Mountain View



Grad Night 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of MVHS Seniors,

September 30, 2022

Planning has already begun for the Class of 2023 Grad Night celebration, which is organized by parents and sponsored by you and the MVHS PTSA. Grad Night is a long standing MVHS tradition that provides a safe and fun way for students to spend their graduation night -- sign up today!

What is Grad Night? Grad Night is an all-night party put on by senior parents to provide each graduating student of the senior class a safe, alcohol, tobacco, and drug-free place to celebrate their achievements and enjoy a fun event with their friends and classmates.

When is it? Thursday, June 8 through early morning of Friday June 9, 2023. After the graduation ceremony, students board buses that will take them to the secret Grad Night location. Before boarding the bus, grads have time to change out of their robes and into casual clothes. There is also a brief PTSA hosted reception and time for photos with family and friends.

Do the students really like the 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! For the past few years, most seniors have attended. The goal every year is 100% participation.

Is it a dance? No. While the students may dance, it's a fun-filled night with all-night food, beverages, activities, games, entertainment, and of course, a DJ. There will also be quiet activities for those who wish to be less active or take a break from all the fun.

Do they have to dress up? The party is very casual. The students may wear whatever is comfortable and allows movement to participate in various activities. Closed toe shoes are required.

Can parents attend Grad Night or take pictures? This is an event for the students to celebrate graduation as a class. Only parents who volunteer to work at the party are allowed to attend.

Is Grad Night really safe? Yes. We carefully choose the site and choose reputable transportation that is approved by the school district. We chose a site that can be monitored by facility security and volunteer parents throughout the night.

Why is the location kept secret? Will the parents know the site in advance? It is kept secret for two reasons: one is to keep the students guessing about the location, which adds to the adventure, and second is to assure that there is no contraband or gate crashing. Only a handful of parents will know the site. Committee members and volunteers will be informed on a need-to-know basis.

What does the admission price cover? Included is the site rental cost, the charter buses, food, beverages, activities, prizes and entertainment for the 7 hours they are at the party.

Do grads need to bring money? No, the admission price includes everything for every person for the entire night!

Grad Night Donations & Direct Appeal: We fundraise because the initial discounted price is below the per student cost, and we also provide scholarships for those who would find the admission price a hardship. Please consider a direct donation to this important event.

What if my family can't afford the admission? Scholarships are available through the Grad Night Fundraising Committee. You can request a full or partial scholarship on the online registration form.

Why is the party so long? The goal is to provide a full night of safe celebration for the graduates.

Can my grad leave the party early? Yes. Early departures must be arranged with the grad committee prior to the party and the grad must be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Do parents have to pick them up from MVHS?

Transportation is provided to and from the party site. Each student will need transportation home from MVHS after grad night at approximately 5 am. Students can leave a car in the MVHS parking lot as a security guard will be provided to ensure cars are safe after graduation.

Sign up now and save! The cost of Grad Night is \$225 per student. Register before Dec 23 and pay only \$195!

- → Online Registration at <u>www.bit.ly/GN2023Registration</u> with early pricing incentives
- → PayPal, credit card, and check payment available as well as scholarships for those in need

Please join us at Grad Night planning meetings which are open to all parents. Our next planning meeting is October 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the MVHS Cafeteria.

