John Taylor Collegiate Safe Grad 2027

Hello Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to introduce ourselves! Jennifer Schoenberger and Robyn Powell will co-chair the Safe Grad Committee this year, with Julie Trytek serving as Treasurer and Cheryl Whalen as Secretary. We look forward to working with you to create an incredible experience for our graduating students.

As parents, we know how special and meaningful the final year of high school is—and how quickly it passes. We also have experience supporting other children through their graduation celebrations, so we understand the importance of this milestone for students and families. Safe Grad gives graduates the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments, spend time with classmates, and create lasting memories in a safe and enjoyable environment.

We would like to begin planning early, organizing the committee, and developing fundraising opportunities. The more parents who participate, the more we can accomplish and the more we can work toward keeping costs manageable for families.

Our Upcoming Fundraisers

We are excited to let you know we are in the process of launching our first fundraising efforts with an online 50/50! We are hopeful to have it running in the next few weeks and have the draw December 11, 2026. Just before Christmas to help someone pay for Christmas gifts! Please see the attached SAVE THE DATE poster below to help start spreading the word. We will send out another poster once the 50/50 is online for you to print and share it with family, friends, local businesses, and on social media.

We are also planning a Music Bingo fundraiser on February 20, 2027. We will need help securing local business, sponsors and prizes, promoting the event, and assisting with planning and event activities. An attached letter for this fundraiser can be printed or sent out to use when connecting with businesses.

We have also attached a JTC donation letter for graduates and parents to print and reach out to companies or business that may want to support Safe Grad 2027 with a donation, clothing, gift cards, prizes, etc. Please print or send out and let us know who you have started sharing with!

Ways You Can Help

We are seeking volunteers to assist with:

- Fundraising initiatives and events
- Promoting and sharing our online 50/50

● Local business sponsorships and donations

● Securing prizes for Music Bingo

● Social media and communications

● Volunteer coordination

● Security and student supervision

● Check-in and check-out

● Decorating, setup, and logistics

● General committee support

No previous experience or significant time commitment is required. Whether you can help with a specific fundraiser, connect us with a local business, donate your time or expertise, or lend a hand when needed, every contribution makes a difference.

Safe Grad Fundraising: Participation and Opt-Out Options

We understand that every family's circumstances are different and want everyone to feel comfortable and included. Fundraising participation is completely voluntary. Families may opt out without affecting their students' participation in Safe Grad or their involvement with the committee. Support can take many forms, including fundraising, volunteering, donating time or skills, helping with event preparation, or providing other assistance. Families who prefer not to participate in fundraising but would still like to support Safe Grad financially may make an optional contribution of $100–$200 per graduate. With approximately 100 graduates and a potential budget of $10,000–$20,000, these contributions could make a significant difference in providing a safe, enjoyable, and memorable evening. No family will be excluded from Safe Grad if they are unable to contribute. Flexible payment arrangements over a few months can be discussed if needed.

Our Next Safe Grad Meeting

Please join us to learn more about our plans, ask questions, and find out how you can get involved.

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: John Taylor Collegiate Library

Safe Grad is a community effort and a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents while helping create a special and safe celebration for our graduates. For more

information, to donate, to volunteer, or let us know who you are contacting for donations or sponsorship, please contact us at jtsafegrad@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to working with you to make Safe Grad 2027 a safe celebration our graduates will always remember!

Warm regards,

Jennifer Schoenberger & Robyn Powell

Safe Grad Co-Chairs John Taylor Collegiate Safe Grad 2027