

Safe & Sober Project Graduation Petaluma High School "Project Grad"

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 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 families to support this effort 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 \$25,000 to \$30,000 and preparations have been going on all year to lead up to this event. **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 years of age) to make a reservation to attend the party.**

If you have volunteered or would like to volunteer to work the party, **you must have the permission of your student;** a permission form is enclosed in the packet. To volunteer, please contact Shannon Selstrom at selstrom@sbcglobal.net. Also, we are in need of **donations**- please see if you can help with the items listed on the donation letter.

The admission fee to attend the party is \$50.00. Your student should have received a packet of 50 drawing tickets to sell. The money raised from the sale of these tickets is used towards prizes for only Petaluma High's Project Graduation. If your student has sold 50 tickets, or worked the Host Lions Food Festival, they can get 1/2 off their admission; if they sell 100 tickets their admission is free.

The party is held at the Petaluma Community Center (Luchessi) 320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma, on Saturday June 1st (the night of graduation) from 7p.m. to **approximately 3a.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 THE PARTY. THEY WILL HAVE BEEN UP FOR 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 p.m. and 8 p.m. If your student has turned in paperwork to attend the party and they do not check in then an attempt will be made to contact the parent/guardian at the phone number listed on the guidelines form. Students will have to show Photo ID, a copy of ID or school photo ID is acceptable, 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 outwear, hats, boots, and shoes upon entry and they are subject to search. There is a secure, specifically designated place where personal items can be put during the evening. **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 cut or styled, 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 the DJ music, take pics in a photo booth, eat and drink all night long. Whenever they participate, they are rewarded with 'funny money' that is turned into tickets to be eligible to win some of the grand prizes like: televisions, cameras, gift certs, luggage, bicycles, mini fridges, etc. All students will leave with a prize valued at \$25 or more.

Please help us by returning your paperwork, both the signed guidelines and release, and \$50 admission fee asap. If a parent of a senior is working the party, the permission form signed by student will also need to be turned in. You can mail to: Suzie Ransom, 255 Cambridge Lane, Petaluma, Ca. 94952, **or** you can put your paperwork and admission in a sealed envelope labeled Project Grad and turn into the office; **there will also be representatives in the quad the last week of school in the morning, during tutorial, and at lunch.** Students will also be able to turn in raffle ticket money, etc if they haven't already done so. **We will accept the paperwork and admission up to the last day of school.**

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 contact Rita at ritaprojectgrad@gmail.com with **any** questions. *Thank you for supporting a safe graduation night!*