March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Prom Participants:

The 2021 Junior/Senior Prom will be held this year safely in 2-hour Micro-Prom events held on Friday, April 30, Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2 at The Upper Room, 1950 West 13th Street Chicago, IL 60608, 312-857-5096. The cost of the ticket is $125.00 per person. Tickets will be purchased IN PERSON using a credit card only. **Tickets may not be purchased at the door.**

**Micro-Prom Events:**
*Time slots will fill up in the order below - first come, first serve...DON’T WAIT!!!*

- Saturday, May 1, 4:00-6:00 pm
- Saturday, May 1, 7:00-9:00 pm
- Friday, April 30, 7:00-9:00 pm
- Sunday, May 2, 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, May 2, 7:00-9:00 pm

**Steps/Deadlines:**
1) **March 26-April 16:** Complete Go Card (Google Form posted on Schoology) for pre-approval - **NO GO CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 16!!**
   a. If approved, you will be added to the “Prom 2021: A Rich Weekend” group in Schoology for further information and next steps.
2) **April 13-15, 19-21:** In-Person - Submit paperwork & purchase tickets using Debit/Credit Card only - **NO TICKET SALES AFTER APRIL 21!!** *(specific times/locations for in-person ticket purchase will be posted soon)*

**The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student may have a desire to attend this event. Please review our expectations with him/her regarding prom.**

Prom night is a special evening for many people – the committee of Juniors who have worked so very hard, the advisors, administrators, faculty and parents who attend coronation. The special purposes, however, are to provide an enjoyable evening of dining, entertainment, and dancing for all those who attend. For the benefit of all, the following expectations are made:

1. **Classification** – To purchase a ticket, a student must be **classified as a Junior or Senior in PowerSchool** (as of 1/5/21).
2. **2.0 GPA Eligibility Requirements** – In alignment with the Board policy for higher expectations, every student attending Prom must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 for 2nd semester through the date of ticket purchase.

3. **Forms** – All forms will be made available to students via the Prom Schoology group once Go Card has been completed and verified by Administration. All students must be completed and signed prior to the purchase of Prom tickets. Freshmen or sophomore students may not purchase a ticket; however, they may attend with a Junior or Senior Rich Township student. Students with dates from other schools (non-Rich Township students) must complete and return a **Date Request Form** AND **Guest Expectation Form** for administrative approval prior to purchasing tickets. Rich Township High School reserves the right to deny any date request. Any student attempting to change his/her date listed on the ticket must make changes 5 days prior to Prom; otherwise, the new guest will not be admitted into Prom. A student’s Prom date may not exceed 20 years of age.

4. **Prom Court** – All candidates for Prom court must comply with the District 227 academic and discipline eligibility requirements as defined in our no-pass, no-play policy.

5. **Attendance** – All students who are planning to attend Prom must be in attendance at school all day on Friday, April 30. Any student not in attendance on April 30 for all class periods will not be admitted to Prom. **No refunds will be given.**

6. **Discipline** – Prom is a privilege, not a right. Any student who has received more than two (2) out-of-school suspensions or more than four (4) separate in-school suspensions or 4 or more S.A.F.E Interventions from the start of the school year until the date of Prom will NOT be allowed to attend Prom. Rich Township High School administrators and deans reserve the right to approve any student attending the Prom based on individual attendance and/or discipline issues. S.A.F.E. Interventions can include parent conference, Restorative Justice, etc. All student conduct and attendance policies for student behavior will be enforced. Any student who is on an attendance or tardy contract for any class may not be eligible for Prom pending the contract guidelines.

7. **Entrance to Prom** – Due to the fact that the Micro-Proms are just 2-hours in length, it is expected that students arrive on time and remain at the venue for the entire duration. **No refunds will be given for late arrivals.** No person over the age of 20 will be admitted into Prom. Any student who leaves Prom during the event without security approval or security escort will not be allowed to return.

8. **Photo ID** – Rich Township students and guests are required to present photo I.D. for admittance. Anyone without a photo I.D. (school I.D., driver’s license, state I.D. card, etc) will be denied entry and no refunds will be given. All prom guests are subject to dean and administration approval.

9. **School Policies** – Rich Township school policies apply to Prom as they do to any other school sponsored activity. Anyone consuming intoxicating beverages before or during the prom or anyone on drugs or controlled substances will have their parents contacted and the parents will be required to pick up the student. Any students violating school policies will be subject to school disciplinary actions. No refunds will be given. Students suspected of being under the influence are subject to sobriety screening.
10. **Attire** – Any attendee who do not adhere to the standard of dress will be asked to leave Prom. All prom participants must abide by the Rich Township rules for attire and behavior. Per CDC guidelines, all Prom attendees will be required to wear a mask at ALL times.

We do accept the fact that formal wear for the female students may be a bit more “revealing” (spaghetti straps and off-the-shoulder wear) than allowed by regular school dress policy. However, it is very important that formal attire meet a standard of decency. **Dresses that reveal the body around the stomach, navel, lower back and sides are not appropriate.** Slits or splits in clothing must be modest (begin no higher than tip of longest finger). Two-piece dresses, holes, cut-outs or sheer material covering the cut-outs in the dress are **NOT permitted.** Covering up an unacceptable dress with a shawl is still unacceptable.

This is a school-sponsored event and we must maintain a level of appropriateness in the way students are dressed for the Prom. **Gentlemen are expected to dress in formal attire** (tuxedos or suits, no gym shoes – hard bottom shoes ONLY).

If you are unsure of the modesty of your attire or your date’s attire, please see the Junior Class Sponsors, Mrs. Johnson (jjohnson@rich227.org), Ms. Pulido (jpulido@rich227.org) or Mrs. Irvin (cirvin@rich227.org) **prior to your purchase of any attire.** Administration, deans and/or sponsors will make a final decision on appropriateness of dress.

11. **Professional photos** will be available. One 4x6 picture is complimentary; additional photos can be purchased. Those photos that display gang signs or inappropriate poses will not be given to the students. No refunds will be given.

12. **The administration and staff of Rich Township High School bans modes of dancing that are inappropriate, offensive and demeaning.** The clear sexual overtones of this form of dancing are certainly not the kind of social climate we want to promote at school-sponsored activities. As parents we hope you agree with this position and will seriously remind your students of what is appropriate with regards to dancing and having fun.

NOW is the time for you to check with your student, access PowerSchool on a weekly basis, speak with your student’s counselor or teachers, wherever there might be a concern, and/or contact the dean. By working closely with your child and the school, you will ensure that all necessary qualifications/requirements to attend Prom are met. This notification is being sent to you in a timely enough fashion to avoid unnecessary expenditures, if qualifications/requirements are not met!

We are asking for your support in making this evening an enjoyable one for your son or daughter. **Prom expectations forms for Rich Township students and non-Rich Township guests, will be available in the Prom 2021 Schoology group which must be signed by the student and guest attending prom and by their parent/guardian.** Prom tickets **cannot** be purchased until all forms are returned. We hope that your student will find prom a truly memorable event.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Pulido & Mrs. Irvin
Jr. Class Sponsors

Mr. Larry Varn
Principal