FAQ SENIOR SEND OFF 2015

INFORMATION, RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ATTENDANCE

The EHS High School 2015 Graduation Committee is looking forward to a fun, safe, and substance-free all night celebration on Friday, June 12, 2015. The graduation ceremony for the EHS Class of 2015 is scheduled for June 12 at 8 pm at Key Arena. The following information should answer many questions you may have. It is imperative that both parents/guardians and participating graduates read and understand these items.

WHAT IS SENIOR SEND OFF: Senior Send Off is an opportunity for all EHS seniors to participate in a special evening of celebration, fun and memories. This celebration is not a school sponsored event, but has been planned and organized by a parent volunteer committee of the Eastlake High School PTSA. The celebration is designed to provide the EHS Class of 2015 with an avenue for celebrating their successful graduation with their classmates in a safe and secure environment. These all night parties have been an Eastlake tradition for many years.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: Senior Send Off is open only to Eastlake Class of 2015 seniors.

WHERE WILL THE GRAD NIGHT PARTY BE HELD: The location of the celebration will be a surprise to 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 the Class of 2015 only and we do not want uninvited participants.

WHEN DOES IT TAKE PLACE: Chartered buses will leave from Key Arena immediately following the graduation ceremony and will return to Eastlake at 6 am.

CAN I WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SIGN UP: Not a good idea! Any last minute sign-ups will be on a space available basis only. Don't get left standing on the sidewalk as the buses pull out graduation night. Sign up now to hold your spot. Bus assignments will be done in the spring. You may sign up by going to the <u>www.ehsptsa.org</u> website. Click on **Grad Programs** and then click on **Senior Send Off**.

REQUIRED PAPERWORK: Forms are available on the <u>www.ehsptsa.org</u> and Senior Send Off sign up table in the commons during lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until March 19. Each student must have a signed permission/liability release form, contact information and, if applicable, a signed medical release form. These forms need to be on file with the Senior Send Off committee no later than May 29, 2015. Announcements will be made as the deadline approaches as to the exact times Grad Night representatives will be available for collecting any final paperwork. Remember: No forms = no event = no refunds.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE? Yes, contact your school counselor to start the scholarship process. All scholarships are strictly confidential.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

- Photo ID.
- Disposal cameras only.
- Wear comfortable, casual attire and shoes.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- No Purses or wallets.
- No cameras (except disposable cameras).
- No cell phones.
- No money is needed.

• There will be zero tolerance for tobacco, alcohol, drugs or weapons of any kind. Also, participants shall conduct themselves in an adult manner and shall follow any and all directions issued by representatives of the Senior Send Off Committee, representatives of the event site, representatives of Northwest Events 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 shall be immediately removed from the celebration 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 with no refund issued.

PERSONAL MEDICATIONS: Any student needing to take medications during the event will need to indicate this on the medical release form and check the medication in with a Senior Send Off representative no later than 12:00 noon the day before graduation. Medications should be in a prescription container marked with the student's name. Please place the container in a zip lock bag, also marked with the student's name, along with a signed note by the parent with specific dispensing instructions.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES AND SECURITY: We will be checking in the students on the West side of Key Arena. Key Arena will clear restrooms for our students to change. The chartered buses will also be waiting on that side of the building for loading. Students will line up at their assigned bus and undergo a quick pat down. Any items in the possession of the student that is not allowed (see **What Not To Bring** above) will be safely stowed and returned to the student when buses arrive back at EHS.

There will be at least 1 chaperone for every 25 students including at least 1 medically trained chaperone. Once the students are checked in, they will receive a colored wrist band that will coordinate with the bus they will be traveling on. The bus the student departs on will be the same bus that brings them back to the high school the following morning. 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.

Remember, your student will not be allowed on the bus if we have not received the signed permission and applicable medical release forms.

EVENING ITINERARY: (Times are approximate)

• 11:00 pm: Meet on the west side of Key Arena for student check-in. Forms are checked, wrist bands are given out and students are loaded onto the buses.

- 11:30 pm to 4:45 am: Graduation Party.
- 5:30 am arrive for pick up at EHS.

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