

Dear Parents and Students:

The 2017 Mission College Prep Prom will be held Saturday evening, May 20, from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm at Loomis Family Barn in Arroyo Grande. All of us at MCP want the Prom to be a safe, fun experience for everyone, so we ask that you read this letter and sign the accompanying agreement. The contract must be signed and turned in when purchasing a ticket for the event. If your student has a date, you only have to fill one contract out but be sure to fill in all the spaces. Persons who do not have the attached contract signed will not be allowed to purchase a ticket. We will begin selling tickets on Monday, April 24th, 2017.

Some Quick Facts/Rules

- Sophomores can come as dates to Juniors and Seniors only. No freshmen will be admitted to prom regardless of a date.
- Any other rules pertaining to MCP dances can be found in the Student Handbook on page 34-35.
- The drive out to Loomis Family Barn is not covered by cell service. Please keep a set of written directions (provided on the back of the Prom invitation) and follow the road markers that will be set up on the night of the prom to ensure against getting lost. The drive from the Village of Arroyo Grande to the venue takes twenty-five or so minutes.. Be sure to plan for ample time to ensure that everyone arrives to Prom safely and on time.
- Be advised that San Luis High's Prom will be held on the same night so be sure to secure reservations early.

Dress Code (Formal)

- Dresses or skirts are to be no shorter than 5-inches above the knee, and slits in dresses and skirts may not be higher than mid-thigh. (NO midriff dresses)
- Dresses no lower than mid back.
- Dress Slacks with-a belt.
- Dress Shirt with tie. (NO Polo Shirts)
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Dress shoes for men and women. (NO athletic Shoes)

Not acceptable for dance

- Clothing that is too tight or too loose.
- Any clothing that exposes underwear or midriff.
- Clothing that is sheer or is inappropriately revealing.
- Dresses no lower than mid back.
- No Polo Shirts.

If anyone has a question about the Dress Code, they should check with Mr. Griffith, bring a photo of themselves in their attire, or bring their attire to school to try on. Again, we want fun for all with no disappointment.

If your student brings a guest from another school it is your student's responsibility to communicate these expectations to the guest, as the guest will also be held accountable. Our hope is to avoid dress code issues to ensure everyone will be admitted. Please partner with us in monitoring your daughter's, son's, or guest's proper attire for this event.

Remember, Prom is supposed to be fun, but it is also an expensive, formal event, and students are expected to conduct themselves in a mature and responsible manner. Please note, in particular, the regulations described in the Student Handbook regarding alcohol and the use of other substances (p.48). The Prom is an official school function and possession of or being under the influence of alcohol, hallucinogens or other controlled substances is illegal, and can be grounds for dismissal from Mission College Preparatory. In addition, Mission College Preparatory seniors who violate these rules will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. As is the case at all school dances, in the hope of discouraging alcohol consumption, there will be random breath-a-lyzer tests administered to Prom attendees .



We ask parents to support the entire MCP community and stand against any student use of alcohol and/or other mood-altering substances at pre-Prom and post-Prom parties. Mission College Preparatory does not sponsor or condone the rental of private clubs or hotels for post-Prom parties. Please consider any non-chaperoned function carefully before allowing your student(s) to participate.

In the past, there have been instances where parents hosted student parties where alcohol was served, and rationalized this behavior by taking car keys away from students. This is not only against the law and carries significant civil liability, but also is intolerable in our community.

Our goal is to provide a special Prom experience for all students and their guests. In order to avoid incidents which hinder that goal, you and your student must sign the accompanying statement, in which you both pledge to honor the school rules during the Prom; the statements must be signed and turned into the Junior class officers (Sean Scarry, Catie Haddad, Analise Kunkel, and Lauren Frost) prior to purchasing a ticket. If your student brings a guest from another school or an MCP sophomore, that person must sign as well.

We hope that by observing the rules for this event all students at the Prom will have a pleasant and safe evening. We look forward to a fun and memorable night. If you have any questions concerning this letter or the attached agreement, please contact Russ Griffith at rgriffith@missionprep.org or John Krossa at jkrossa@missionprep.org

Sincerely,

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