



WAYLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear WHS Junior Prom-goers and their parents/guardians:

Thanks to the tireless work of the 2027 Executive Board and their advisors, this year's Junior Prom will take place at the New England Aquarium on **Saturday, May 16, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.** This formal dinner and dance is among the most treasured of our high school traditions. In this letter, I would like to provide some cultural and logistical information about the Prom.

As you know, the Prom is an occasion when our students are expected to adhere to high decorum and maturity. Clad in their formalwear, students enjoy the festivity and glamour associated with an evening in a beautiful Boston area venue. When they arrive, students are greeted by a line of chaperones consisting of WPS administration and staff. They then have photo opportunities and mingle until they sit down for dinner, followed by dancing and dessert.

While it has many special qualities unlike any other event, we would like to emphasize that *the Prom is a school event*, and all expectations regarding student conduct are in full effect. We have built in measures and practices at events such as the Prom to ensure that they are safe, inclusive, and accessible for all. Specifically for the Prom on May 16, please take note of the following:

- In keeping with past practice, all Prom guests will be breathalyzed by a WHS administrator prior to arrival at the venue. This occurs in a private space at WHS before students board the buses, and is conducted swiftly and respectfully.
- If at any point during the event a student is determined to be under the influence or in possession of drugs, alcohol, and/or related paraphernalia, a parent or guardian will be called to pick them up, and the student will be subject to school discipline as per the Student Handbook.
- Backpacks and large bags are not permitted at the Prom. Small handbags will be allowed into the venue and will be searched.
- All student behaviors not in keeping with school policy will result in corresponding disciplinary action.

For the purposes of safety and equity, all Prom guests will be riding school-sponsored coach buses to the Prom and back to WHS. We have contracted with the Crystal Transport Company to provide a fleet of comfortable and safe vehicles that will take students to and from the Prom in Boston. Crystal Transport has worked with many high schools and colleges in the area for similar events, and we have great confidence in their ability to meet our needs and enhance the Prom experience for our students. **The Prom ticket price includes the cost of transportation.** Students will be assigned to a specific coach bus for transportation to and from the event.

Tickets will be sold for \$175 each from March 23-27 during all lunches in the WHS Commons. Checks should be made out to Wayland High School, with the attendees' name(s) in the memo section. Please know that tickets to the Prom are non-refundable.

Students must be in good disciplinary and attendance standing in order to purchase tickets and attend the Prom. The administration will notify students in advance if we have concerns, and it is each student's responsibility to be aware of their disciplinary situation.

If a WHS junior is bringing a guest, the guest does not have to be a WHS junior. However, guests who attend a school other than WHS must fill out paperwork that is available in the main office so that we may check with their schools concerning their behavior and standing. These forms will be due by May 8th.

Lastly, I wish to highlight the generous efforts of parent volunteers who plan two wonderful events related to the Prom: "Pre-Prom" and "Late Night." These events are not sponsored by the school, but we do work together to coordinate these safe and celebratory bookends to the Prom. Please see the timeline at the end of this letter for a summary of events.

Pre-Prom:

In the past, many students have attended the Pre-Prom event at Wayland High School, a "red (orange) carpet" opportunity for photographs and mingling. Pre-Prom will begin at 4:30 p.m., and the coach bus fleet will begin heading into Boston starting at 6:15 p.m.

Late Night:

Late Night is a free, safe and substance-free after Prom celebration that is supervised by parent volunteers and funded by the Wayland community and local businesses. This is a 20-year tradition at Wayland High School where the Field House is transformed into a themed, immersive party space for students to relax and continue their Prom festivities with abundant food options generously donated by local restaurants. Coach buses will return to WHS from the Aquarium by 11:30 p.m. At that point, students will check in for Late Night, which goes until 1:30 a.m.

Juniors do not need to attend the Prom to attend Late Night. All Prom attendees need to RSVP indicating that they will or will not be attending Late Night. Late Night attendees need to [register](#).

Late Night is free, but it is solely funded by generous donations from families and

businesses. More information and a donation link may be found at: <https://waylandpto.org/high-school-pto/late-night/>. It is strongly suggested to donate \$27 per participant to help defray the cost of Late Night. Please note that all donations are eligible for corporate match if this is something your employer offers. If you have any questions about Late Night, please contact Lisa Goodman at goodmanlisameredith@gmail.com.

I truly share in the excitement that our Class of 2027 feels for the special tradition of Prom. Please feel free to contact me or the class advisors, Ms. Megan Smith (megan_smith@waylandps.org), Ms. Jennifer McGuinn (jennifer_mcguinn@waylandps.org), and Ms. Stephanie Giglio (stephanie_giglio@waylandps.org), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Timeline for May 16

- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.: Pre-Prom Orange Carpet at Wayland High School
- 6:15 p.m.: Coach buses depart for New England Aquarium
- 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.: Prom at New England Aquarium
- 11:00 p.m.: Coach buses depart for Wayland High School
- 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.: Late Night at Wayland High School Field House