

You'll Remember this Forever **PROM**

Fashion for prom 2013

By Daisy Cortes



Prom is all about making a statement and standing out from the crowd. Fashion and style are the name of the game. This year's fashion direction for ladies is glamorous. There are many gowns to have fun in, and yet stay comfortable and flirty. The trend for this season is towards the much bolder and brighter colored gowns. Pastel colored outfits are on the clearance racks because they are part of last season's prom fodder. Wearing washed out colors like springtime Easter eggs is out. Sparkling glamor with intense colors are in. You can even place glowing items on your dress for added emphasis. Accessory options will allow you to make your own statement on a dress. Glitter and glamour are the ideal for this prom season.

A lengthy chapel train or perhaps a gown using a duster style would definitely make you "float" on your prom night. This outfit is comprised of a corset top which provides the best fit and a froufrou skirt that offers a cute effect for the wearer. This combination is something that adds height to shorter prom goers. Gradient colored gowns will also be a sexy and upcoming craze. It looks dip dyed, unusual and attractive. Do not limit yourself to the standard colors and washed out colors of yester years.

Surely prom dresses for 2013 will be edgier, funkier and eye popping without sacrificing style and class. One word of caution, don't go over the top.

You can still have your date match you, but you don't want to look like clowns. One last word of advice for you and your date, walking into the prom together, keep the air conditioning on in the car if you don't want your corsage to be dead by the time you walk into prom.



<http://www.hinmanmedia.info/fashion-forecast-for-prom-dresses-2013-2.html>



The Prom is Over, Now What?

By Daisy Cortes

What are the options for keeping the party going after the prom? Most seniors are looking at beaches, Wildwood, the Poconos, or even just a local hotel. Here are some tips for making sure everything is perfect, or at least not a total disaster. It all depends on planning.

This year the prom is on a Wednesday and there is school the next day. What a bummer. Do not get in trouble for having a good time at the prom. Plan accordingly so that you can have fun and meet all your obligations. Graduation is just around the corner, so let us just do what we need to do to graduate.

Friends who tag along for all the after prom fun should pay their own way, and be sure to include the costs of transportation there and back so you won't get stuck with the bill. The cost for everything is so high and the prom costs enough already, without paying for others to have a good time. Plan all the fun with your friends, before the big day.

If you are not going home directly after the prom, make arrangements with your parents and include them in your plans. Make your parents aware of where you are going and where you will be, just in case of an emergency. Lastly, plan to have enough time to go home and change to come to school on Thursday.



Prom Safety is in Your Hands

By Daisy Cortes

Twinkling lights, music and romance are what every student dreams of filling their prom night. Being safe is not a typical concern, but it should be. Police are on alert for this event every year. What are they looking for? Are we safe going to prom this year?

"SRO's [School Resource Officers] are mainly looking for drug and alcohol use, date rape, prom crashers, reckless driving, and other similar offenses," said Officer Zuniga. The officers are there to make sure

that everyone has a good time in a safe environment.

There have not been any serious problems in the past. "PHS students are always on their best behavior, but the danger is always there that bad things can happen," said Officer Zuniga. If a student breaks the law the consequences are severe, from heavy fines, loss of driver's license and possibly jail time.

So let's all use our best judgment on this special night. We can make it fun without getting into trouble. We will show the rest of the school our PHS pride.



Prom Need Not Cost a Fortune

By Daisy Cortes

Girls:

The first and most important way to save money on prom is to plan ahead. You don't want to rush at the last minute, like many girls will do. Students look forward to prom all year. In fact, it is a highlight of the whole senior year. Why not start saving a certain amount every week, maybe even sit down with your guardian and decide on a reasonable budget.

