

September 27, 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

The Sophomore Class of 2020 proudly presents this year's Autumn Dance. The theme is "SMAllywood"! This dance, which is open to **all** St. Mary's Academy students, will be held on Friday, October 6, 2017 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at St. Mary's Academy. The dress standard for this dance is casual. A coatroom will be open for coats and purses, and phones.

Dance Details

Friday, October 6, 7:00-10:00 pm

Admission price for all attendees: \$10

Students from Catholic high schools: Must show current student ID

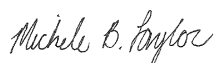
Students from Non-Catholic high schools (up to 2 per SMA student): Must have guest pass on file and must show current student ID

We encourage your daughter to bring friends with her from other schools. All Catholic high school students are welcome without the need for a guest pass; however they **must bring their current student I.D. cards to enter the dance.** In order to bring a guest from a non-Catholic high school, the St. Mary's student must complete and submit a guest registration form to the activities office by October 6 at 12:00 pm. Guest Pass forms can be picked up in the front office or activities office. Completed Guest pass forms can be dropped off in the Front Office or the Student Activities office. SMA students may bring **two** non-Catholic high school guests, and they may not change their guest information after Friday, October 6 at 12:00pm. **All non-Catholic high school guests must be at least in the 9th grade and may not be more than 20 years old. Non-Catholic high school guests will be required to show their current picture (student) I.D. card upon check in.** Students who are bringing non-Catholic high school guests must check in with their guests upon arrival. If an SMA student is not arriving with her non-Catholic high school guests, she should wait at the check in table until her guests arrives.

Doors open at 7:00pm. We ask that students plan carefully if making dinner reservations. They should allow themselves ample time for dining, traveling, and parking in order to arrive at the dance no later than 8:00pm. **No student will be allowed to enter the dance after 8:00pm.** Doors will reopen for students to leave the dance at 9:30pm. Students may not leave the dance before 9:30pm unless a parent comes to the front door to pick up their student.

We hope that everyone involved with the dance will have an enjoyable evening. To ensure this result, it is our expectation that *the dance* will be absolutely drug, tobacco, and alcohol-free, regardless of age. We are asking for your support as parents and students. Anyone found under the influence of any of these substances will be required to leave the dance. Parents will be notified and asked to pick up their daughter and/or her date. Involved students will be suspended until a parent/student conference is arranged for Monday or Tuesday of the following week. Please see the enclosed policy regarding the use of breathalyzer tests.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!



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Breathalyzer Procedure

St. Mary's Academy wants to discourage students from substance abuse. While we cannot prevent students from using, we want to ensure that students be substance-free at school dances. In an effort to increase safety at St. Mary's school dances and to support positive student choices, St. Mary's Academy will be conducting alcohol screening at all dances.

Who will be tested?

1. St. Mary's students and their guests who enter the dance will be required to draw a chip out of a box. If the chip they select is the marked chip, the pair will be directed to an area away from the registration table to blow into a breathalyzer.
2. At any point in the event, students and/or guests who appear to be intoxicated will be required to blow into a breathalyzer.

What happens if a St. Mary's Academy student tests positive for alcohol consumption?

1. St. Mary's students whose breathalyzer score registers above 0.0 will retest on a second breathalyzer. If the second test registers above 0.0, the police officer on duty at the dance will assess the student's condition. If it is determined that the student has consumed alcohol, the student's parents will be notified and required to pick up the student. If the St. Mary's student brought a guest, the parents of the guest will be notified. The guest will be required to leave the dance.
2. The student will be suspended from school until a conference is held with the student, student's parent or guardian, Patty Gorman (Dean of Students), and Nicole Foran (Principal). This will take place the Tuesday or Wednesday after the dance.
3. A plan for a drug and alcohol assessment will be established. Both the student and parent or guardian must comply with the treatment recommendations from the drug and alcohol assessment.
4. The student may not attend any St. Mary's Academy dances for the remainder of the school year, or in the case of prom, any dances the subsequent fall semester.

What happens if a guest (non-St. Mary's Academy student) tests positive for alcohol consumption?

1. Guests under the age of 21 (non-St. Mary's Academy students) whose breathalyzer score registers above 0.0 will retest on a second breathalyzer. If the second test registers above 0.0, the police officer on duty at the dance will assess the student's condition. If it is determined that the student has consumed alcohol, the Portland Police will be notified, and the student taken into custody. The individual's parents will then be notified. The parents of the St. Mary's student who brought the guest will also be notified at this time.
2. If the guest attends high school, the administration of their school will be notified about the incident.
3. The individual may not attend any St. Mary's Academy dances for the remainder of the school year, or in the case of prom, any dances the subsequent fall semester.

What happens if a guest over the age of 21 tests positive for alcohol consumption?

1. Guests over the age of 21 whose breathalyzer score registers anything above 0.0 will retest on a second breathalyzer. If the second test registers above a 0.0, the police officer on duty will assess the guest's condition. If the officer determines it is safe for the guest to leave, the guest will be required to leave the dance. If the officer determines it is unsafe for the guest to leave, the Portland Police will be notified, and the individual taken into custody. The St. Mary's student who brought the guest will not be allowed to leave the dance with her guest and her parents will be notified from the dance.
2. The individual may not attend any St. Mary's Academy dances for the remainder of the school year, or in the case of prom, any dances the subsequent fall semester.

Code of Conduct for Dances

1. Appropriate dress is required
2. No inappropriate or suggestive dance is allowed
3. No bending over or squatting on the floor
4. All students must be upright at all times with both feet on the ground
5. No straddling legs or wrapping legs around another person or object
6. No front to back dancing or 'sandwiches'
7. No dancing which could cause harm to one's self or others (moshing, etc.)