

## Fund a Project: Class of 2008 Senior Party

Parents of the Class of '08:

My name is J.C. Ditzler. My son Nicholas will graduate from Sammamish High next June, along with your sons and daughters. I'm writing on behalf of the parent-run Sammamish High School Class of '08 Graduation Party Committee.

Most of you are familiar with what the formalized high school graduation party looks like these days. Some of you may even have attended one. For those who aren't as familiar, here is the short version of the pitch:

High school graduation is a very, very big moment in our kids' young lives. We want them to fully enjoy their time, but we of course want them to be safe while they do. Enter the well-planned grad party. It works like this: Immediately following the graduation ceremony next June, participating students are transported from the ceremony venue to a fully chaperoned, **super-fun, all-night** party at a secret location somewhere in the greater Seattle area. A real effort is made to be sure that so many different activities are crammed into the event that every kid -- regardless of his or her interests -- will have a choice of several really fun things to do, surrounded by fellow grads. Two full meals are served during the night, and snacks and soft drinks are out and available the entire time as well. The bottom line is that the kids have an absolute blast in an entirely safe environment, and are returned home safe, well fed, tired and happy the following morning.

### Why Am I writing to You Now?

First, a party like this requires lots and lots and lots of set-up. We're hoping that you will contribute your time and ideas to the process. Second, the cost of a party like this is significant. Some of **that cost** (perhaps as much as a third of the total) **is typically offset by parent group fundraising**. Even with highly successful fundraising, individual student tickets to the party are still likely to be around \$100 each.

We hope to get a solid start on raising necessary Grad Party funds through a "Fund a Project" drive. Contributed funds will enable us to make our periodic payments in November and January, each of which are several thousand dollars. More to the point, they will help us to enhance the kids' party experience, including providing scholarships for those who might not otherwise be able to attend. Please make a contribution now.

**Remember, many employers will "match" this kind of donation. Be sure to check with yours!**

If 10 families give \$200 each (\$2000), 20 families give \$125 each (\$2500), 50 families give \$75 (\$3750), a further 50 families give \$50 (\$2500) we'll be off to an excellent start (\$10,750). Remember all contributions help!

**YES** -- Count me as a "Friend of The Class of 2008". Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ , payable to "Sammamish PTSA - 2008 Grad Party Fund".

**Donations may be sent to:**

*Vera Swanson/Parent class of 2008 treasurer*

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Thanks,

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