



Information for Parents

Why should your Senior go to Grad Night?

Graduation Day can be one of the most joyous times in a student's life. Unfortunately, Graduation Night is statistically the most dangerous. After graduation, seniors want to celebrate. However, all-too-often these celebrations have had tragic results. Students have gotten injured or worse or have gotten in legal trouble. This has happened all over the world, including in our own school district. Parent organizations everywhere have organized Grad Night parties as a way to combat this. Branham's Grad Night party provides our students a way to celebrate their graduation without the dangers of drugs, alcohol, auto accidents, or violence. They are in a **controlled, supervised, smoke-free environment**, but can still have fun with their friends. This may be the last chance they will have to do this before they go their separate ways. Here is what you can do:

- Talk to your students about their post-graduation plans.
- If they decide they want to go to Grad Night, help them with the paperwork (the permission slip and emergency card).
- Encourage and help them to buy their tickets early.
- On graduation night, help them to get to school on time and with the required paperwork.
- Make sure they have a way to return from school the next morning.

While there are other possible Grad Night parties students can go to, Branham's has the following advantages:

- Branham's Grad Night party is the only one officially sanctioned by the Branham's Home and School and approved by the School's Administrators.
- It is continually chaperoned by parent volunteers, school staff, and professional staff at the party location.

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- Only Branham seniors are allowed at the party. No outsiders are allowed in, and no one is allowed to leave early.
- Chartered buses, supervised by chaperones, provide all transportation.
- All students will be accounted for. No one can be left behind.
- It is a non-profit activity, and even students who cannot afford it can get financial assistance to go.
- All expenses are paid with the ticket sales, including food.

Parent Volunteers

Grad Night depends on parent volunteers. It cannot happen and cannot be successful without the help of volunteers. Parents of seniors are needed, but parents of freshmen to juniors are also needed on graduation day because senior parents will be busy going to graduation. Volunteers are needed to help publicize Grad Night, sell tickets, help with fundraising, contact sponsors for donations of raffle gifts or money, help load the buses, and chaperone the event. Parents who want to help should join or contact the Grad Night Committee.

Don't have time to help on committee? Think about donating raffle gifts or \$\$\$ funds ---- you can make a difference!

Co-Chairs

Have any questions or would like to help on the Committee,
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Co-Chairs of the 2008 Grad Night Committee.



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