

What IS “Grad Night”?

“Grad Night” is the commonly used term for the all-night party that senior parents host for all of the HHS seniors on the night of their graduation.

Why an all-night party?

We want to provide our students with a safe, alcohol-free environment to celebrate their graduation with their fellow HHS seniors.

When is the party?

For our seniors, the party will be held on Thursday, June 7th from approximately 9:30pm to 5:30am.

Do the students really like the Grad Night party?

Absolutely, year after year, students who attend Grad Night rave about how much fun it was and this year promises to deliver more of the same! The goal this year is 65% participation, but we’d like 100% participation.

Is it a dance?

No. While the students may dance, it is a fun-filled night with all-night snacks, food, breakfast, beverages, sport activities, professional entertainment, facilitator-lead activities, and much more. There will also be quiet activities for those who wish to be less active or take breaks from all the activities.

Do they have to dress up?

There is no need to purchase fancy party clothes; the party is very casual. The students may wear whatever is comfortable and allows movement to participate in various activities.

Does my student need a date?

Absolutely not. This is a party where each can participate at his/her comfort level, when and if they choose an activity. We make a full range of activities available, from quiet to strenuous and not all activities are available all the time so there is always something new to do. Or, they may just choose to sit with friends to listen to music, play quiet games or people watch.

Is Grad Night really safe?

The party is monitored by professional security and volunteer parents throughout the night.

Why is it so expensive?

The party includes food, beverages, and many activities in the price of admission and we add some professional entertainment to keep them busy for the 7 or so hours they are there. The bid (ticket) price does not reflect the entire cost and we must fund raise the difference. We also fund raise to provide scholarships for those who would find the admission price a hardship. Also note that bid price is similiar or less than other schools in this area.

Do they have to take money to the party to pay for extras?

No, the bid price includes everything for every person. No extra charges, nothing available to buy.



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<http://homepage.mac.com/gossard/ANP/index.html>

Who pays for the party?

The cost of throwing a party like this is not cheap, as you can imagine. The opening bid (ticket) price is \$100, which only covers a portion of the cost. The remainder is raised through PTSA Grad Night fundraisers throughout the year. Bid prices increase to \$125 during the second semester.

Can we make a partial payment?

Installment plans are available. Contact Susanne Lennon Newswanger, Bids & Admissions, for more information at susanneln@comcast.net

What if we can't afford it?

Scholarships are available in such cases. Contact Rick Gross, ANP Chair, for our Grad Night scholarship information at rickgross49@aol.com

When do we have to buy a bid/ticket?

While there's no actual “ticket” (because it would surely get lost between now and June!), there are multiple ways to buy the bid. Simply pickup a Bid and Waiver form from any Govt/Econ classroom, or the front office, or you can even download one from our website* (see url below). Remember the Bid and Waiver forms must be signed by both the student and their parent.

Can we surprise our senior?

Yes, and what a wonderful surprise that would be! Complete the paperwork (fill out everything except your senior's signature) and turn in along with your check. We will send you a “Bid Gift Certificate.” Your senior can sign the Bid forms after they receive their surprise gift.

Where is the party?

The party is **traditionally** held on campus in a safe and secured environment.

How secure is the party?

We take several precautions in an effort to make this party safe and secure for all the kids. The kids arrive around 9:00 and begin the check-in process. ID's are checked. The students will not be allowed to bring yearbooks, cell phones, backpacks, purses or bags of any kind to the party. Laundry bags are provided to store any items the kids bring along with them, any prizes they might win, and can be taken home when the party has ended. And once the kids enter the party site, they are not allowed to leave the building until the party is over at approximately 5:30am.

What goes on at the party?

We don't want to reveal any surprises here, but we will have a wide assortment of activities that will keep the kids entertained the whole night! And, there will be plenty of food.

Can parents attend Grad Night or come to take pictures?

This is an event for the students' to celebrate the beginning of their independent lives. We recruit only enough parents to assist in chaperoning and to provide security. Sorry, only parents who have volunteered to work at the party are allowed to attend during their work shift.

How can I help?

You've heard the expression "It takes a village..."? Well, that's definitely the case here! There is a Grad Night committee of parents that meets once a month to organize the various aspects of the party (food, games, prizes, fundraising) and there is a huge need for parents to help in all areas. There's a great deal to do before June, in addition to needing help at the party itself. It's immensely fun to be involved in putting on this awesome event for our kids and their classmates.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed the week-end of Grad Night to decorate, set-up, chaperone throughout the evening, and clean up. The Steering committee is always looking for cash donations, donations of food, and donations of appropriate prizes for raffles and gifts for the seniors.

If you're interested in helping, whether you have a lot of time or just a little time available, please contact Rick Gross at rickgross49@aol.com

When does the Grad Night committees meet?

Status meetings are held monthly. Be sure to visit our website for meeting dates and times, meeting summaries, and more information about this party.

Message to Parents of Seniors

The All-Night Graduation Party is a special celebration put on by the PARENTS, not by the school, and we need your involvement. Thank-You.

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Senior All-Night Party Frequently Asked Questions