

2011

Parent Group 2011

First Newsletter

November 1, 2008

Class Dues

- **100.00/ Student Due before Senior Week Activities.**
- **Payable to any of Parent Group officers**
- **Will not be able to participate in Senior Week Activities Until Dues are paid**
- **Almost all Senior week activities are coordinated by Parent Group of 2011**

Keep an Eye out for upcoming web page for the class of 2011

Next Meeting:
November 19
Mesalands

Senior Week Fundraising

Greetings to all of the parents of the Class of 2011!

It is exciting that the day of our children's graduation is finally in sight. The next couple of years will be filled with lots of work, activities and accomplishments; especially that senior year. To keep things as pleasant as possible, it is time to start planning and working towards what has been traditionally provided by the parents of the graduates. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the parents provide fun activities for each day of Senior Week and the All Night Graduation Party, organize Baccalaureate and the flowers for Graduation.

For us to provide for these events takes planning, good communication to coordinate everyone's ideas and efforts, and money. So this is a good time to begin making plans and start raising money so that when their senior year comes with its own set of demands, we will have our plans laid out and most of the money raised. As this is a lengthy project with many tasks and all of us are very busy, it is important for us to have good communication so that everyone can be informed of what needs to be done. Thank you Michelle Jaynes (Rhea Jaynes' mom) for volunteering to set up and maintain the newsletter and Kim Enriquez (Sara Enriquez' mom) for stepping up to be the Secretary to keep record of our decisions at meetings. Kim has also offered to secure our meeting place at Mesa Community College; thank you Debbie Fought (Laura Fought's mom) for arranging our first meeting place.

While our first meeting was well attended, there were many who were unable to come. I would like to try and share what was expressed as a consensus, what emerged as a group philosophy, our goals and how we would like to accomplish them.

- ~ It was agreed that each Senior pay \$100 towards Senior Week and the All Night Graduation Party. This fee is not refundable if something should happen that he/she is unable to participate in the events (i.e. move away, unable to graduate . . .). One half of the fee, \$50, is due by April 1, 2009 (their sophomore year) and the other half, \$50 is due by April 1, 2010 (their junior year). The dues are collected early to help parents spread out the expenses since the senior year has many additional costs and then we can know what our budget is the final year. Thank you Michelle Jaynes for offering to be the Treasurer; you can give your dues to her.
- ~ Since fund raising is such a major role of what we do, we discussed ways to make the most money with the least amount of time and effort, taking into consideration what had been done successfully in the past. Also we decided that as much as possible we would encourage and include the students in fund raising projects. Another factor that everyone agreed upon was to have several large fund raising projects each year that everyone participated in versus having numerous and/or ongoing projects. An additional plus is that everyone working together builds community and support, making it more enjoyable. Shannon McElroy (AJ McElroy's mom) had researched numerous options and had several suggestions that included a trash pickup and dinners. Thank you Shannon for getting us started and being willing to coordinate fund raising and lead as co-chair. Rachel Montano (Gabriel Montoya's mom) suggested selling window transfers that say Rattlers and/or various sport involvement;

we agreed that this would be a popular item and worth selling.

- ~ We agreed that it is vital to involve the students in the planning. That all of our efforts need to focus on what it is that they would enjoy.
- ~ We agreed that everyone needs to be involved in raising the money and that we all needed to come to the fund raisers and work. Each of us should encourage everyone to participate, making everyone feel welcome.
- ~ We agreed that we wanted to decrease the amount of money spent on the All Night Graduation Party. We would like to stay focused on making it fun for the seniors and not give away items in a fashion that is divisive and causes hard feelings.

While nothing is necessarily set in stone, it is our beginning and I wanted to communicate what we seemed to all agree on as a starting point. It is important that each of us considers what it is that we can contribute to making this a great project, worth putting our precious time and energy into. All of us have ideas to share and a unique perspective, and when we bring these together in a positive way, we will create a special celebration for our children. Let's do our best to hear each other's suggestion, way them out carefully in light of what will benefit our goal and what we can all agree on, and move forward with a commitment to work hard to make this the best Senior Week and All Night Graduation Party ever! Hopefully we'll see you at the next meeting. Audrey Wiegel (Patrick Wiegel's mom) Co-Chair

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Important Dates:

Next Meeting: November 19@Mesalands CC

Trash Clean Up: November 7th at 2nd & Maple at 1PM

First Half of Dues (\$50.00) Due by April 1, 2009

Second Half of Dues (\$50.00) Due by April 1, 2010

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