and removed from the commencement ceremony.**

**Smoking is prohibited within 300 feet of the school property lines.**

**Removal from Commencement:** The administration and Pinal County Sheriff reserve the right to refuse entrance of or removal of any guests or participants who are under the influence or disruptive during the ceremony.

The following items **are allowed** into the stadium (subject to search):

- Small purses (12"X12"X12")
- Diaper bags
- Fanny packs
- Sealed water bottles
- Hand-held cameras
- Cell phones and pagers (must be silenced during the ceremony)
- Video Cameras (No tripod)
- Flowers
- Binoculars with case
- Small foldable strollers
- Small umbrella (May not obstruct the view of other guests during ceremony)

Water will be available for purchase for \$1.00.

## Prohibited Items

Students are not allowed to bring any items on to the football field. Silly string, beach balls, air horns, or any other item that could be disruptive to the commencement ceremony are **strictly prohibited**. All items will be confiscated. Use of any of these items could result in your removal from the ceremony.

The following items **are prohibited** from being brought in to the stadium by parents, family members or guests:

- Air horns
- Coolers
- Tote/duffel bags
- Backpacks
- Purses larger than 12"X12"X12"
- Thermos bottles
- Glass bottles
- Cans
- Laser devices
- Tripods
- Golf umbrellas
- Weapons or dangerous items
- Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco
- Animals or pets

## Calendar of Events

**Baccalaureate Program: May 19th, 5:30p.m.**

**Final Exams: May 18th and May 21st**

**Marching List Sign Up Deadline: May 22nd**

**Senior Check-out Day: May 22nd**

**Graduation Practice: May 22nd, 12:15p.m.**

**Graduation Practice: May 24th, 7:45a.m**

**Graduation Date: May 24th, 7:00p.m.**

## Combs High School Class of 2012

# Guide to Graduation



*Honoring the first  
graduating class  
of  
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Mrs. Brenda Mayberry, Principal  
Mr. James Denton, Assistant Principal  
Ms. Cindy Parravano, Assistant Principal

## Senior Wrap – Up

The following contains information required for Seniors to complete prior to graduation day.

### Marching List

The names of seniors *planning* to participate in the Graduation Ceremony must be on the marching list. Contact Ms. Brokaw in the Activities Office room 588 to report whether you will or will not be participating in the graduation ceremony. This must be completed by May 22nd.

A Behavior Expectation and Standards Guideline must be read and signed upon adding your name to the marching list.

### Final Exams: May 18th and May 21st

Seniors are to attend all classes and take exams as indicated. There will be **NO EXAMS** given early. Make-ups for final exams will only be given to those senior students who have excused absences for May 18th or May 21st due to illness or family emergency.

**Seniors must complete their required 22 credits in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

**AIMS Math, Reading & Writing must be met in order to graduate.**

**All online transcripts must be received prior to May 1st.**

### Senior Checkout Day

All seniors must be cleared by the bookstore prior to **3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 22nd**. Failure to settle any and all debts could result in the student's diploma being held until such debts are satisfied. The bookstore will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:00 p.m.) to handle checkout.

Please make any and all necessary arrangements to have debts settled prior to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 22nd.

Starting **May 1st** the bookstore operates on a **cash only basis**. No checks will be accepted after that date.

No senior students are allowed in the hallways or classrooms after Monday, May 21st at 2:15 p.m. The *only* seniors allowed are those with final business with the Bookstore, Student Services or Records Office.

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