Saving money to stay within a budget is easy if you know how to cut corners. Have you ever thought of borrowing or renting a dress? It is cheaper and who knows it might even look better. The best part is that no one will ever know. Just smile when your friends tell you how great you look, knowing how much money you saved. The savings don't stop with the dress. You can have a family member, or a talented friend do your hair and help with your makeup. You can be hassle free on prom day, not worrying about keeping appointments and rushing around using gas. Not only will you save on gas, but you will be able to share some time with family and friends on your special day, making it even more special. Don't forget to have a friend or family member take photos to capture all the memories rather than paying for an expensive portrait. Be sure to take care of a dress that doesn't belong to you. Return it cleaned along with all the accessories that you borrowed.

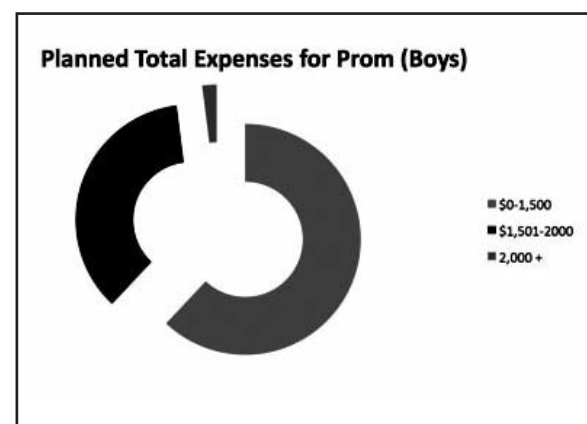
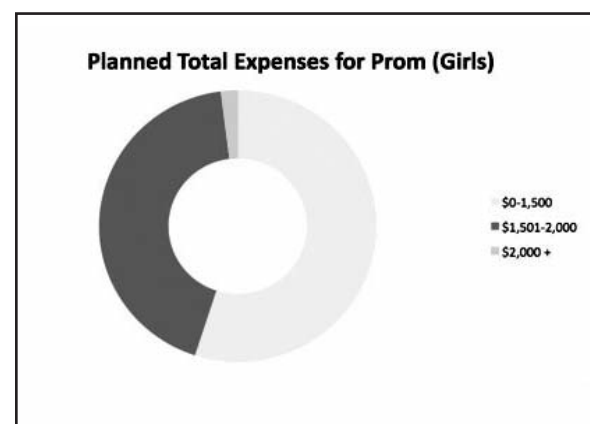
Guys:

There are plenty of ways for the guys to save money for prom too. The first expense is finding a tuxedo. You can save on the cost of a tuxedo rental by borrowing one if you can. If you can't, then shop around. Prom season offers many offers and sales on tuxedo rentals, especially if you book early.

If you are creative you can make the corsage yourself. Arranged flowers are very expensive but creating a corsage for your date will be even more special than if you just bought one. (It is not as hard as you might think.) Spending anywhere from fifty, and maybe even a hundred dollars for a nice corsage, is very expensive. If you make your own and then personalize it to the tastes of your date, your money saving creation will make a much greater impression than if you spent a fortune at the florist.

Boys are responsible for the transportation so why not carpool with your friends and their dates to split the travel costs. This is an evening for friends, so why not arrive together. A limousine is nice, but once you are in the prom, you don't need it, and you don't even see it. Save some money and drive together.

The main thing is to plan ahead. You can find many ways to save money for prom if you just take the time to plan. Have a great time at the prom!



Prom Hair Styles



Should I Go to Prom?

By Daisy Cortes

A lot of seniors are asking themselves "Should I go to the prom?" Some say, "No, it's too expensive!" Others can't wait for this once in a lifetime event. While going to the prom is not for everyone, once you missed it you cannot click the rewind button. Seniors' time here at PHS is drawing to a close. Once this year ends you might not see your friends again. The prom is a great chance to be together as a class. We have shared many experiences together, both good and bad and this is a chance to reminisce and celebrate. Go for the experience. Enjoy yourself because after graduation you might not even see your friends anymore. You don't have to go crazy spending money. Don't go overboard; It is NOT A WEDDING!

