



## **JTC SAFE GRAD 2023 PARENT INFORMATION**

**\*\*\*All Parents of Grade 12 students, please read carefully.**

Safe Grad is an opportunity for your child to participate in a safe, social, fun event with their graduating friends to celebrate this outstanding accomplishment. In order for any event to run beyond the dinner and dance which finish at approximately 10:30 in the evening, a Safe Grad event must be coordinated and a license provided to the parents who run it. Two key things to understand:

- The school cannot coordinate a Safe Grad event; **it must be coordinated and run by parents** if it is to happen (although we are happy to provide support, direction and binders full of previous years' experiences to assist with the planning and coordination).
- It is an expensive evening. It takes time and effort from a large group of supportive parents to ensure the night is an enjoyable and memorable event for the graduates. The earlier the planning can begin for fundraising and coordinating preparations, the better.

LET'S START FROM THE BEGINNING.

In 1981, several provincial organizations began a program to deal with problems related to high school graduation. In previous years, several grad-night incidents had occurred: deaths, automobile accidents, boating-related injuries and driving and alcohol-related charges. Provincial and city police, ambulance services, hospital emergency wards and parents faced the end of June with uneasiness as tragedies resulting from high school graduation continued to increase. These organizations began their work by looking at graduations throughout Manitoba that would provide a safe celebration.

WHAT IS SAFE GRAD?

SAFE GRAD is a fun and safe after-grad party planned and **organized by the parents of graduates**. That safe celebration, known as SAFE GRAD, is now widely accepted and is an integral part of graduation in nearly all Manitoba high schools. The official slogan is "It's your graduation...get home safe".

**The first meeting for all parents of Grade 12 students is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct 26th at 6:00 p.m.****

At that meeting, we will:

- Explain the expectations for all parents of students who plan to partake in the Safe Grad event
- Explain what needs to be undertaken by the Safe Grad Parent Committee
- Elect chairs to represent the various planning committees.
- Sign up parents to assist the chairs with work that needs to get done at various times throughout the year to prepare for this event.

Chairs of the various committees will meet approximately once per month. The chairs include:

- Safe Grad Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Fundraising Chair
- Entertainment Chair
- Accommodations and Refreshments Chair
- Transportation Committee Chair
- Clean-Up Committee Chair
- Security Committee Chair
- Emergency Committee Chair
- Decorating Committee Chair

Please consider giving your time to assist with this exciting event! We look forward to meeting with you!

Ms MacCutcheon