

Project Graduation 2012 Parents' Update – 020812

Dear Senior Parent/Guardian:

As Senior Year for the Class of 2012 progresses, we want to take the opportunity to update you on our plans for Project Graduation. June 15, 2012, will be here before we know it!

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. Born out of the tragic loss of seven Oxford Hills, Maine, teens following graduation in 1979,

Project Graduation is now a nationally recognized program that drives home the message that you can have fun without the alcohol and drugs. Kinnelon seniors have been enjoying this annual event for several years.

The planning committee for Project Graduation 2012 consists of parents like you, and they are already hard at work planning and fund raising. We have just made a critical decision regarding the location and are very excited that this site meets our extensive criteria to ensure a safe and fun event.

In order to build excitement and suspense about Project Graduation 2012 as the date approaches, we have made the decision NOT to share the location in advance with our seniors and parents. This decision has a number of benefits: everyone loves a surprise and the intrigue will make the event even more memorable for our seniors. In addition, this eliminates concerns about site security.

Following 2012 KHS Graduation, seniors will be allowed approximately one hour for graduation photos with family and friends before they change clothes and depart by bus to their event site. Seniors are discouraged from leaving the school following graduation so that we can ensure a timely departure. An email with details on the site for Project Graduation 2012 will be sent to senior parents immediately following departure of the buses. Please watch for specific details closer to the event.

During the fun-filled evening, our students will enjoy a variety of entertainment, games and activities. Food and drinks will be served through out the event. The students will be returned to the high school at approximately 5:00 a.m. the next morning.

We also hope we can count on your continued support as we raise money for Project Graduation 2012. 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.

Many thanks to those of you who have already submitted your senior's registration for Project Graduation 2012. If you have not already done so, please check the Project Graduation webpage for the form and details.

We will continue to provide more details about Project Graduation 2012 as the year progresses. We are committed to a fun and safe event for your senior!

Thank you for your continued support!

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