

To the Parents of the Graduating Class of 2018:

The Project Graduation “Class of 2018” committee continues Verona’s 28 year tradition of providing a safe, alcohol and drug free FUN event for our graduating seniors.

Project Graduation began after 7 teens died due to alcohol or drug related incidents during the 1979 commencement season in the Oxford Hills area in Maine. The next year, a group of concerned parents planned an alternative to the “traditional” graduation night of drinking and driving for their students. They called the party “Project Graduation”. Due to its overwhelming success, by 1983 the concept spread to school districts statewide and there were no drug or alcohol related deaths during graduation season. By 1986, Project Graduation activities were held in all fifty states.

After the Verona High School graduation ceremony, parents will drop off their graduates at the Verona Community Center where chaperones will perform a safety check. The graduates will then be transported by bus to a special location for a night of games, dancing, dining and FUN. The night is chaperoned by VHS parents, many on the Project Graduation 2019 committee, as well as two Verona police officers. After the festivities, graduates will then board busses and return to the Verona Community Center the next morning.

**The Project Graduation Class of 2018 committee is actively planning this event for your children. The cost for such a large event is high. We will need funding for the venue, entertainment, food & beverages, bus transportation and gifts for the students.**

**In order to cover the cost of the event, each student needs to make a total payment of \$180.**

- **Send in the total amount of \$180 no later than March 1, 2018**

All checks should be made payable to VHS Project Graduation 2018 and mailed to Maria Elena Cambreleng, 16 Windemere Road.

This is an incredibly fun and safe way for your graduate to celebrate their High School graduation with their classmates!

If you have any questions, please email Maria Elena Cambreleng at [cambreleng215@gmail.com](mailto:cambreleng215@gmail.com) or Dina Kousoulou at [Dinakous@yahoo.com](mailto:Dinakous@yahoo.com).

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