If you do not have a date, do not be anxious, just go with a group of friends. Take your own car. It is cheaper by far than getting a limousine and if you want to leave early, you have that ability. You will meet people you never notice in school. You will see people that you never get a chance to talk to. You are creating good new memories that you will be able to remember forever. At what other time will you get the chance to look like a princess, or a prince, and have fun for a truly memorable evening?

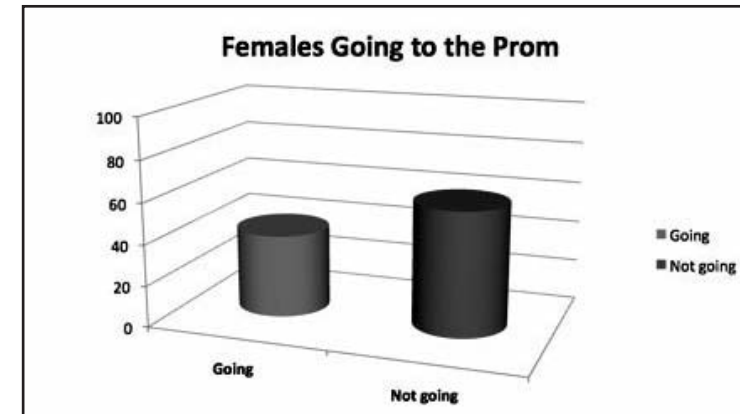
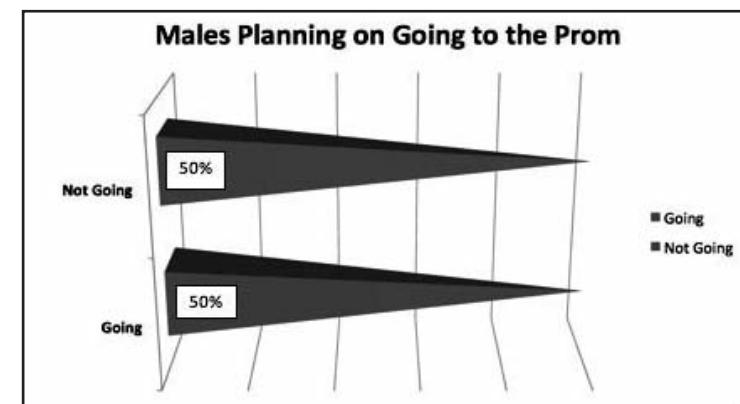
Where do the whole idea of a prom come from? Why do schools all across America have proms? The prom has been traced back to

the 19th century when American universities held co-ed banquets for each year's graduating class. The word prom is short for promenade, the formal, introductory parading of guests at a party.

In more recent history, President Ford's daughter, Susan, got permission to hold her high school senior prom at their home, the White House, in 1975. Can you imagine being the boy who asked Susan for a date to the prom?

Not only did he have a loving father to worry about, but the secret service and background checks as well.

Every year over four million teenagers skip prom because they don't have a date. Don't be a statistic. The fun you will have that evening will far outlast the memory that you did not have a date for the night. Just be thankful that you don't need a secret service background check to get in.



TOP 10 MOST ANTICIPATED Movies of Summer 2013



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By Henry Hernandez

Start saving your money because the 2013 summer movie season is going to be busy with highly anticipated movies. The first on my list, and many of yours too, is *Ironman 3*. This sequel to *Ironman 2*, will pick up where *The Avengers* left off. Released on May 3, it will kick off the summer movie season.

It has been a long time since there has been a good Superman movie. *Man of Steel* will be released June 14. This looks promising. *Man of Steel* is directed by Zachary Snyder, who is known for *300* and *The Watchmen*. He is no stranger to the comic book genre.

The Wolverine is one movie I am very excited to see. The release date is July 26. *Wolverine* is a compelling character and I never get tired of seeing Hugh Jackman in this role.

