

What is ProGrad?

Project Graduation (aka ProGrad) is an all-night celebration held on graduation night. It's a great way to spend time with your friends on this celebratory evening with fantastic food, fun, games, and prizes in a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment.

The ProGrad party is open to **Class of 2024 GRHS Seniors ONLY!** Participation in ProGrad activities during the year is NOT required to attend this event.

PARTY!!! The Class of 2024 ProGrad event will be at **Main Event** in Stafford.

FUN!!! It's a night full of laughs, memories, and various activities – What will YOU choose?? sumo wrestling, jousting, or a hypnotist show...bowling, laser tag, or karaoke...photo booth, video arcade, pool tables, and more.

\$\$PRIZES\$\$ Every 30 minutes, raffle tickets will be drawn and thousands of dollars in prizes will be given away. Raffle tickets are earned by participating in spirit events, meetings, Senior Serve, and other ProGrad events. The only requirements are a parent-signed waiver and \$15.

Each senior will walk away with at least a \$50 gift card.

What is Senior Serve?

Senior Serve is ProGrad's biggest **fundraiser**. This event pays for the great prizes, food, and activities for the all-night graduation party.

Senior Serve is a themed **dinner and auction**. Seniors provide the service and entertainment. It's an evening your family and guests will never forget!

Students can participate **individually or in groups of 2 to 8 students**. Each table will choose a theme, wear costumes, decorate their table, serve dinner, create a video skit, provide a silent auction basket, and provide a cake for the auction that relates to their selected theme.

Theme **examples** from the past: Hollywood, the Beatles, Clue, Sponge Bob, Whataburger, Rocky, Rock and Roll. You may take your theme from a sports team, movie, television show, game, etc. (must be school appropriate).

Students may also **volunteer individually** at Senior Serve without a table and will be given a separate role to earn raffle tickets.

What is a Spirit Event?

- * Spirit Events are school extra-curricular events that Seniors attend to support the school. These are a variety of events such as athletic games, theater/band/dance performances, spirit dress up days etc.
- * Go to the website: <https://www.georgeranchprograd.com/> and click on the tab labeled SPIRIT EVENTS to see a current listing of designated events. These events will be updated throughout the year, so be sure to check often to find out what events to attend to get points!
- * Spirit Events will also be sent out on Remind so be sure to join!

Senior Serve Theme Sign-Up Requirements

1. Purchase of 4 guest tickets (\$120) per student is required as theme deposit.
2. To claim your theme as early as possible, at least one parent from the theme group must attend the sign-up meeting in person on **Sept. 26th**.
3. Completed Senior Serve Commitment Form for each student in the group.
4. Completed Senior Serve Theme Reservation Form for entire group.
5. Absolute deadline to sign up and choose a theme is **Oct. 7th**.

ProGrad College Scholarship Requirements

1. Participate in Senior Serve (host a themed table OR volunteer individually).
2. Attend and sign-in to at least 3 ProGrad Meetings.
3. Attend and sign-in at a minimum of 5 Spirit Events.
4. Submit application.
5. Submit required essay.

Fall Meeting Schedule

Aug. 22nd 6:30 pm GRHS
General Meeting for Seniors and parents

Sept. 26th 6:30 pm GRHS
General Meeting for Seniors and parents
First night to sign up for Senior Serve theme. First come, first serve (no duplicates will be allowed) At least one parent per group must attend. Payment of 4 Guest tickets (\$120.00) per team member is due All Senior Serve forms due from each group member.

Oct. 3rd 6:30 pm Front of GRHS
No meeting – last chance to sign up for Senior Serve

Oct. 17th 6:30 pm GRHS
General Meeting for Seniors and parents
The following items are due for Senior Serve –

- Payment of additional guest tickets (max 48 tix/ group – max 6 tix/student)
- Silent Auction basket and Cake description
- 1–2-minute skit and group photograph (flash drive) – NO EXCEPTIONS
- LAST chance to buy additional tickets

Oct. 30th 6:30 pm GRHS
Absolute deadline for Auction Items and Themed Cake
Senior Serve details
Any late items can be turned in (last chance)

Nov. 5th *Senior Serve – Fort Bend Fairgrounds*

Senior Serve Guidelines

Provided by Senior Serve Committee

- Tables and chairs for guests (tablecloths and chair covers not provided)
- Reyna's Café- Chicken Fried Steak/Chicken, mashed potatoes, and green beans
- Seniors may request a vegetarian option (baked potato) for their guests by emailing grhsprograd2024@gmail.com by **Oct 30th**.
- Plastic dinner plates (chargers/ placemats not provided) and flatware.
- Beverages (water and tea)
- Sugar & sweetener packets, lemon and salt and pepper
- Cake for guests who do not win a cake during the auction.

What Each Group Provides at Senior Serve

These can be as casual or extravagant as you choose, but the following minimum commitment is expected:

Table Requirements *Please label all items brought from home.

