

NIGHT AT THE MET

Junior | Senior Prom 2026
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

On behalf of the Green Street Elite, we are thrilled to announce the 2026 St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Prom: **Night at the MET!** This exciting event will take place on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**, at **Portage Country Club**, located at **240 N. Portage Path, Akron, OH**.

We have worked diligently to create a magical and memorable evening for our students - one that celebrates this special time in their lives while prioritizing a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Please review the important event details and itinerary outlined below. We encourage you to read through the information carefully, as it will address many common questions.

By working together, we can ensure a safe, fun, and unforgettable prom night for our students. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Gay | agay@stvm.com

Mr. Glidden | vglidden@stvm.com

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Mrs. Young | cyoung@stvm.com



St. Vincent – St. Mary High School Junior | Senior Prom 2026

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Location: Portage Country Club
240 N. Portage Path, Akron, OH 44303
(330) 836-4994

Price: \$70.00 per person. Ticket price includes: dinner, DJ, and pictures.

Tickets: Will be on sale in the Irish Outfitters Spirit Shop through April 19, 2026.
Signed permission slips must accompany the payment and are due April 20, 2026.

Cash, Check, and Credit Card (service charge applied) accepted.

Students will need to use their Student ID Number to purchase a ticket.

Guests: Students bringing a guest from another school must return the completed Guest Permission slip to Mr. Cochrane for approval. Once approved, a unique ID number will be issued to purchase the guest ticket. *Guest Permission Slips must be returned and tickets must be purchased by April 20, 2026.*

Schedule of Events | April 25, 2026

PROM | Portage Country Club

6:30 PM: Doors open at Portage Country Club for Students & Guests

7:00 PM: Dinner served, followed by crowning of Prom King & Queen, dancing and dessert

7:15 PM: Doors Close at Portage Country Club

★ In case of an emergency or an unusual circumstance that prohibits your child from being there on time, please call Portage Country Club at (330) 836-4994 and ask for Mr. Glidden. ***If a parent/guardian has not called before 7:30 P.M. the students will not be permitted into the dance and no refunds will be given.***

9:30 PM: Prom ends.

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Policies for Formal, Semi-Formal, and Themed Dances

Who Can Attend?

STVM dances are primarily for our students. Each STVM student may invite one guest, who must be registered in advance using the official permission form (available in the Irish Outfitters Spirit Shop and linked in this email).

Guest Policy:

- Guests must be enrolled in high school or be of high school age.
- Dances such as Homecoming, Prom, and other themed events are not open to anyone outside this age group.

Alcohol Breath Testing

To ensure a safe and enjoyable Prom 2026, trained STVM staff will administer alcohol breath tests (breathalyzers) to all students and guests upon entry.

Additional Testing:

- Students may also be tested during or after the dance if reasonable suspicion arises, including (but not limited to):
 - Unsteady walking
 - Slurred speech
 - Impaired coordination
 - Flushed face
 - The smell of alcohol or substances
 - Vomiting

If a test is positive:

- A parent/guardian will be contacted and must pick up the student or guest immediately.

Search Policy:

- STVM reserves the right to search bags/purses and vehicles (limousines, party buses, etc.) used for transportation to the dance.

Refer to the Student-Parent Handbook for further consequences related to policy violations.

Dress Code

This dress code is mandatory and will be strictly enforced. It applies to both STVM students and their guests. These guidelines are found in the Student-Parent Handbook.

For Ladies:

- Dresses must be formal, modest, and well-fitted
- Hemlines/slits: No more than 2 inches above the knee
- Strapless, spaghetti straps, and halters are allowed if not too revealing
- Backless dresses must not extend below the waist
- No bare midriffs
- Cutouts must be pre-approved by the administration

For Gentlemen:

- Acceptable attire: Suit or tuxedo, or dress pants with a sport coat and tie
- Shirts must be tucked in and fully buttoned
- Ties must be worn properly
- Pants must be well-fitted and worn at the waist

For All Attendees:

- Shoes must be worn at all times due to venue safety regulations

- If dress shoes become uncomfortable, bring a comfortable alternative

Consequences for Dress Code Violations

- Students/guests who do not follow the dress code will be kept off the dance floor and may be asked to leave.
- Parents/guardians will be called to provide appropriate clothing. Students may return to the dance once properly dressed.
- No re-entry is allowed if a student or guest leaves the event.

