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Dear Parents and Guardians of 2018 Graduating Students:

In keeping with tradition, a dedicated group of parent and student volunteers are working very hard to organize and fundraise for a family-oriented Dinner Dance at the Hyatt Hotel and an amazing alcohol and drug free Dry Grad celebration for the entire graduating class. Both events will take place on the evening of Friday, June 8, 2018 with the Dinner Dance running from approximately 5:30 - 10:30pm followed by the Dry Grad (for students only but supervised by parent volunteers) from 10:30pm – 2:30am. The theme for Dry Grad this year is Southern California and the entertainment will include a DJ & dance floor, a graffiti wall & photo booth, casino, airbrush tattoos, great prizes and much more – all in a safe and inclusive environment.

The organizing committee has been fundraising by running bottle drives and selling grad wear, poinsettias and wreaths, coffee and gift cards for local restaurants. Approximately \$14,000 has been raised thus far and we are very grateful to those of you who have supported these efforts. However, we still need to raise another \$11,000-\$16,000 in order to create a truly unforgettable evening for our grads. In past years, a significant portion of those funds has been raised through direct donations from grad parents and guardians. These individual donations have ranged from \$50 - \$1000, however any amount that you are comfortable with giving will be gratefully accepted.

If you haven't had a chance to help out with the planning and preparation of the grad events, this is a wonderful way for you to make a contribution. Donations will also help to ensure that no student is left out of the graduation celebrations due to financial concerns. Please consider making a donation to support Grad 2018. Your donation will help ensure that your new graduate and his or her classmates enjoy a safe and unforgettable evening. **You will receive a tax receipt for the full amount of your donation.**

On behalf of the parent and student organizers, thank you for considering a donation to this very important event for our 2018 grads. The donation form is attached and includes all of the information you need to make a gift. There is also the link to the new online payment system, School Cash Online: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com> Once you have registered your account and added your student you should find Grad Donation as one of your items. Thank you again for considering a donation to the Grad 2018 celebrations.

Sincerely,

The 2018 Parent Graduation Committee