

Where will you be?
Notre Dame Class of 2009
Project Graduation



Tuesday, May 19th, 2009 Immediately following the Ceremony

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why is the event right after Graduation? I want my child to be with us to celebrate with family. This event is right afterward because it has the highest success of having every student attend. Once everyone leaves, it becomes more difficult to bring everyone to the event. This also ensures, by getting the students onto a bus right from the ceremony that there are no issues with anyone being under the influence prior to the event. The NDP students last day is a few days prior to the day of graduation, and this can be a great time for the family to celebrate.

What is covered in the \$100 cost? There will not be one additional dollar needed the entire night for your graduate. This covers full use of Cracker Jax and all rides, golf and batting cages, 20 tokens for games, Matt Stutz DJ package, including Club Saint Dancing, Wii and Rock Band, casino and boxer bingo, dinner upon arrival, snacks and drinks throughout the night, and breakfast at the end, prizes, prizes, and more prizes.

What are the prizes and how do they win? We will have a variety of ways to win this year, and we will be having a great prize package for the Karaoke challenge at the end of the night, details will come with your package after registration.

What do they need to bring with them? Nothing, we will be collecting everything at check in, and while they can check out items they may need throughout the evening, there should be very little they will need. Restrooms are stocked with items that may be needed, all food and games are included, and no funds are needed; a change of clothes when they arrive is all they need. Cameras should have their name on them, since many graduates get the same model for graduation gifts, but we will have a photographer there available to them.

My child is shy and doesn't feel he/she will fit in, what can I do to get them to want to go? This night is different than a typical school dance or activity. It has something for everyone, from dancing, car racing, and games, to Rock Band and batting cages. This is also a different crowd; something happens to the kids when they start to realize this is probably the last time

they will all be together. Suddenly social status and “cool” and “not cool” go to the side and having the best time is the most important. There will be adults there all night and will be looking out for anyone who may seem to be by themselves and make sure they have a fantastic time.

What will the security that night be? We will have the Cracker Jax Staff, 2 Scottsdale Police officers, Project Graduation Committee members and NDP Alumni. The Event Coordinator of CrackerJax is well aware of hiding places and tricks that can occur and they are on it. They host many high school Project Graduations, including Brophy and Xavier and are very aware on what it takes to keep our kids safe.

What do I need to do to find a scholarship for the evening? You can contact Colleen Katz, event chair and all will be held in strict confidentiality. We want every senior to attend.

Can someone other than a parent check a graduate in if he/she does not go on the bus? No, we are going to make every effort to have every graduate go on the bus, trouble occurs when there is time between graduation and coming over to the event. We want to avoid that, and the best way is to have them with you. We want to have all graduates there no later than one hour after the graduation to allow them to participate and enjoy all the activities. The best way is to have them arrive together.

Why is this not a school sponsored event? These students are now graduates and no longer students of NDP, so they are not under the insurance of the school any longer. The CrackerJax facility will be holding the insurance for this event, just as if your graduate was going there any other time. The school administration does support and encourages all graduates to attend; we all want our kids safe on this night. The Mother’s Guild is supportive of this cause and that is why they established this committee to organize the event.

Will my donation be tax deductible? Yes, any donations that come will be going through the school to Project Graduation. We will thank all of our supporters in signage at the event and in the newsletter acknowledgement.

Thank you all so much.

If your questions have not been addressed here, please contact Colleen Katz at katzparty@yahoo.com or at (480)-661- 9535 and I will be happy to answer them.

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Project Graduation Chair 2009