



WAYLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Juniors:

The Junior Prom this year will take place at Lombardo's in Randolph on **Saturday, May 13th from 6:00-11:00pm**. This formal dinner and dance is among the most treasured of our high school traditions. It is our hope to see every junior at this special event.

In this letter, I would like to provide some logistical and cultural information about the Prom, as like many high-tradition events, it has somewhat taken on a life of its own!

Many students and parents wonder if this is a "date-only" event, and I would assure you that this is not the case. Many students attend the Prom as a group of friends or arrive solo. *Any WHS junior in good disciplinary standing is welcome to attend the Prom with or without a date.* If a WHS junior is bringing a guest, the guest does not also have to be a WHS junior. Guests who attend a school other than WHS must fill out paperwork that is available in the main office so that we may check with their schools concerning their behavior and standing.

On the note of dates: a recent phenomenon that we have noticed is the increase of public "Promposals," where one student asks another to the Prom in a highly dramatic way in the view of many others. While these can be sweet and amusing (and quite impressive for their imaginativeness); some of these Prom-posals can be distracting at school or create discomfort for the person being asked. If possible and when relevant, I would appreciate your support in discussing this issue with your child.

As you likely know, the Prom is an occasion when our students are expected to adhere to high decorum and maturity, and almost without exception, this is the case. Clad in their formalwear, students enjoy the festivity and glamour of the evening while respecting our expectations regarding school policy. When they arrive, students are greeted by a line of chaperones consisting of administration and staff; they then mingle until a sit-down dinner, followed by dancing and dessert.

Unfortunately, we have had incidents in the past where students have arrived under the influence of alcohol or drugs or have brought illegal substances with them. I need to be certain that you understand that the school's expectations regarding behavior and decision-making are in full effect at the Prom. If, in the judgement of an administrator or teacher on duty, a student is determined to be under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol, you will be called to pick him/her up. Behaviors not in keeping with school policy will result in corresponding disciplinary action. In addition, please know that we have communicated to students that they must have **no more than six outstanding demerits by May 5** in order to attend the Prom. The administration will notify students and their parents in advance if they are above six demerits, and it is each student's responsibility to be aware of his or her demerit situation and serve any restricted studies accordingly. Please also know that tickets to the Prom are non-refundable.

I also wish to highlight the fact that no pre- or post-Prom party is sponsored by the school. In the past, many students have attended the Pre-Prom event at Wayland High School, a "red carpet" opportunity for photographs and mingling that is organized by parents. The after-Prom party, "**Late Night**," is a free, parent-organized and adult-chaperoned event held at the WHS Field House from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. This after-Prom party offers plenty of games, food and fun for students to enjoy, all in a drug and alcohol-free environment. Juniors do not need to attend the Prom to attend Late Night, but all Late Night attendees need to register. The registration deadline for Late Night is May 12; more

information may be found in the WHS eNews.

I look forward to the Prom and truly enjoy sharing in the students' excitement during this special tradition. The success of this evening depends on students, parents and staff emphasizing the Prom as another high point in an already wonderful year. I know that we will all join together to make this a safe, positive and memorable night.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allyson Mizoguchi', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Allyson Mizoguchi
Principal