

KINNELON HIGH SCHOOL

PROJECT GRADUATION 2012

August 2011

Dear Senior Parent/Guardian,

One of the Senior Year highlights for your son or daughter will be attending Project Graduation following KHS Graduation ceremonies on June 15, 2012. While that may seem like a long time away, it will be here before you know it so we're busy planning to ensure it is the best celebration ever.

Some of you might be asking, "What is Project Graduation?" Project Graduation is a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free event that enables KHS Graduates to celebrate with their friends and fellow Seniors in a safe and organized environment following their graduation ceremony. This high school tradition began in response to a tragic event that occurred in 1979 in the Oxford Hills area in Maine after that community suffered the loss of seven teens due to alcohol and other drug-related occurrences 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 all 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 for your son or daughter on Friday, June 15, 2012.

Our goal is for 100% participation for the Class of 2012!!!

On graduation night, the graduates will be taken by bus to an as yet undisclosed location 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. All of these efforts assist in raising about 75% of what is required. In order to cover the full cost, we are asking each student to pay \$75. If the payment of this fee presents a financial hardship, please contact one of the co-chairs and we will work with you to resolve the matter discreetly. We do not want any students to miss this special evening.

Checks for Project Graduation are to be made out to:
KHS Project Graduation – 2012

Please mail payment along with attached Reservation Form to:
KHS Project Graduation- 2012
c/o Mary Beth Daniels
8 Cherry Tree Lane
Kinnelon, NJ 07405

Our first Project Graduation meeting will be held the end of September. Any parents interested in helping are welcome to attend. The date and time will be posted on the High School website. We look forward to your help and input to make this a memorable night for our graduates. 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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