

TJ High School Raider Parent Movement is looking forward to sponsoring a fun, safe, and substance-free, all-night celebration for seniors on the night of graduation. The following information should help answer any questions you might have.

It is imperative that parents, guardians, and participating graduates read and understand the following.

- 1) **WHAT IS GRAD NIGHT?** Grad Night is TJ RPM's senior send-off event. It is an opportunity for seniors to participate in a special evening of celebration with their classmates in a safe and secure environment. The Grad Night party is planned and organized by a volunteer committee of TJ's Raider Parent Movement.
- 2) **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?** TJ Seniors
- 3) **WHERE WILL THE PARTY BE HELD?** The location of the celebration will be a surprise for the students until they arrive at the site(s). The planning committee will know where the students are at all times. We've kept it a surprise for good reason—safety! This event is for TJ Seniors only, and we do not allow uninvited participants. Disclosing the location in advance may open the door to a chain of events that we would not be able to control. Safety is our number one priority.
- 4) **WHEN DOES IT TAKE PLACE?** Students board chartered buses in the evening following the graduation ceremony. Buses will return to TJ between 4:45 - 5:30 AM the following morning.
- 5) **WHAT DOES THE TICKET PRICE COVER?** Ticket sales cover the cost of transportation, event location(s), food, entertainment, and activities.
- 6) **CAN I WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SIGN UP?** Not a good idea. Any last-minute signups will be confirmed based on availability. Sign up early! You may sign up by completing the Senior Grad Night google doc and purchasing a ticket to reserve your space.
- 7) **WHAT PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED?** Senior Grad Night google doc, Senior Release form and Emergency Care Plan form (if applicable) are available on the TJ RPM website www.tjrpm.org/grad-night.html when purchasing a ticket. Links to the forms are also available below. Each student must have a signed Senior Release form, with current parent/guardian contact information. **These forms need to be filed with the Grad Night Party committee. Remember: No signed forms = no event = no refunds. Your student will not be allowed to board the bus if we have not received the signed senior release form and emergency care plan form (if the emergency form applies to your senior).**
- 8) Download and complete the [Senior Release](#) form.
- 9) If applicable, download and complete [Emergency Care Plan](#) form.
- 10) **HOW DO I KNOW IF MY STUDENT IS SIGNED UP ALREADY?** Email: GradNight@tjrpm.org

- 11) **CAN I GET A REFUND IF MY STUDENT DECIDES NOT TO GO? No.** Should this happen, your paid amount will be considered a donation for another student in need who wants to attend the event.
- 12) **ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT?** Yes! We have funds available each year for those who might need financial assistance to attend the grad night party. Please complete the Scholarship application form which can be located at www.tjrpm.org/grad-night.html. The scholarship application deadline is 04/01/25. We'd like everyone who wants to participate to be able to attend this wonderful event. All scholarships are strictly confidential.
- 13) **WHAT TO WEAR:** Comfortable, casual attire. Wear layers and comfortable shoes and SOCKS (closed toes are highly recommended; you never know what activities you may be doing).
- 14) **WHAT NOT TO BRING:** Purses, backpacks, wallets, money, and banned substances of any kind (drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vapes, weapons). Cell phones will be powered off and held by the chaperones from the time the students depart TJ, to when they return. The grad night committee will supply tissues, feminine hygiene products and other toiletries; students do not need to bring these items.
- 15) **OPTIONAL:** Students may bring a disposable or Polaroid style camera with them, but they will be responsible for it. A photographer will be taking pictures during the party and a link will be provided to all students within a week following the event.
- 16) **WHAT IF MY STUDENT NEEDS MEDICATION?** Any student needing to take medications during the event will need to indicate this on the emergency care plan form and check the medication in with a senior send-off representative when they arrive at TJ the evening of the party. Medications should be in a prescription container marked with the student's name. Please place the container in a Ziploc bag, also marked with the student's name, along with a signed note by the parent with specific dispensing instructions. Chaperones will be fully aware of all students with medical issues.
- 17) **WHAT ARE YOUR CHECK-IN PROCEDURES AND SECURITY?** Students will check-in with coordinators and line up at their assigned bus to undergo a quick security check which DOES include a modified pat-down. Any items in the student's possession that are not allowed (see What Not To Bring above) will be safely held and returned to the student when their bus arrives back at TJ. Once the students are checked in, they will receive a colored wristband that corresponds to the bus on which they will travel. Students are not allowed to leave the event at any time. If they are sent home for any reason, the parent/guardian will be called to come pick them up at the event—not a friend, sibling, etc. Of course, if an emergency does occur, the parent/guardian will be notified immediately. There will be zero tolerance for tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or weapons of any kind. Participants are expected to conduct themselves in an adult manner and follow all directions issued by representatives/chaperones of the senior grad night committee, representatives of the event site, representatives of Grad Nights, or any security personnel. In the event a participant is found in possession of a banned substance or weapon, or whose conduct is unbecoming, they will be immediately removed from the event. The person(s) listed as a contact will be notified and will be responsible for the immediate transportation of the participant from the celebration.
- 18) **EVENING ITINERARY:** Graduates will board buses around 10:00 PM: Return to TJ around 5:00 – 5:30 AM the following morning.

- 19) **PICK UP AFTER EVENT:** When the buses return to TJ, parents, guardians, siblings, friends or UBER/Lyft are strongly encouraged to pick up the participants, as they will have been up all night. Please make sure arrangements have been made prior to the party so seniors are prepared when they arrive back at TJ.
- 20) **QUESTIONS or CONCERNS:** If you have questions, please contact the senior grad night committee at: GradNight@tjrpm.org.