

# Seniors, parents gear up for all-night parties

"I can't wait," said North Farmington High School senior Miriam Jaffa.

She's not talking about commencement, either. For sure, the cap-and-gown exercises will be special for Miriam and hundreds of other seniors who graduate Sunday, June 7 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. On that day, starting at 1 p.m., all three high schools in the district will hold individual ceremonies at the Beck Road venue.

But the real anticipation is growing for the final send-off, traditional all-night graduation parties that most - if not all - of the graduates will attend and enjoy.

"I'm really excited because I've heard (from past grads) that this year is amazing," said Miriam, president of North's senior class. "I've heard that it's their most memorable experience in high school."

"It's a great way to end the year. It's a great way for everyone to be together one last time." - A probable highlight will be North teacher Rick Jones' annual goodbye speech, said Miriam's mom, party co-chair Sandra Jaffa.

"He graduated from North, he's teaching at North, and he has a special relationship with the kids," said Sandra Jaffa.

"But special is a good way to describe the expected attendance at all three seniors-only parties,

which will be going on simultaneously between 10:30 or 11 p.m. and 4:30 or 5 a.m. the next morning.

All three high schools are graduating about 260-280 seniors, and virtually all will attend.

Each party will have the same objective but a different theme. At North, students will revel in the "Castles in the Sand" water theme. The FHS party will feature a "Hollywood Nights" theme while Harrison's will focus on astrology.

Parents and school officials concurred that the seniors-only fundraisers provide the perfect exit.

"What it does is it gives them a chance to celebrate, but in a safe, alcohol-free setting," said Harrison assistant principal Mary Brown. "It's a nice thing to follow the dignity and seriousness of the graduation ceremony with something that gives them a chance to cut loose."

Ample security will be present at each site and once seniors are checked in for the festivities they can't leave until the party is over.

Activities designed to keep them interested in staying include casino gambling, bungee runs, psychics, Velcro walls, scuba diving in the pool and even wearing inflatable sumo wrestler outfits "and bounce off each other," said North teacher Adele Bosler - who happens to be co-chair of the FHS all-

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*Miriam Jaffa*  
-North Farmington senior

nighter. (Her son, Peter, is graduating from FHS.)

Besides a good time, most graduates will leave their high schools with some kind of prizes,

ranging from goofy to elegant, which are being donated by area merchants.

Also a key to the parties are behind-the-scenes efforts by parents, including those who have worked on committees all year and others who are signing up to work an hour or two at the parties.

But event chairpersons agreed that more can still be done.

Bosler cited a need for more prizes to be donated for the FHS

party. "We're going to hit the gong every four or five minutes and call out a student's name."

North's Sandra Jaffa said pizza, salad, desserts and other donated food items are always welcome.

Meanwhile, Harrison parent Jean English, whose daughter Kelly is graduating, noted that "We can still use more helping hands."

Parents are only asked to serve an hour or two at the

party. "It's a busy day for everybody," English said.

But there is a peace-of-mind payback for their hard work, Bosler said.

"It's a safe way (for grads) to celebrate and unwind. It's keeping kids from being out on the road."

Those interested in helping the all-night graduation parties should contact FHS, 489-3455; Harrison, 489-3499; or North, 489-3535.

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