



Academy Parent Partnership Organization
A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation

Dear Class of 2014 Parents:

September 2012

The purpose of this letter is to update the Class of 2014 about recent adjustments related to class fund raising and the role of our dedicated class parents (designated class liaisons). This role included responsibility for spearheading the efforts needed to raise monies in the amount of \$50,000+ over four years for student activities and senior year events. In addition, they serve as class parents who lead their respective classes in community building within a high school of students from over seventy towns.

In order to focus on building community through special events while transitioning from a targeted fund raising model, we are asking each junior family for a one-time payment of \$150. This amount will help cover a major portion of *certain* senior year expenses. These include: Graduation Rehearsal Lunch, a Senior Lunch, Graduation Picture and a Senior Day Trip. The cost of cap and gown will be covered from funds previously raised during the past two years. ***Each student will be responsible for payment of their yearbook and prom ticket.*** We are collecting class dues at this time because 1) it is simpler to write one check rather than several for individual events, and 2) you can **secure** a "bundled" rate now for the cost of these senior events; next year the cost could rise for each of these events. Families not providing payment now will be responsible for the full amount at the time of event.

This will alleviate the huge amount of fund raising efforts over four years and still provide an equitable option so our children can enjoy their senior events. This model will also enhance and balance the BCA experience for everyone. Fund raising dollars support student events, incidental costs for annual family potluck dinners, cabaret, card party and, largely, the senior year activities.

Our class parents have provided valuable input and overall enthusiasm. They look forward to continuing their efforts with families that emphasize partnership and collaboration. Traditional events such as the senior class fashion show, junior class cabaret, potluck dinners by class year, etc. will continue to take place. Familiar items sold (BCA t-shirts, mugs, etc.) will now be available for purchase through individual Academy parent groups as well as the school store, operated by the student council.

The transition varies by class. The senior class has met most of their fund raising goals. A one-time payment from the freshman and sophomore class has been collected by class parents. We look forward to working together at upcoming events and, again, to balance and enhance the experience for our children.

Sincerely,
The PPO Board

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Please fill out form and include check made payable to "Academy PPO Class of 2014 Dues"

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