- Plastic dessert plates, napkins, and forks (to be used when cake is served)
- Cups for beverages and napkins for the meal
- Tablecloths or covers for each table (tables are 8 ft x 30")
- Theme décor (please don't spend a lot of money)
- 2 pitchers (1 for tea and 1 for water, beverages provided)
- 2 small dishes: 1 for lemon and 1 for sugar packets
- Small towels for handling hot plates or spills
- Container to take home any dirty dishes (a cooler is a good item for this)
- Serving utensil(s) for cake/dessert (knife & cake server)
- Serving trays – trays to carry food from kitchen to tables
- Bread basket and serving tongs

Allowed, but not required

- Chair covers
- Place cards, chargers, placemats
- Centerpieces (not to exceed 2 feet high)
- Thank you note and favor for your guests
- Nonflammable lighting
- While plastic utensils and napkin are provided as a set from Reyna's Cafe - a ribbon or decorative element may be incorporated.

Prohibited items

- No outside food or drink (including alcohol) may be served
- No decorations taped, stapled or attached to the walls
- No music or videos
- No open flames, smoke or fog machines
- No decorations requiring electricity
- No table centerpieces higher than 2 feet or anything that inhibits the view of others including balloon arches
- No table scatter or any form of glitter or confetti

Cake Requirements

- Cake must be decorated in your theme for the silent auction
- Cake may be homemade, purchased or donated from a bakery or store
- Please be advised there is a chance someone else may buy your cake and at that point it is theirs to enjoy. The Pro Grad committee will provide an alternative dessert for all tables who do not win a cake in the auction.
- While designing your cake and arranging for pick-up and delivery, please keep in mind it can still be warm in November.
- Cake description is due **October 17th** to earn double tickets. Absolute deadline is **Oct. 30th**.

Basket Requirements

- Value of basket is \$50 per student in group (ex. 4 students = \$200 basket value)
- Group must put items together in one package ready for the silent auction. Basket must be sturdy enough for transport.
- If the purchaser needs to contact the donor (ex. tickets, beach house, etc.) please include the donor contact information.
- Basket and description are due **October 17th** to earn double tickets. Absolute deadline is **Oct. 30th**.

Skit Requirements

- 1-2 minutes in length including introduction of all the members
- Group photo
- Include both the skit and the group photo on a flash drive labeled with the group theme
- The skits will be played on a big screen at Senior Serve while the guests are eating dinner.
- Skit is due October 18th. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Individual Student Volunteers (not part of a themed table)

- Work the night of Senior Serve from 3:00 until the completion of clean up
- Wear black pants and black shirt
- Be sure to sign in/out to earn tickets
- May earn extra tickets by donating a silent or live auction item

SENIOR SERVE SET UP

Decorate tables: Groups will be allowed to enter the building from 9:00am-12:00pm **only** to decorate tables. Doors will be closed and locked at 12:00 pm.

Senior Meeting: ALL Seniors are expected to report back to the Fairgrounds **no later than 3:00** for a final meeting and pictures.

TO SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL

This link is **NOT** to be used by anyone in a group. This is **ONLY** for those students who would like to volunteer for Senior Serve without a table.

Once joined, you will receive reminders and messages through the group. If you need to contact us for any reason, please email at grhsprograd2024@gmail.com.

To join group, text @ **grhspross to 81010**.
Please sign up using your FIRST and LAST names.



Senior Serve Commitment Form

Before Senior Serve Theme Sign-Up:

Seniors will form groups (individual to max of 8) to host a Senior Serve table and will invite, serve, and entertain guests wanting to monetarily support GRHS Pro Grad.

- Groups will choose a theme to decorate their table and dress accordingly.
- Select a parent representative committed to attend Pro Grad meetings and communicate all Senior Serve information with the parents of their group from the first meeting until the end of Senior Serve.
- This parent representative will attend the theme sign-up and turn in the following:

1. **Senior Serve Theme Reservation Form for the group**
2. **Senior Serve Commitment Form** (this form) from each group member
3. A \$120 **non-refundable deposit from each group member** (check preferred, cash accepted)
This applies to the 4 tickets each student is required to sell. Each ticket costs \$30.

(First come, first served for theme sign up. Themes can't be duplicated and must be approved by the committee. Parent rep will be notified of theme awarded to the group)

Each group must commit to: (as stated in the Senior Serve Guidelines)

- All Senior Serve participants should attend the Pro Grad meetings (and the selected parent representative).
- Host a minimum of 4 guests per student (max 6 tickets per Senior).
 - Groups may divide up their ticket allotment amongst the group however they want but will need to keep in mind the maximum seats allowed at each table is dependent on group size (ie. A group of 5 students will be limited to 30 tickets – 5x6 – while a group of 7 students will be allowed 42 tickets – 7x6)
 - Provide a themed cake for the Cake Auction
 - Provide all table decorations and serving items per the Senior Serve Guidelines
 - Submit 1 - 2 minute video skit and group picture on a flash drive in a labeled Ziploc bag
 - Solicit or provide a themed group basket(s) donation or other item(s) for the silent auction. (\$50 value per group member)
 - Seniors must be at the fairgrounds by 2 pm on November 5th (an hour before the event) for final instructions and logistics for the evening.
 - Table set up and decorating for Senior Serve will be allowed from 9 am – 12 pm on Sunday, November 5th. Groups must plan accordingly as doors will close at 12 pm - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
 - Last chance to purchase guest tickets is **October 17, 2023**.

