

MRHS AFTER PROM NEEDS YOU!

WHO~WHAT~WHY~WHERE~HOW

May 16-17 – Fri, Midnight~Sat, 5AM

WHO?

Your kids

WHAT?

MRHS After Prom Party

A safe, chaperoned, chemical free environment they can attend after prom for a nominal charge.

Last year it was a huge success with over 95% of Prom-goers attending and most importantly staying safe that night. They karaoked, were "tattooed," played pool, were "caricatured," went

DDR crazy, blindly grabbed for cash and prizes in the Money Machine, played video games, enjoyed Starbucks coffee and a delicious late-night feast and breakfast treats, AND took home over \$10,000 in fabulous prizes, gift cards, and cash. An extremely fabulously exhausting time was had by all!

WHY?

THE HARD TRUTH

According to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, on a typical prom weekend:

FACT - 48 American teenagers are *killed* in vehicles

FACT - 5,202 are injured

FACT - 40% of the deaths are alcohol-related

Prom night is supposed to be one of the happiest days of our kids' lives, but for too many, it turns into a horrible tragedy. Prom night is often regarded as a "right of passage" and too many kids use it as an excuse to abandon core value common sense -- and just go wild. As parents and caregivers, it is sometimes necessary to protect our children from themselves, and to protect our community as well. The After Prom Event is an opportunity for us to do this. Don't let your child become a statistic.

WHERE?

We expect almost 500 students to attend this year's Prom -- which is more than double that of last year -- which means we need more volunteer help. We need **YOU** to volunteer and help us make this year's After Prom Party one fabulous night that our students will always remember -- especially our very first class of seniors. And we need **YOU** to help us make this a wonderful event that will keep our students alcohol-free, drug-free, safe, and alive. The venue is still secret at this time. If you want to know, come to the February meeting and volunteer to help.

HOW?

Keep our kids safe. Don't get pulled into that "*But I want to have my own party after the prom*" whine from your student. Do you really want all that mess, worry, and expense? Have your student attend the APP instead! It only works if they all attend. And if they really want to have all their friends over -- tell them you'll be happy to serve them all breakfast or brunch back at your house -- *when the After Prom Party is over!*

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Please get involved with the After Prom Party to help keep our kids, and our community members, safe and alive -- and to give our kids a Prom night they will always remember. This party can only happen with a huge volunteer effort. Most After Prom committees are made up of underclass parents. At MRHS we have mostly senior parents on the committee this year that are already exhausted from the college application process, and will soon become overwhelmed with senior events and activities as the year progresses. If we want this event to be a success this year *and for future Mustangs* we really need for our entire school community to get involved including our freshman and sophomore parents. So come on, get on board! We need YOUR help with the committees below:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

PRIZES: Committee needed to contact the community and individuals, to gather prizes and donations. Prizes are the key to keeping the kids there all night and safe.*

ACTIVITIES: Committee members needed to plan events/activities for the evening and to book entertainment. Contact committee chairs Jennifer Burgy jcburgy@aol.com and Kellie Morstein kmorstein@velaw.com.

DECORATIONS: Committee members needed to help create, decorate, and make things magical. Contact committee chair Renee Jones Reneej4466@aol.com.

TICKET SALES: Committee needed to handle creation, printing, selling of tickets; student check-in/out at the APP.*

APP CO-CHAIR SHADOW: Our After Prom Chairperson will be graduating a senior this year and will not be back as Chair next year. In order for this tradition to continue next year, we need an underclass parent to sign on *now* as next years APP Chair, and "shadow" this year's Chairperson.*

COAT CHECK: Responsible for checking student's clothes and coats, facilitating the check-in process and monitoring students belongings throughout the night.*

CLEAN UP: Committee needed at end of event to take down decorations, gather and remove trash, and restore order.*

*Contact After Prom Chair, Karyn Littlejohn mrhs_afterprom@yahoo.com to join in the fun!

We encourage you to attend our upcoming Thursday night meetings listed below @ 7:00pm in the Counseling Center

February 7 @ 7:00pm

March 6 @ 7:00pm

April 3 @ 7:00pm

May 1 @ 7:00pm

Please join the APP team now -- we need all the help we can get to make this a successful night. And Dads -- we need you too! Sign up NOW, so you can join the committee you want!

It cannot happen without you!