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Frequently Asked Questions

About the Event

- What is the Grant Grad AfterParty?
 - The Grant Grad AfterParty is a decades-long tradition, pulled together by a team of Grant community volunteers, with support from some incredible sponsors. The AfterParty is a safe, fun and inclusive graduation celebration, with signature entertainment your Senior will not want to miss.
- Secret Location? Mysterious Activities? What's going on here?
 - Part of the tradition is keeping party details secret at first, and rolling them out to build excitement. Past parties have featured all their favorite foods (including sushi!), a coffee and ice cream cart, karaoke, casino games, swimming, sport courts, ping pong, henna tattoos, premier headlining entertainment, and more!
Core party hours are 10:30-2am, and it goes by fast.
- Will it be a long bus ride to/from the venue?
 - The party venue is in Portland city limits, with travel time approx. 15 minutes from PSU/downtown depending on traffic, and about the same heading back to Grant.
- Is it true the Raffle has great odds and amazing prizes?
 - Yes! Last year's raffle featured Apple Headphones, AirPods, and a MacBook Air plus more than a dozen \$25/\$50 grad-friendly gift cards! Every event ticket serves as 1 raffle entry for the premier prizes, and there will be various ways students can earn bonus tickets, both before and during the event!
 - Important: The Raffle is held toward the end of the party, just ahead of the Headliner Entertainment and **you must be present to win.**
 - *If you are a local business owner, or have a connection that would like to donate items or gift cards for the raffle, please email grantgradafterparty@gmail.com!*

Ticket Sales

- Who do I contact for a ticket scholarship / pay-what-you-can fee?
 - Send an email to Maggie Vera, Bookkeeper mvera@pps.net —she will guide you through an alternate sign up and waiver fill-out process with a flexible fee.
- Can my Senior bring a guest?
 - No. In keeping with other PPS high schools, this is a party for Grant Seniors only. Any outside students or Grant non-Seniors entering or attempting to enter the party will be pulled by Security, along with any Grant student(s) they are affiliated with, and parent/guardians will be called for immediate pick up.

- Can I buy a last-minute ticket?
 - For safety and because buses will have limited seating, students must pre-purchase tickets in advance, and will not be allowed to board if their name is not listed on the final attendance printout. The SchoolPay site will be up until 2-3 days before the event, so there is plenty of time to make this purchase.

Party Logistics

- Bus Transportation (Leg 1) from PSU Vikings Pavilion to the Venue
 - Grads will load onto Blue Star charter buses after the graduation ceremony at PSU. Graduation starts at 7:30pm, and is estimated to end 2 hours later around 9:30pm. We will start loading buses 20-30 minutes after the ceremony ends, with a depart time after 45 minutes (est. 10:15pm).
 - We understand that families want to greet their graduates, take photos, say goodbyes etc. Please help get students to the bus area relatively quickly, so we can leave as close to 10:15pm as possible.
- Bus Transportation (Leg 2) from the Venue back to Grant High School
 - “Headlining entertainment” wraps at 2am, and we will load buses immediately afterward. With luck, we will return to Grant around 2:30/45am. **Each student needs a plan from Grant**—e.g. someone picking them up, driving themselves, or a safe walk home. A few parent volunteers will ride the buses back and linger briefly to help troubleshoot, but it’s a late night for us as well, so please help by ensuring your grad has a way to get home safely.
- Bag Drop / Change of Clothes etc.
 - We offer a bag drop system at graduation to help students manage any swimsuits, towels, pajamas, etc. they’d like to have available to them at the party. *Clear drop-off instructions will be provided along with the party bag, and updated here when available.*
 - Party-goers will pick up an over-sized plastic zip-top bag at Senior Week that can fit a change of clothes and limited personal items (towel, hairbrush, phone...) **Students must use the AfterParty bag system and not personal bags or backpacks for logistical and security reasons.** *(200 bags are tagged and alphabetized for easy access and rapid bus loading at the end of the night.)*
 - As a reminder, we have a strict no drugs, alcohol or weapons policy, which includes vapes, flasks (even if empty), and Swiss Army knives/multi-tools. **Please check your student’s party bag for these items before passing it off for transport to the venue.**
 - Party volunteers reserve the right to spot check bags while in our possession, and will remove items directly to the trash. Although some confiscations were made the year prior, the Class of 2024 did a great job respecting party policy, so we hope for the same this year!
- Can my grad arrive late / leave early?
 - Grads should plan to ride the bus both ways: from PSU to the venue, and from the venue back to Grant. Grads are not permitted to drive themselves to/from the party venue.
 - **You must be present to win any raffle prizes**, so that’s usually good incentive to stay to the end – however, we recognize sometimes kids just don’t have the capacity to stick it out to 2:30am. Students wishing to leave early can call for

pickup by an adult on their waiver form, and must check out formally with the venue volunteer managing attendance for the bus return trip.

- To help ensure your grad's safety, we will not release students to Uber/Lyft rideshares, or to student drivers not designated on a waiver.

Still on the Fence?

- My Senior isn't showing interest...yet.
 - If your Senior is on the fence about going, we suggest going ahead and purchasing a ticket. In our experience, a domino effect tends to happen as word of mouth increases, and many get nostalgic in their final days at Grant. Besides - what else are they going to do that night that's safe and fun? Encourage friend groups to attend together if you can. They'll have a blast!
- We've got relatives in town, looking to spend time with our grad...
 - Lucky you! Plan a party or meal with them beforehand – by the time graduation wraps, it's time for grandma to hit the hay. The AfterParty is a Grant Tradition! Put your grad on the bus, and leave the porch light on.
- My Student is heading to the beach on Friday...will they get enough sleep?
 - The previously-all-night AfterParty has been reimagined to wrap at 2am, with buses returning to Grant by 2:30/2:45. We all want beachgoers and student drivers to get plenty of shut eye! Feedback was good on how that worked out last year, so we're sticking with it going forward.

Any other questions, please email grantgradafterparty@gmail.com. For time-sensitive or night-of matters, text AfterParty Organizing Lead: Natasha Stanley at 503-449-8750.