



Project Graduation

Parents,

In 2007, following Hurricane Katrina, three families who relocated to Ponchatoula from St. Bernard Parish, brought with them a desire to carry on one of their local traditions and provide a safe, fun, and rewarding experience for our graduating seniors. As a result, over the subsequent years the seniors of Ponchatoula High have been fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in Project Graduation. Ponchatoula High is the first high school in our parish that awarded this opportunity to our students. Project Graduation is a community/parent sponsored event that allows our graduating seniors a night of fun, food, games, and prizes in a safe and supervised environment.

Project Graduation is an all night long lock-in that is held following graduation ceremonies. Graduates purchase a ticket which includes a keepsake t-shirt, food from numerous sponsors, games, hourly door prizes, contests, inflatables, music from a local DJ, and the big finale which is the prize giveaways at the end of the event. Last year, over 275 graduating seniors took part in Project Graduation.

In order to continue to provide this amazing opportunity to the students of Ponchatoula High, we need your help. Planning for Project Graduation starts almost immediately after graduation night. Without the help of volunteers, Project Graduation would not be possible. Volunteers are needed prior to graduation to assist in set-up, food pick-ups, and decorating. Volunteers are also needed the following morning for clean-up and the breaking down of games. The greatest need is on graduation night. Project Graduation lasts from approximately 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed throughout that time to run games, work the prize table, serve food, and assist in checking students in and out. We anticipate a large turnout for Project Graduation every year.

Please consider joining our team. Project Graduation is a tradition that we want to be able to continue to offer to the graduating seniors of Ponchatoula High. With the help of dedicated parents and the continued support of our local community, we will be able to continue this dedicated tradition and keep our seniors safe on graduation night. If you are available to assist us in any way please contact Brigette Delatte Hyde at (985) 969 – 1744 or by email at delatte1@bellsouth.net. You may also contact Jean Cutrer at (985) 474 – 8828.

Thank you in advance,

Project Graduation Committee