

Dear Parents,

In 1978 Project Graduation was started at Oxford Hills High School in South Paris, Maine after the tragic experience of seven alcohol and other drug related deaths during the commencement season. The school and community made it a point to avoid any other tragedies by starting a tradition of giving the senior class an all-night chemical free graduation celebration. Portland High School is proud to continue this tradition because alcohol is still the number one cause of deaths among teenagers.

We are Portland High School parents and our children are seniors this year. It is our responsibility to make sure we provide a safe and memorable evening. The planning committee is looking at having the kids attend an all night celebration at Howard Sports on the eve of June 4, 2008 from 8:00pm to 5:00am. The evening will include a giant blow up slide, velcro olympics, human foosball, human bowling, hypnotist, caricature artist, henna tattoos, dancing, games, sports, food and lots more.

In order to make this a success we need to raise \$10,000 and we need your help. There are many ways in which you can help us with this project. The second page outlines the various activities with which we need a great deal of assistance. Our next meeting will be held on **March 31st at 6:00pm at PHS**. Please join us and bring any ideas you have.

Please look over the list carefully, and contact me to let me know how you can support our efforts. If we all work together, we will reach our goal. You may email me at wikek@portlandschools.org or call me at 874-8250 or 650-6531 to let me know how you would like to help. If you would like, feel free to send in the attached list with your son/daughter and check off how you would like to help.

Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Wike
Project Graduation Advisor

My name is _____ parent of _____
I would like to support project graduation by:

March 22, 2008 Dance at PHS from 7-11pm:

- _____ Chaperone
- _____ Donate water.
- _____ Collect tickets at the door
- _____ Coat Room

_____ Hall Monitor

April 10, 2008 Portland vs. Deering Faculty Basketball Game:

This event will take place at Deering High School Gym at 7pm.

- _____ Collect admission at the door
- _____ Work the food table
- _____ Make snacks to sell at the food table

May 10, 2008 Silent Auction/Dance:

This event will take place at the St. Johns Eagles on St. John Street in Portland. There is plenty to do to prepare for such a big event. Tickets are on sale now, \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. Please have your son/daughter stop by my office and pick up a flyer along with tickets to sell. We have created a letter on PHS letterhead for you to take with you.

- _____ Collect donations from local businesses that we can auction off.
- _____ Sell Tickets for this event.
- _____ Make snack items for the evening of this event.
- _____ Make a basket to be auctioned off at the event.
- _____ Meet with group prior to the auction to make gift baskets.
- _____ Meet at the auction prior to the event to set up and organize the auction.
- _____ Use internet to access donations.

Baskets:

In each senior homeroom they will be collecting items to put together a basket in which will be auctioned off at the May 10th event. Please check with your son/daughter to find out their basket theme. If you have items that you would like to donate to another basket please feel free to send them in to me. If you would like to create your own basket please feel free to do so. Basket themes are:

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| _____ Bulldog Basket | _____ Dog Basket | _____ Baby Basket |
| _____ Morning Blend Basket | _____ Italian Basket | _____ Girl Birthday |
| _____ Pamper Yourself Basket | _____ Movie Night | _____ Sports Basket |
| _____ School Supply Basket | _____ Gardner's Basket | _____ Bakers Basket |
| _____ Game Basket | _____ Sweet tooth | _____ Boy birthday |

Ongoing Items For Sale:

We are currently selling items, which will support our project grad efforts. We are selling baseball hats (pink, white, blue, pink/white, blue/white) that say PHS Bulldogs on them. These sell for \$20.00. We are also selling PHS Bulldog "Toegoez" Flip Flops on sale for \$20.00. Portland High Umbrellas are on sale for \$15.00 each.

- _____ Sell these items on your own.
- _____ Sign up to sell these items at an upcoming spring event.

Donations:

Students have been sending out letters to area businesses in hopes of receiving financial support. If you would prefer to send in a cash donation to support our efforts please make checks payable to PHS Project Graduation. We are asking for any kind of donation, nothing is too small or too big. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Project Graduation: June 4th 8:00pm to 5:00am at Howard Sports in Saco.

Students will be bussed to and from this activity. Busses will pick students up in the Back Bay parking lot and be transported to Howard Sports.

- _____ Chaperone project grad the entire evening
- _____ Chaperone project grad from 8:00pm-12:00am
- _____ Chaperone project grad from 12:00-5:00 am
- _____ Set up for project grad at 5:00pm at Howard Sports
- _____ Check students on to the busses and check bags
- _____ Ask area business for food, beverage and snack donations
- _____ Ask Elm Ice for Ice donation and transport it to Howard Sports
- _____ Help transport other food items to Howard Sports