



Kinnelon High School Project Graduation 2010

August 2009

Dear Senior Parent/Guardian,

In 1979, the Oxford Hills area in Maine experienced seven alcohol and other drug-related teen deaths during the commencement season. As a result of this tragic experience, the schools and communities in the Oxford Hills area offered their students an alternative to the “traditional” graduation night drinking and driving temptations that all too often end in tragedy. They called the party, “Project Graduation.” By 1986, Project Graduation activities were held in fifty states. Project Graduation is now a nationally recognized program that drives home the message that you can have fun without the alcohol and drugs. Throughout the year this message will be reinforced at Kinnelon High School and will culminate in the all night graduation party to be held on Friday, June 18th, 2010. Our goal is for 100% participation for the Class of 2010!!!

On graduation night, the graduates will be taken by bus to Space Odyssey in Englewood for a safe fun-filled evening of celebration. Food, drinks and an assortment of entertainment are provided until approximately 5:00 a.m. the next morning at which time the graduates are returned safely by bus to KHS.

Traditionally, Project Graduation generates its funding for this event by holding a variety of fundraisers, along with soliciting support from local merchants through a mail campaign. The KHS Home and School Association also donates money to Project Graduation through money raised from the Annual Fashion Show and Carnival. All of these efforts raise about 75% of what is required. In order to cover the cost, we are asking each student to pay \$50. If you have a financial situation in which the fee cannot be paid, please contact one of the co-chairs, who will handle the matter in strict confidence. We do not want any students to miss this special evening.

Checks for Project Graduation are to be made out to KHS Project Graduation – 2010. Please mail payment along with attached Reservation Form to:

**KHS Project Graduation- 2010
c/o Dale Jack
176 South Glen Road
Kinnelon, NJ 07405**

***Checks and Reservation forms need to be received by January 4, 2010. All forms received after January 4th will be charged \$75!!!**

Our first Project Graduation meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15th at 7:30 pm in the conference room in the high school main office. Any parents interested in helping are welcome to attend. We look forward to your help and input to make this a memorable night for our children.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Please make sure to include YOUR email address on the attached reservation form. In an effort to eliminate mailings and be “green” we would like to correspond through email.

Sincerely,

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