



## **Safe & Sober Project Graduation Petaluma High School**

Congratulations to the class of 2015 from the Project Graduation committee!! Safe and Sober Project Graduation was started over 25 years ago with the goal of keeping the graduates off the streets on graduation night by providing them with an all night party which they can attend as a reward for choosing to remain **sober and drug free** on their graduation night. For this reason, we are asking all families to support us by not allowing the students to consume alcohol at the parties that are held after graduation. We hope you will consider holding your party on a day other than graduation day. Our budget is approximately \$35,000 and we have been preparing all year for this party. **The following pages will provide general party information and contain forms requiring the signatures of both the student and a parent/guardian (even if the student is 18) to make a reservation to attend the party.**

If you **volunteer to work the party**, we only allow parents of senior students who each year works the party or serve on a committee all year long. Your student must allow your attendance. A permission form is enclosed with this packet. To volunteer, please contact Trisha DeCarli at [tndecarli@comcast.net](mailto:tndecarli@comcast.net). Also, we are in need of **donations** – please see if you can help us with items listed in the donation letter.

The cost to attend the party is \$50.00. Your graduate should have received a packet of 50 **Benefit Drawing Tickets** to sell. This is a major fundraiser for us and we have challenged the class of 2015 with the goal of selling \$7,000 tickets at \$1.00 each. Winners of the drawing will be notified by phone after the drawing in June. Prizes are \$250, \$200, \$150, \$100 and 10 - \$50 prizes. We use the money raised to purchase the prizes for the party. Ms. Jacobsen in the finance office at school has more tickets if your student needs them and is also the person who will collect the ticket stubs and money for the sold tickets. If your student has sold 50 or more raffle tickets or participated in the band which played/or worked at the Host Lions Food Festival, or worked the Food Festival or our Lagunitas Fundraiser, they may be entitled to ½ price admission. If they have sold 100 tickets their admission is free.

The party will be held this year at the Petaluma Community Center (Lucchesi) 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, on June 7th, from 7 p.m. – appx. 3:30 a.m. (depending on how long it takes to award prizes) **FOR THEIR SAFETY, PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR STUDENT DRIVE OR BE DRIVEN BY ANOTHER STUDENT TO OR FROM THE PARTY. THEY WILL HAVE BEEN UP ALMOST 24 HOURS BY THE TIME THE PARTY ENDS. PLEASE PLAN ON DRIVING YOUR STUDENT TO THE PARTY AND PICKING THEM UP AT THE END. IT IS UP TO THE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE PICKED UP AFTER THE PARTY.** Students must check into the party between 7 and 8 pm. If your student has made a reservation to attend the party and they do not check in by 8 pm we will attempt to contact the parent/guardian at the phone number listed on the guidelines form. Students will have to show **photo ID** to be admitted, but do not need money with them at the party as everything within the party is free after they pay for their admission. As we have had students attempt to bring alcohol and other prohibited items with them to the party, they also will **NOT be allowed to bring in backpacks, purses, bags, etc.** They may be asked to remove their outerwear, hats, boots and shoes upon entry and they are subject to search. There is a place where they can put their personal items during the night. **Once checked in, they may not leave unless it is with their parent/guardian.**

Once checked into the party, the students will have the opportunity to have their hair styled or cut, nails painted, play casino games, sing karaoke, have their fortune told, play carnival games, participate in a scavenger hunt, get a henna or airbrush tattoo, dance to DJ music, see or participate in a hypnotist act, take photos with friends in the photo booth, and eat and drink all night long. Whenever they participate, they are rewarded with “money” (paper PHS cash!) that is turned into tickets to be eligible to win some of the grand prizes. This year the prizes include flat screen televisions, Go Pro Camera, bicycles, GPS units, digital cameras, gift certificates, luggage and Cyco Cycles to name a few. All students will leave with a prize valued at \$25 or more including cash!

Reservations for the party will be taken in the quad before school, at tutorial and lunch the last week of school. They may also be mailed to Suzie Ransome, 255 Cambridge Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952. Students will need to bring or mail to us \$50 for admission along with **both the signed guidelines and release form –both forms are required** -included in this packet. If a **parent is working the party**, we will also need the release signed by your student. Students will also be able to turn in their raffle ticket money at that time if they haven’t already done so.

**Finally, please make certain that both you and your student read, sign and understand the guidelines and rules outlined on the “guidelines” sheet included. It is imperative that we have a phone number to reach you during the party in the event of an emergency. We hope you will encourage your student to attend Project Graduation and celebrate a safe and sober graduation night.**

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions:

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