



February 2021

Dear Fellow Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2021,

Graduation is a time of celebration, high hopes, and lasting memories, all of which can lead to big expectations for graduation night. Since 1991, families of the HPHS graduating class have provided the seniors with a tobacco-, alcohol-, and drug-free celebration on graduation night, known as **Project Graduation**. **Project Graduation** is an all-night event that's about keeping our kids safe while ensuring a fun and memorable time.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that nothing is certain. But our hopes are that by June, with proper precautions, we can offer our graduates some type of celebration and opportunity to gather together to mark this most unusual senior year. We are planning on two possibilities:

PLAN A: A traditional **Project Graduation for the class of 2021** is tentatively scheduled to be held on Monday, June 21 (the night of graduation), from 10:00 PM to 4:00 AM, at the Woodbridge Community Center. Here, students will enjoy activities ranging from swimming to roller skating to games to yearbook signing, and more! Buses will provide free transportation for **ALL** students to and from the high school.

PLAN B: A local outdoor event to be held during daytime hours planned in consultation with the Class of 2021, where students can play lawn games, sign yearbooks, and enjoy refreshments.

With either plan, **the entire class of graduating seniors can participate FREE OF CHARGE because parent-led fundraising covers all expenses!** Through the generosity of parents, community members, and many local businesses, Highland Park has been able to offer **Project Graduation** for the past 30 years. **We need your help to keep this special tradition going!**

In a normal year we'd be finalizing plans for **Project Graduation's signature fundraiser, A Night at the Races**, a fun community event that in the past raised as much as \$10,000 per class to support our seniors. Conditions this winter are not conducive to holding a large indoor fundraiser, and we are mindful that this year has brought loss and hardship for many families, as well as for our local businesses. As a result we have modified our fundraising goals to **\$6,000** through direct appeal. These funds will be used to help provide a fun, FREE, and safe celebration for our seniors.

Please consider making a donation of *any size* to help support **Project Graduation**—no amount is too little or too much! Contributions can come from grandparents, family, friends, or your business. You can donate by credit card at www.hpprojectgraduation.com or with a check made payable to HPHS Project Graduation. Details are on the website and below. We are hopeful that we can provide a fun, safe environment where our seniors can celebrate. Thank you for helping to continue this important tradition during a unique time in our history.

Sincerely,

Class of 2021, Project Graduation Parent Committee

For more information, or to get involved visit www.hpprojectgraduation.com

To simply make a donation, visit <http://www.hpprojectgraduation.com/donate>

If you would like to DONATE BY CHECK:

Please make check payable to:
HPHS Project Graduation

and mail to:

HPHS

% Kazumi Pestka

P.O. Box 1505

Highland Park, NJ 08904

If you would like to DONATE BY CASH:

***Please bring in a sealed envelope to the HPHS Main Office, marked
'Project Graduation 2021'***

All credit card or PayPal purchases must be completed online at

<http://www.hpprojectgraduation.com/donate>

THANK YOU!