

Graduation Celebrations

The planning has begun. If you are interested in working on behalf of the Senior Class Graduation Celebrations, please join us at the next planning meeting:

**October 8th
6PM at Jack's Grill on NE 4th Street**

Senior BBQ/Baccalaureate/Graduation Night Party

As you may know, the planning for the 2010 Graduation celebrations are underway. This year, the committee has been able to put together a lower cost, just-as-much-fun, Senior Grad Night Party. We are excited to share that our costs this year will be just over half of what they were last year. How are we doing this? Well, we've got some good connections and a group of people putting together a fun, safe, party for their grad AND YOURS.

Last year it cost \$225 for a ticket to the grad night party. Some kids/families did fundraising to bring their costs down to \$130. **This year, it will cost \$125** per ticket if we get 125 kids to sign up and we will only have to raise an additional \$2800. We have a great fundraising idea coming up early in the year (think Homecoming) and we may reach that goal early. Then, any additional fundraising could go directly to the kids.

How can you help? The committee is asking, up front, for the full ticket price of \$125 for those able and ready to commit to the grad night celebrations. The amount we collect now will determine the number of fundraisers we will need to raise enough \$\$ to bring all the kids who want to go. Our goal is to get kids to sign up early, make it THE place to be that night and provide them with the venue for their last "all together" Highlander assembly.

If you are not ready to buy a ticket, or if you want to utilize the fundraising opportunities to earn a ticket, please let us know, we welcome your participation. Fundraising will provide funds for scholarship tickets so that all students who want to be part of the party, can.

Talk to your senior about the Grad Night Party and encourage them to **sign up with their friends at the kiosk on Fridays in the Commons**. This will be fun!

2010 Total cost for Graduation Class--\$18,500

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3 ways to pay

- Lump Sum \$125
- 2 payments of \$62.50 due November 15 and February 15
- Monthly payments of \$16 due monthly Oct-Apr and \$13 in May

OR You/Kids can utilize these fundraisers:

- September Fund Raiser-No hassle fund raiser-gift to your senior-write the check for \$125 to **Hazen Class of 2010** **
- October 2 -Homecoming Something TBA
- November-Poinsettia sales
- December- Chocolate sales
- January-Flower/Herb Sale
- February-No hassle fundraiser TBA
- March-Chocolate event TBD
- April-pending funds
- May-pending funds

**Payments are collected at the Senior Kiosk, Fridays in the Commons or mail to Treasurer Laura Dinger at 8217 127th Ave SE Newcastle, WA, 98056.

Why such a big deal of a party?

I ask myself the same question. Let me ask you this- what is your senior's current plan for graduation night?

Long pause--cuz I know my senior is probably thinking about, well, something else.

Who-what-why-when-where, right? That's what I like to know when my kids head out the door. Well, here is a grad night plan:

Who: as many of these AWESOME seniors as we can get (c'mon work it!)

What: together to hang out and have some fun on their last night as a class (EVERYONE, I hope)

Why: because what else are you going to do (seriously, ask your kid)

When: on grad night--right after graduation cuz that's when it's happening

Where: not telling- it's a secret, but it's gotta be sick, knowing the folks who are planning it, (and if you don't know what sick is ask your kid).

A little more Why: because this party is a smoke, drug and alcohol free, transportation and security provided, great safe way for your kid to party on his/her last night as a Highlander!

Hope you'll talk to your senior about it- my senior is ready to sign up!

----Andrea Strom