

# Mt. Carmel High School PTSA

## Grad Nite 2009 Committee

### Policies and Procedures Information

Dear MCHS Senior Parents,

Congratulations to all our graduating seniors! The Grad Nite event is shaping up spectacularly for our graduates. We want to make sure that both you and your student understand exactly what will be going on so he/she can fully enjoy this wonderful celebration. This letter outlines the policies and procedures regarding Grad Nite 2009. Please review this information with your graduating senior and make sure you both understand each item. The following policies have developed over many years of experience with Grad Nite celebrations and are intended to maximize the enjoyment and safety for all.

1. All students need to arrive at Grad Nite between 9:00-10:00 pm. And must bring a photo ID, either their MCHS student ID card or driver's license. No student will be admitted after 10:00 pm. Only graduating Mt. Carmel seniors are eligible for admission to Grad Nite. **NO GUESTS** are allowed.
2. Students intending to purchase tickets at the door must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to sign releases and permission slips or have a signed release of liability form in hand. Liability forms are available from Mary Ellen Stampfli at the MCHS admin. office or from our website [www.mchs-gradnite.com/tickets.html](http://www.mchs-gradnite.com/tickets.html). Tickets are \$120 cash at the door.
3. Students do not need to bring anything with them. Everything they need will be supplied. Students will be issued an individual security bag where they place any prizes they win during the evening. All backpacks, purses, cell phones and pagers will be checked in upon admission. Cell phones and pagers will be turned off. Access to these items during the evening may be obtained only with the help of security personnel. We are not responsible for and cannot guarantee the security of these items, so please bring only what is absolutely necessary.
4. All school rules apply to medications. They cannot be dispensed without parental permission. If your student needs medication, please send the medication and a signed note. Security will hold the medication for your student in the first aid area. Any student needing medications that must be carried, such as asthma inhalers, Epi-pens, etc., must also have a signed note to this effect. Any student with known food allergies should also submit a note alerting us to this.
5. A professional security service will conduct a pat down of all students as they enter and will inspect all bags and purses. These bags and purses will then be checked. Students will have access to them only through security personnel. We believe the reasons are obvious.

6. Grad Nite strives to provide all graduating seniors with a safe and enjoyable environment to celebrate. Therefore, for the benefit of all we must enforce the following rules: Any student arriving under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol will be detained and his or her parent or guardian will be called to pick up the student. If parent or guardian is not available, the police will be called. Any student caught drinking, smoking, fighting or participating in any other form of unacceptable behavior throughout the night will also be detained and the parent or guardian or the police will be called.
7. Grad Nite will last until 5 am. Students will be provided with ample food, water and soft drinks throughout the evening. They do not need to bring any food or drink. Breakfast will be served before they leave. **Please arrange to pick up your student in the morning. He/She will be tired and should not be allowed to drive home. We urge you to set up carpools with friends and neighbors to make sure the students get home safely.**
8. Students will be required to stay the entire night. Once the student has been checked in, he/she will not be allowed to leave the premises. There will be areas for the students to rest and relax. One of the main goals of Grad Nite is to keep our students safely off the streets on this night, and we take this seriously.
9. If your child has forgotten something and you wish to bring it by, you must go to the security entrance and check the item in with them. We will hold it there until the student calls for it. We are not responsible for notifying your student.
10. Any student that has purchased an advanced ticket for Grad Nite but does not check-in will have his/her parents or guardians called. The phone numbers on the permission slips will be used to notify the parents or guardians.

Again, we urge you to carefully review these items with your Grad Nite attendee. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Grad Nite Chair, Jaya Gyanendra at 858-486-9784 or email: [mcgradnite2009@gmail.com](mailto:mcgradnite2009@gmail.com)

Your 2009 Grad Nite Committee