

John Taylor Collegiate Safe Grad 2025

Event Details

SAFE GRAD™ is a plan to organize an enjoyable but accident and incident free graduation celebration. The purpose of a SAFE GRAD™ program is to eliminate accidents, death and misfortune by promoting safe practices among young persons to avoid difficulty with alcohol and drugs.

JT Safe Grad Date: Wednesday June 25, 2025

Time: 10:00pm - 4:00am

Location: Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Center, 1808 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg

The Safe Grad Committee has been working with the graduating students to plan an event that does not place the focus on alcohol. There will be activities to keep grads and guests entertained throughout the evening. There will be a DJ, dancefloor, casino tables, yard games, prizes and non alcoholic beverages, snacks and food for everyone attending.

The Victoria Inn is a licensed venue and the function will provide bar service for graduates and guests 18+. Minors may attend the function but cannot be served or consume alcoholic beverages. No one under Grade 11 or over Age 20, unless an escort, is allowed to attend.

Parents/Guardians Roles in Safe Grad

Parents play an important role in ensuring John Taylor students have a safe and enjoyable Safe Grad event.

We need parent volunteers to ensure the nights success and safety of students.

BEFORE THE EVENT:

Safe Grad Committee: We are looking for parents to help the students in planning the event. There are a number of committees that need parents volunteers:

- Set Up/ Clean Up
- Prize and Fundraising
- Security/Special Event Staff
- Entertainment
- Food
- Communication
- Transportation
- Medical



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Fundraising: To help offset the cost of this event the Safe Grad committee has organized a number of fundraising initiatives.

We are currently running a **Cash Calendar Raffle Ticket Fundraiser.** We made it easy to purchase tickets online using e-transfer. Please share this link with friends and family:

Purchase your tickets here: https://forms.gle/aUitJt6gwpc4FJJ4A

If you or your graduate are unable to volunteer a \$200 contribution can be made in lieu of volunteer time or fundraising. Please contact <u>itsafegrad@outlook.com</u> for more information on this option.

This year's budgeted expenses for the function is approximately \$20,000.00 and we have so far raised over \$15,000. Expenses for the function include venue rental, DJ, casino game rental, food, snacks, prizes and decorations to name a few.

Registration: All graduates and guests must complete and submit registration and release form to attend Safe Grad. Watch for more information about ticket sales and registration

At the Event:

Volunteers: We will need parent volunteers throughout the entire evening checking in students, overseeing activities, ensuring students are checked out safely and making sure students are safe and well throughout the night. We will be sending out more information about this in the future.

Only Parents and/or Guardians on the Safe Grad Volunteer List are allowed to attend the Safe Grad event.

Drop off/Pick Up: Parents/Guardians will be required to drop off/check in and pick up/check out their graduate and their guest. Only the Parent/Guardian identified on the Release Form are authorized to pick up the graduate and their guest. NO EXCEPTIONS. The designated pick-up driver must be available all evening, whenever the graduate and/or their guest chooses to leave.

You can also help to ensure the safety and success of this event by not allowing your graduate to consume alcohol before and/or to attend a party with alcohol after the function.

The Student and Parent committees are working to make Safe Grad a party that everyone will remember. We encourage all graduates to attend. We hope that parents/guardians will have peace of mind knowing that a safe party has been planned, where graduates can celebrate their accomplishment and arrive home safely at the end of the night. We hope that you will help in promoting Safe Grad and urge your graduate to attend.

Parent Meeting

Watch your emails for more information about an upcoming Safe Grad parent meeting.

If you would like to volunteer, contribute to fundraising or have any questions or concerns please contact <u>itsafegrad@outlook.com</u>