

Dear Junior & Senior Students and Parents:

In order to answer some questions and to help our students plan for what may be one of their most memorable high-school moments, please read the following details about HCS Prom: The 2019 Prom will be held on Thursday, April 18th at The Ivy Venue in Flowood, from 8:00 PM to Midnight. The cost for seniors is \$25 for a single student, \$45 for couples. The cost for juniors is \$30 for a single student, \$50 for a couple. **Tickets may NOT be purchased at the door;** students must buy Prom tickets at school from junior sponsor Mrs. Browning. A list is kept with the names of all attendees, and if a student's or guest's name is not listed, he or she will not be admitted. **Friday, April 12th, 2019 (by 3:10 PM), is the last day students may turn in the required forms if they want to bring a date from another school (no dates age 21 or older).** Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS will be made to these rules or due dates; administration must have ample time to approve non-Hillcrest guests, and all measures are in place in order to keep our students safe.

Any Hillcrest student who plans to attend Prom must be at school that day; **failure to come to school on Thursday, April 18th or to stay until the required time will result in his or her not being admitted to Prom.** This is a regular school day, but seniors and juniors will be dismissed one hour earlier than usual: **Seniors may leave school after 4th period (12:00 PM), and juniors may leave after 5th (12:54 PM).** **If any sophomores or freshmen are going to Prom as a date, they may also check out at the end of 5th period with a parent's note.**

Please remember that Hillcrest maintains a dress code for all school-sponsored events; Prom is no exception. HCS students are responsible for informing their dates about guidelines. Prom is a formal event: Young men should wear tuxes or formal suits and neck ties, and ladies should wear appropriate formal gowns – the fronts of dresses should not be too low-cut; dress backs should not dip below the waistline; there should be no cutouts of exposed flesh; and slits should not expose more than 2 inches above the knee. **Chaperones reserve the right to deny admission to students or guests who are dressed inappropriately.**

Attendees are expected to behave appropriately and to adhere to the following rules: Anyone suspected of being intoxicated will be refused admission. Dancing should be tasteful. No beverages of any kind may be brought into the building. No students will be allowed to linger in the restrooms. Students who walk outside or leave at any point during the evening will not be allowed to return; likewise, no students will be allowed to go to their cars or limos during the Prom. Violation of any rules will result in a student's being escorted out and unable to return.

Senior parents are permitted to attend the Senior Walk portion of the Prom and to take pictures. Please do not bring extended family or friends, as space is very limited. **The Senior Walk begins at 8:45 PM; parents may arrive between 8:15 and 8:45 PM, but will have to remain outside until we are ready to begin.** There are no reserved spots, standing-room only, and we will not hold up progress of the Senior Walk for extensive picture-taking. Furthermore, **when the Senior Walk is**

completed, parents must leave immediately; you will not be permitted to linger and continue to take pictures or “visit.” Prom is for the students, and we want them to have plenty of time to dance and have fun. If you would like more pictures, Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. Browning have envelopes for professional pictures taken by Bruckners; please send money with your child to purchase these, as they will not get proofs.

Hillcrest faculty and administration chaperone Prom each year and will be responsible for supervising students while they are inside the venue. **Once they leave, Hillcrest Christian School and all of its employees may not be held liable for students’ actions or post-Prom activities.**

Finally, Prom planning and decorating is and has always been solely the responsibility of the junior class officers. There are no class meetings to vote on themes or colors. Only the class officers’ parents may help decorate; that way, the surprise is part of the Prom experience. Here’s a little hint, however... This year’s theme is “A Waltz in the Woods.”

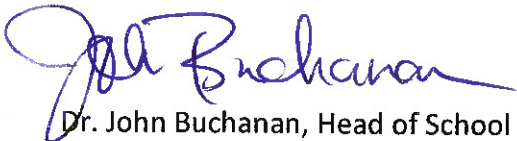
Typically, Hillcrest students are excellent Prom guests; we do not anticipate problems and rarely experience any. At the same time, we would rather be very clear and “put it all out there” ahead of time, so that Prom will be both safe and fun.

Finally, don’t forget to order Prom shirts by Monday, April 8th! The order form can be found on the website or picked up in the front foyer of the school. No late orders will be accepted.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,



Christi Browning, Junior Class Sponsor



Dr. John Buchanan, Head of School