



Samohi Grad Nite 2008

Dear Samohi Parents,

What is Grad Nite? It is an all night, on campus party for graduating seniors from Santa Monica High School and Olympic High School. No outside guests, no other students – just the seniors are allowed to attend.

When is Grad Nite? Grad Nite begins at 9:30 pm the night of graduation – Thursday, June 19, 2008.

What is the purpose of Grad Nite? Keeping our students safe! Graduation night is one of the most dangerous nights for our youth – driving from party to party, possibly under the influence, as they celebrate this life event. When they attend Grad Nite at Samohi, they are in one safe location from 9:30 pm to 5:00 am.

What do the kids do at Grad Nite? The graduates have activities to keep them busy all night – dancing, carnival games, casino tables with dealers, sumo wrestling, karaoke, a prize booth to redeem their winnings, endless food and beverages, and a grand finale at the Greek including scholarship drawings from the Samohi Alumni Association. Each attendee receives a “goodie bag”, and is mailed a specially produced DVD of the highlights of their senior year.

What can you do to help with Grad Nite?

We need parents to chair committees. This is a parent organized event. The planning for Grad Nite 2008 is already underway.

We need 200 volunteers for event night, and another 100 to help with set refurbishing, boat construction, decorating and clean up. Volunteer forms will be mailed home to senior families in February 2008, but we encourage parents of all grades to participate. Volunteer forms will also be available as of March 1, 2008 at parent group meetings and on our web page: www.samohi.smmusd.org/Grad_Nite .

We need 700 prizes for the Prize Booth and items to fill 700 “goodie bags”. Can you solicit gift certificates, CD’s, movie tickets, dinner certificates, electronic equipment or any item a graduate could use? The list of the 2007 donors is on our web page: www.samohi.smmusd.org/Grad_Nite.

We need MONEY! This spectacular event costs over \$75,000. The ticket price covers only half of the total needed. The City of Santa Monica, the Samohi Alumni Association and other community organizations give generously, but we still need the help of our Samohi parents.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Grad Nite, please complete and detach the form below and return it at the PTSA Station at Summer Registration. Make your check payable to Samohi Grad Nite.

Find out how you can be involved with this memorable event by attending our first meeting on Monday, October 29 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria, or contact us at samohi.gradnite@smmusd.org or at 310-395-3204 ext 977.

Yes! I would like to make a donation to Grad Nite \$ _____ (Make check payable to: Samohi Grad Nite)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please return this form at the PTSA Table during registration, **or** drop in the Grad Nite box in the Activities Office at Samohi, **or** mail to Samohi Grad Nite, 2633 Lincoln Blvd., PMB #359, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Thank you for your generosity!