

Cold Spring Harbor High School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year's Cold Spring Harbor High School Junior Prom will be held at The Carltun at Eisenhower Park on Friday, May 16th from 7:30-11:00 p.m. The purpose of this letter is to familiarize you with our expectations and procedures regarding this event.

- Should you wish to attend (and we do hope you do), the pre-prom begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 7:30 p.m. This wonderful hour long event is set aside for parents and students to socialize and take pictures prior to the start of the prom. The "formal" part of the evening reception begins at 7:30 p.m., which is reserved for students and their guests only. Students are not required to attend the pre-prom.
- The actual reception begins at 7:30 p.m. and doors will close by 8:00 p.m. As has been our practice, all vehicles, limousines, buses, etc. will be searched by school personnel upon arrival. This includes coolers, overnight bags, etc. Any student who is identified as being under the influence or in possession of alcohol and/or illegal drugs (including inside the limo, car or bus) will be subject to an out of school suspension, notification of law enforcement agencies and the contacting of parents of all those students in the limo or bus for their immediate pickup. No students may enter the prom after 8:00 p.m. so we encourage everyone to be sure that they arrive early.
- Students are required to stay until the prom concludes at 11:00 p.m. Please make sure that your child is aware that anyone leaving the prom prior to 11:00 may be subject to disciplinary consequences which may include suspension and/or loss of privileges. We believe that a Junior Prom is a special evening in the lives of our students; they should be encouraged to stay and enjoy the entire event.
- Prom tickets go on sale starting May 5- May 15 in the cafeteria. The cost of a prom ticket is \$125.00. Please make checks payable to **Cold Spring Harbor High School**. Tickets will also be available from Mr. Schiffmacher and Ms. Monck-Rowley, the Junior Class Advisors, before and immediately after school.
- Prior to tickets going on sale, students will be given two forms. The first is a parent permission slip required for any CSH student to attend the prom. The second form, for those who request it, is a permission slip for any prom guest that does not attend CSH. All out of district students will be required to have this form filled out by their home school. **No prom tickets will be sold unless all required permission slips are signed by a parent or guardian.**

The above procedures have been put into place with one goal in mind: to provide a safe prom experience for our children. Over the years, our students have come to understand the intent of these procedures; as a result, our proms have been both enjoyable and free of incidents. However, parents should also be aware that students may have their own plans for 'celebrating' after leaving the prom at 11:00. In past years, this has often involved large numbers of students heading into New York City either to a nightclub or similar venue. Please note that these activities are neither sanctioned nor chaperoned by the school.

Therefore, we strongly encourage you to speak to your son or daughter regarding their post-prom plans so you know who they are traveling with and their destination for that evening. You may wish to inquire as to whether their coach bus or limo is making any stops between the prom and their final destination. If so, for what reason? In past years, this is where students might pick up alcohol for the trip. Inquire with the parents who are coordinating transportation for that evening, or with the bus/limo company itself, as to the exact route that evening.

We greatly appreciate your support in helping us to ensure a safe and enjoyable prom experience for our students and ask that you discuss the above procedures with your child. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 631-367-6831.

Sincerely,

Jay Matuk, Principal