



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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Dean of Students

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Dear Parents of the Class of 2017 and 2018,

We are excited about this year's prom at the Please Touch Museum on Friday, May 26. We should have a great evening, and we're looking forward to a wonderful night of food, dancing, and celebration for our juniors and seniors. The purpose of this letter is to give you some details about Prom 2017 and also to remind you about School policy during the event. We're expecting over 225 guests, along with faculty and administration, at the Museum.

Dr. Hawkey has announced a half-day schedule for Friday, May 26, when classes will end at 11:35 a.m., with lunch following the end of classes. Students attending the prom are expected to attend classes on Friday. Any requests to be excused from any classes, must be emailed to the Dean of Students Office. Students and parents should check Schoology and the Voice for a complete schedule of classes.

All students who will be attending this year's prom will gather at the Campus Center Plaza of The Pennington School for a Promenade hosted by the Parents Association beginning at 3:30 p.m. We will have pictures, light fare, and greetings prior to our departure. By 5:30 p.m., all students will board coach buses, courtesy of the Parents Association, and will be transported to the event. The prom will last until 11:00 p.m., at which time the students will board the coach buses for an estimated arrival time of midnight at the Pennington School campus. A reminder: All students attending the prom are required to use the transportation provided by the School and are not permitted to use any other means to get to and from the Please Touch Museum.

It is important to note that The Pennington School does not sponsor a post-prom party of any sort. When students return to campus after the prom, they are expected to have arranged transportation home for that evening. Boarding students who are signed in for the weekend are expected to return to their dormitory rooms, and all other students are expected to leave campus soon after our return time.

We recognize that for many, post-prom gatherings are planned at certain residences. We ask, if you plan to host students at your house, that you make available information about the party to the parents of the students invited. If you are hosting a party, we ask that you be vigilant throughout the entire evening and provide additional adult chaperones if necessary. We strongly encourage parents to contact families who are hosting parties to gather details for the evening and offer assistance where needed. We want the evening to be enjoyable for all those involved, but we also want to ensure everyone's safety and well-being. Furthermore, we strongly discourage any member of the freshman or sophomore class from attending any post-prom events.

For many juniors and seniors, the prom is something that they have looked forward to for many years. It is our hope that the planning and preparation that have gone into this year's prom meet and even exceed their expectations. We're looking forward to a great evening and know that your children will have many wonderful memories to share with you about their prom. If you have any specific questions about the prom or wish to discuss plans for a post-prom event, please feel free to contact the Dean of Students Office directly.

Sincerely,