

# SPRHS Grad Parent Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 6, 2024

6:30pm - 7:30pm

1. Welcome & Introductions of committee members
2. Purpose of Parent Committee? To help our grads make informed decisions, and to facilitate the planning and organization of this event with their input. *Students decide their theme, menu etc. (through various surveys that our decorating committee provides).* We have provided a survey for students regarding theme, food choice etc. and will be sending a second one before Christmas as choices have been narrowed.

\*Safe grad, and Convocation are separate - parent committee organizes one, and the high school organizes the other.

3. Where to find info? - Another newsletter update will be sent out in February 2024. All main communication is forwarded by us, the committee, to the admin and office admin at Regional where it is sent out (due to FOIP policy we are not provided a list of contact information).

\*All grad info can be found:

- 1.) On the SPRHS website - students - grad
- 2.) Parent and student email
- 3.) Your child's 'Google Classroom' grad page

4. Chocolate & Hoodie sales totals?? Purdy's total \$4283.80! Hoodies total \$760! Possibly do another fundraiser in Spring. ...Purdy's Chocolates for Easter, Mom's Pantry, gift cards?

5. What can you expect on grad week/day?

*Grad week* - a whole lot of setting up! Set up Tuesday and Wednesday and hopefully be done early Thursday so everyone can enjoy the rest of the day before graduation.

*Grad day:*

-ceremony @ school (group picture prior to) then a break afterwards (2 hours)

Will need risers for the grad photo

-hall opens at 5 - find your table, grab a coffee/water, snacks

Offer an area or 2 that are fenced for fresh air, not in the smoking area.

-supper at 6:00ish - catered by C'est La Vie Multicultural menu options available.

-grand march & dance - Darcy - donated his DJ service!

-midnight lunch - menu TBD

-2:00-3:00 am - 'closing time' (usually)!

Students are not surveyed for the alcohol - the committee decides.

Grad clean up from 10-3 the next day. Pizza available!

Need to confirm photo booth/props etc.

An idea to add an extra person in each bar so it's easier to have someone available to help clean up empties, get mix, fill ice etc.

6. Volunteers - crucial for this event to be a success - sign up list. We appreciate all of your help!!! As there has not yet been a final decision on theme and decor, we will not know specific details about set up until the new year. Students are strongly encouraged to be actively involved in set up! *If people can help out near end of night to stack chairs, dump glasses etc before going home it would make things easier the next day.*
  
7. Tickets - our ticket team is looking into setting up tickets digitally to scan. . .more info will be confirmed in the New Year. *Not sure the number of tickets available yet. 120 graduates. QR code is in the works.*
  
8. Wristbands - what do they mean? Everyone wears one to ensure it is a 'safe grad'. We are also being careful in regards to liability since there are under age graduates etc. Your grad **MUST HAVE** a 'Responsible Adult' to ensure their safety until the end of the safe grad evening, or until your grad is ready to go home.  
*\*Everyone must stay inside the hall during the safe grad, unless they are ready to leave for the evening. Only the ones who are the 'Responsible Adults' (with the specific bracelet) are permitted to leave and come back.*
  
9. Grand March -traditionally, students with their escorts walk across the stage and through the hall, their names being announced. Times have changed - it has been suggested that perhaps grads march as grads (since we are celebrating them only). A lot of pressure for students to pick and choose an escort - identity changes, confusion, anxiety, struggles with friends. It will be the students' majority decision - but thought we would mention it to parents as well. *We want to help create a non-judgemental culture that it is 'okay' and*

'acceptable' for students to choose whoever they would like to walk with them - sister, brother, escort, or no one at all.

Escort may walk with a graduate or not, or another person of choice? Graduates can also choose to go solo.

10. Town - has provided a 50% discount on the hall rental for our grad class! We need to make a decision about the banners that hang on main street. For the past few years since Covid, there have been banners on the light posts on main street - highlighting the name of each graduate. They are quite costly to purchase, and the town is charging us \$30 per banner to put up. It is a wonderful acknowledgement of our graduates...do we still want them? Students will be voting also.

Banners on Main Street - student will vote on this in the new year.

11. Financials - paper copy provided
12. Junior B Fundraiser - each game requires 10 people for security - 7 must be over 18 years of age. Working one game, the safe grad would make \$350. *Is anyone available to work the game this Saturday?* Is this something we would like to continue to do?
13. Questions, Volunteer Sign up, Chocolate Pick up 😊