This dress code reflects the values and standards of the St. Vincent-St. Mary community. It is not meant to limit student expression but to maintain a respectful and vibrant Catholic environment.

Ohio Drinking Laws for Parents, Students 18 years and older, and Juveniles

PARENTAL LIABILITY FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING IN OHIO

In Ohio, parents can be held legally responsible if they knowingly permit underage drinking on their property, even if they do not supply the alcohol themselves. This includes situations where parents are aware that minors are consuming alcohol during gatherings at their home. If an underage individual consumes alcohol at such an event and subsequently causes injury or damage, the hosting parents may face both civil and criminal liabilities.

For instance, if parents are aware that their children are hosting a party where alcohol is present and consumed by minors, they could be held liable for any resulting incidents, such as accidents or injuries. Ohio's social host liability laws emphasize the importance of parental responsibility in preventing underage drinking and its potential consequences.

ADULT PENALTIES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

The laws of the State of Ohio require that the Courts punish all first time offenders with blood alcohol concentration of .08 % with confinement for a minimum period of 72 consecutive hours and a \$300 fine. This alcohol level, for most people, will be exceeded by the consumption of two drinks. The confinement is accompanied by a minimum license suspension of six (6) months.

If you are an adult, but under the age of 21, there is a criminal penalty provided even if your blood alcohol is below .08% as long as it is at least .02% (less than one drink). In such cases, you are subject to a maximum of 30 days confinement, a \$250 fine, and a license suspension of 60 days to 2 years.

JUVENILE PENALTIES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

It is the policy of the Juvenile Court of Summit County to impose the following minimum penalty for first-time offenders with a blood alcohol concentration of .02%:

- A. A drug and alcohol evaluation assessment, and treatment if indicated;
- B. An 8-hour Defensive Driving Course;
- C. A license suspension of 3 – 6 months, the first of which excludes driving for ANY purpose;
- D. A requirement that you attend Juvenile Court to view a movie concerning the dangers of drunk driving;
- E. \$100 in fines and costs;
- F. 3 days confinement, suspended on the condition that you complete A through E.

ADULT AND JUVENILE PENALTIES

Once a license has been suspended by the court system, adult or juvenile, the State's administrative agency will also suspend your driving privileges until reinstatement fees of \$500 are paid. In addition to the above penalties, your parents' automobile insurance coverage is in jeopardy of cancellation or a serious rate increase.

It is easy to perceive, from the State's adoption of this extremely low blood alcohol level, that it is the legislative

intent to make any alcohol consumption, accompanied by driving, an unlawful activity for people of all ages.

Please carefully review the attached documents: State Drinking Laws and Ohio Teen Driving Restrictions, along with the information provided above.

Before purchasing a prom ticket, complete and sign the Acknowledgement of Information form and submit it to the Irish Outfitters Spirit Shop.

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The Acknowledgement of Information form must be signed by the parent or guardian of each student attending the prom.

Students who are paying with cash or check at the Irish Outfitters Spirit Shop must bring both their own form and their date's form at the time of payment.

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Acknowledgment of Information

I have read the information enclosed herein, including the handouts entitled:

- "Drinking Laws for Parents, Students 18 years and older, and Juveniles"
- "Ohio Teen Driving Restrictions"
- "STVM School Dance Alcohol Breath Testing Policy"

I/We have reviewed this information with my/our son/daughter.

My student's name is _____ Grade level: _____

and is attending Prom 2026 alone/with _____.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone number(s) at which you can be reached on Prom Night: _____

****A student's refusal to take the breathalyzer test will be considered a positive test result and he/she will be denied entry to the dance without refund.***

This form is due in the Irish Outfitters Spirit Shop no later than April 20, 2026.

