

February 2, 2010

Dear Parents:

The Rich South High School Junior-Senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010. This elegant event will be held from 7 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at The Odyssey Country Club 19110 S. Ridgeland Ave Tinley Park, IL 60477. The cost of the ticket is \$85.00 per person if paid in our "Early Bird Discount" price beginning March 17 through March 26 and \$100.00 per person if paid in our "Late Purchase" price beginning April 6 through April 16. Tickets are payable by **cash, money order or cashier's check** only. All tickets will be on sale after school in room A215 on the dates mentioned above. **Tickets may not be purchased at the door.**

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

1. **Expectations:** All students must have a Prom Permission Form 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 South student. Students with dates from other schools must complete and return a Guest Request Form for administrative approval prior to purchasing tickets. Parent permission forms for out-of-district students must be returned prior to purchasing tickets as well. Any student attempting to change their date listed on the ticket must make such changes 10 days prior to Prom; otherwise, the new date will not be admitted into Prom. Rich South High School reserves the right to deny any date request.
2. **Grades:** All Rich South Students must have a 2.0 grade point average **for the third quarter** which ends March 12 (this is not a cumulative GPA but for the **third quarter only**). If a student does not have the required GPA, he/she will not be allowed to attend Prom.
3. **Discipline:** Prom is a privilege, not a right. Therefore any student who has received any out-of-school suspensions **or** has had 3 or more all day in-school suspensions from 2/8/10 until 5/1/10, may not attend Prom.

4. **Entrance to Prom:** All students and guests may begin arriving at The Odyssey at 6:30 p.m. The Ballroom will officially open at 7:00 p.m.; however, the photographer will be available as early as 6:30 p.m. for those students who signed up for an early picture time. All Rich South students must have their school ID to be admitted into Prom and all other guests must have a picture ID, which shows date of birth. **No person over the age of 20 will be admitted into Prom.**

Students are expected to stay until the coronation is completed at approximately 10:15 p.m. Any student who leaves Prom during the evening without security approval or security escort will not be allowed to return. **All Prom activities end at 11:00pm.** We must remember that safety is the most important issue on this special evening and we would like to encourage all students to return home unless parents have made other arrangements.

5. **Prom Court:** All candidates for Prom court must comply with the District 227 academic eligibility requirements as defined in our no-pass, no-play policy.
6. Our school policies apply to Prom as they do to any other school activity. Please remind your students to be aware of our expectations and the consequences associated with them, particularly with respect to alcohol. Illinois law places liability on those adults who secure or provide facilities for student parties that include alcoholic beverages, where underage students are involved.
7. **School Policies:** Rich South High School administrators and deans reserve the right to approve any student attending the Prom based on individual attendance and/or discipline issues. 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.
8. **Attire:** 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 your formal attire meet a high standard of decency. **Dresses that reveal too much of the body around the chest, stomach, navel, lower back and sides are not appropriate.** Covering up an unacceptable dress with a shawl is still unacceptable. Slits or splits in clothing must be modest (around the knee area) and

exposure of the lower back must be no further than the waistline. We will display posters in the cafeteria pictures of Prom attire that are either inappropriate or appropriate for this school-sponsored event prior to Prom. **If there is a question about the appropriateness of the attire, do not wait until the evening of Prom to get approval. School personnel will have the authority to make the final decision regarding admittance to the Prom.**

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 be dressed in formal attire (tuxedos or suits). No canes will be allowed into the banquet facility at any time.

Any students who do not meet this standard of dress will be asked to leave the Prom. It is important that our young ladies and young men are dressed in a manner that does not undermine the appropriate values that Rich South promotes as a high school.

If you are unsure of the modesty of your attire or your date's attire, please see the Junior Class Sponsors Ms. Jordan or Mrs. Pulido prior to your purchase of any attire.

You may also call Ms. Jordan at (708) 679-3166 or Mrs. Pulido at (708) 679-3044 if you have any other questions or concerns.

9. **Dancing:** The staff of Rich South 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 remind your students of what is appropriate in regard to dancing and having fun. Students who participate in this kind of dancing will be asked to leave the prom and no refund will be given.

10. **Photos:** Professional photos will be available. Students will sign up for picture times prior to Prom. Picture times will be from 6:30-11:00 p.m. Please be prompt for your appointment. When photos are returned from processing, they will be reviewed prior to distributing them to students. Those photos that display gang signs or inappropriate poses will not be given to the students. No refunds will be given.

11. **Forms:** Attached to this document you will find the Permission Form and Guest Request Form. Required signatures must be completed by students, parents and guests along with address and phone number information. **Prom tickets cannot be purchased until these forms are completed and returned.**
12. Attendees must have junior or senior classification to attend prom.

The Junior Class has worked hard to make this an enjoyable evening, and we hope that your student will find it a truly memorable one.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jodi Jordan
Mrs. Josephine Pulido
Junior Class Sponsors

Mr. Mark Hopman
Assistant Principal of Athletics and Activities