Return the bottom portion of this form, along with your deposit (\$120 per student - \$30 each for minimum of 4 tickets)

Student name (please print) _____ ID# _____

will be hosting a table at Senior Serve! We acknowledge that we have read through the Senior Serve Guidelines and this Commitment Form and will meet these expectations. We understand that we will receive credit towards 4 guest tickets (\$30 each) to the event in return for the **non-refundable** \$120.00 deposit. Checks made payable to *GRHS ProGrad 2024*.

Student signature _____

Date _____

Parent signature _____

Date _____

Parent Email Address _____ Parent: I would like to volunteer for a Senior Serve Committee Y N

For ProGrad Use Only: Recv'd Cash _____ or Check # _____



Senior Serve Group # _____

Theme Reservation _____

SENIOR SERVE THEME RESERVATION FORM

Group Theme Choice:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Senior Group Representative: _____

Email _____ Cell _____

Parent Group Representative: _____

Email _____ Cell _____

Group Members:

1		paid ___cash/check \$120
2		paid ___cash/check \$120
3		paid ___cash/check \$120
4		paid ___cash/check \$120
5		paid ___cash/check \$120
6		paid ___cash/check \$120
7		paid ___cash/check \$120
8		paid ___cash/check \$120

SENIOR GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

PARENT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

PROject GRADuation 2024 Raffle Ticket Guidelines

Seniors have an opportunity to earn Raffle Tickets throughout the year. All raffle tickets will allow the Senior to be eligible for prizes and cash given away at ProGrad 2024. The more you participate, the more you will earn.

1. Seniors earn raffle tickets when they or their parent/guardian participate in Pro Grad activities throughout the year.
2. Each ticket earned is a chance to win prizes on graduation night!
3. There is a \$500 cap on raffle winnings.
4. Parents can earn up to a maximum of 50 tickets toward their child's ticket count (twins, triplets will each receive the same credit). This is not inclusive of the tickets earned by parents volunteering during their student's junior year.

TICKET COUNTS

The official ticket count will be kept by Michelle Cain, Pro Grad Records Chair, and will be updated on the website **at every grading period**. It will also be double checked by Lorita Citizen-Hill, Chairperson for ProGrad 2024.

If you disagree with the official ticket count or would like to know what your student's ticket count is, please send an email to grhsprograd2024@gmail.com. You will receive a reply within 3-5 business days. Please include your child's first and last name, ID number and the reason you believe there is a discrepancy.

*****Tickets for Auction donations*****

Tickets earned for any items donated for the Senior Serve auction will not be added to the master spreadsheet until the conclusion of Senior Serve.

Raffle Ticket Cheat Sheet

****PRO GRAD ACTIVITIES****	
# of pts	Activity
10	Student/parent joining Remind before 8.29.23
5	Student/parent joining Remind after 8.29.23
10	Senior t-shirt purchased by 8.25.23
5	Senior t-shirt purchased after 8.25.23
10	Waiver signed and Pro Grad ticket purchased by 8.29.23
5	Waiver signed and Pro Grad ticket purchased after 8.29.23 (deadline 5/1/24)
50	Donating a sponsorship by 9.28.23
25	Donating a sponsorship after 9.28.23
5	Per Spirit Event attended (you must sign in to receive points) (school, restaurants)
10	Student attending a General Meeting
5	Per each parent attending a General Meeting
5	Parent(s) volunteering (per event)
	Specific fundraiser points will be determined and published for each fundraiser conducted throughout the year.
****SENIOR SERVE ACTIVITIES****	
# of pts	Activity
10	Per Senior Serve ticket sold by 9.28.23
5	Per Senior Serve ticket sold after 9.28.23 (deadline is 10.17.23)
10*	Per Silent auction item donated by 10.17.23
5*	Per Silent auction item donated by 10.30.23
10	Total (silent auction basket, silent auction description, cake description, skit) turned in by 10.17.23
5	Total (silent auction basket, silent auction description, cake description) turned in by 10.30.23 skit will not be accepted late or earn points
25*	Volunteering on own at Senior Serve (not part of a table)
5*	Per each student (in group or on own) for each \$25 raised (group basket, group cake, any auction item)
15	Per each student in group for 1 st place in best theme
10	Per each student in group for 2 nd place in best theme
5	Per each student in group for 3 rd place in best theme

* Tickets may be earned without hosting a table