



# Holmdel High School Project Graduation

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is Project Graduation (PG)?** PG is a way for our Seniors to celebrate graduation in an all-night party that is alcohol and substance free. In recent years, it has been held at the Atlantic Club, Manasquan. The night begins at 9:45 the night of graduation and ends at approximately 4:30 am the next morning.
2. **Why do we have Project Graduation?** For over 25 years, Holmdel has provided graduating seniors a fun last night with their classmates that is alcohol and substance free. Graduation night used to be a night of celebrating that would many times get out of control with drinking and substance abuse. Holmdel wanted to keep our graduates SAFE providing them with one last night with all their classmates and no stress.
3. **What do the Graduates do all night?** The PG committee organizes entertainment all night long! In previous years we have been able to provide a photo booth, henna tattoo artists, tarot card readers, caricature artists, wire art, candy sushi bar, strolling magician as well as a hypnotist show. This in all in addition to the amenities at the Atlantic Club like racquetball & basketball courts and a pool. The additional entertainment is dependent upon YOU and fundraising throughout the year. Graduates will certainly not go hungry with unlimited food all night long, ranging from pizza, subs, chips, bagels and desserts. Around 3 am the graduates head back to Holmdel High School.
4. **How does the PG Committee pay for this?** YOU! It costs approximately \$20,000 to give this gift to our students. We are 100% dependent on fundraising activities (Coupon Books, Shoprite gift card orders, lawn signs) in addition to donations from families, the community and businesses.
5. **Why should I donate now, my student is not a senior?** But they will be! Your continued support helps to ensure this night continues.
6. **Is my donation tax-deductible?** HHS Project Graduation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible, subject to IRS rules and regulations.
7. **How many of the seniors participate?** Our goal is to have 100% of graduates, but typically have about 90%!
8. **Are chaperones present?** YES! We have 20 adult overnight volunteers to chaperone in addition to our check-in staff to make sure everyone is safe. Volunteering for this event is an amazing way to see what PG is all about. The energy in the room will keep you awake!
9. **How can I help?** We need you both financially & physically! Please support the various fundraisers and/or make a donation – appeals go out throughout the year. We need non-senior parents to chaperone the night of the event. Also, please attend the monthly meeting for more about how you can help!
10. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Fernand at [holmdelprojectgrad@gmail.com](mailto:holmdelprojectgrad@gmail.com) or at 732-221-9053. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to Holmdel Project Graduation and mail it to Project Graduation 5 Emory Place, Holmdel, NJ 07733.