

To: Parents and Members of Class of 2010

From: Advisors of 2010

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Can you believe it? High school is halfway done for our 2010 students! At this moment they are working at jobs or enjoying the first great days of vacation. We also hope they feel success at the completion of this important year of their academic careers.

We, as advisors, are looking at the long-term picture for the years ahead. Junior year brings many additional challenges, and then senior year has its own set of hurdles. Right now we are thinking about gathering the funds necessary to handle the activities and goals for these coming years. During the junior year students, parents, and advisors of the Class of 2010 plan and organize that all-American rite of passage, the prom. This year's prom required around \$2500, and total which can vary depending on decorations, music, and venue. During senior year expenses increase; graduation has required around \$2000 for costs, while Project Graduation has taken from \$12,000 to \$15,000 some years. Needless to say, fundraising is an important part of these upcoming steps in our students' lives.

Last year and again this spring the advisors undertook a small fundraising project here at school to begin building a class account. This project added about \$250. to the treasury. While there are some traditional fundraisers for senior year (talent show, Christmas wreath sale, dinner and auction), we need to devise a plan and initiate some projects for the next two years to build up our class funds.

To begin this process, we propose a "no-drive bottle drive" for the summer months. This is how it works: rather than expend precious gas driving house-to-house for bottles, each advisor group's families should collect their own bottles and perhaps from surrounding homes/families. This would require a small amount of time and effort and then when the bottles are redeemed at local businesses, your student should bring the collected funds to the advisor for deposit in the class account in the fall. The more effort the kids invest in this, the more they will have for their own future use. We hope that families will consider this as a "painless" option for contributing to class efforts.

Some time in the fall we will schedule an organizational meeting to discuss such issues and to form a parent group for crafting a plan for fundraising events. Be looking for information on this during the opening months of our junior year. It will take the efforts of students and parents, along with staff, to make progress towards these financial goals. For questions, contact master advisor Paula Reutershan via school email. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Class of 2010 Advisors