A slightly surprising movie of this season is *Fast and Furious 6*. Even though there was a rumor that the series had met its end in *Fast and Furious 5*, there was still so much interest in this franchise that the release date for *Fast and Furious 6* is May 24.

I know we are all very grown up and do not want to admit it we all still love our family movies, so if you go to see one of many animated movies coming out this summer, at least bring your little brother as cover.



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The first of two movies being released by Disney, which is attracting a large amount of attention, is *Monsters University*. The entire cast from the first film is back from *Monsters Inc.* to bring back Sully and Mike to when they were in college. It looks hilarious and will come out on June 21.

The second movie from Disney is a sequel to another

Pixar film. *Planes* is part of the world of *Cars*. You can't go wrong with Pixar. I am sure this will be enjoyable. You can take your little brother on August 9.

Dreamworks will also have entries into the animated family movie genre. In *Despicable Me 2*, set to be released on July 3, Gru is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to help deal with a powerful new super criminal. And yes the minions are returning as well.



Just after *Despicable Me* is another animated film from Dreamworks, *Turbo*. A snail dreams of winning the Indy 500, and I am sure this will be uplifting. On July 15 you can see if he wins the race.

Another great film coming out very early in the season is *Oblivion* starring Tom Cruise. This movie is set in a future when Earth is destroyed and everyone had to be evacuated. However, there were people that were left behind. It is mystery that Cruise's character will have to unravel, beginning on April 19.

Lastly, an eagerly anticipated movie, at least for me, is *We Steal Secrets: The story of Wikileaks*. Its release date is May 24. I decided to put a documentary on the summer blockbuster list. It shows how well rounded I am and I really want to see it. This documentary details the creation of Julian Assange's controversial website, which facilitated the largest security breach in U.S. history. Maybe you can get extra credit in history class when you see it starting on May 24.

One thing is certain, this is going to be a busy summer, and we better start saving now to be able to afford all the anticipated movies of summer 2013.

PHS Teacher to Walk 60 Miles

By Jessica Correa

Mrs. Slosarik, English Teacher, has committed to walk 60 miles in the Susan G. Komen Philadelphia 3-Day, along with thousands of other women and men who are walking to make a personal difference in the fight to end breast cancer. She will also be acting as a crew member for the Susan G. Komen Boston 3-Day, supporting the walkers in that city. Slosarik's battle with breast cancer has been a long one. She is BRCA positive and the 4th generation of women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer in her family. Her battle began 11 years ago and June of 2012 marked six years with Stage 4 breast cancer. She is the living proof that every step that is taken and every dollar that is raised makes a difference.

Slosarik has already embarked

on a physical and emotional journey in preparing for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day®. Like other Komen 3-Day participants, Slosarik will spend months training for the event's physical demands and fundraising at least \$2,300 to help fund innovative breast cancer research, scientific programs and community outreach programs. All of the participants' dedication and preparation culminates by walking 60 miles over the course of three days.

"I walk because I cannot walk away. I have had 14 surgeries, numerous treatments and carry the genetic marker for breast cancer," said Mrs. Slosarik. She added, "My hope is that my efforts will help insure that my daughter never has to face this illness."

The Susan G. Komen Philadelphia 3-Day is a place in a world where differences are embraced,

bonds are formed, and every moment—from the Opening Ceremony on Friday Morning, October 4, 2013 to Closing Ceremony on Sunday afternoon,—is full of meaning, emotion and celebration. Walkers cover about 20 miles a day with hundreds of dedicated volunteers and crew members supporting the walkers through the three-day journey.

Each year, more than 200,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women and nearly 2,000 cases are diagnosed in men in the U.S. To help Slosarik reach her goal of a world without breast cancer, make a donation by visiting www.the3Day.org/goto/SharonSlosarik. To learn how to participate or volunteer with the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, call 800-996-3DAY for more information.

A Strong Word

By Mrs. Beverly Moore

The intent of this article is to respond to the opinion, "Why do Conservatives Hate Poor People." I was taken aback by this brazen title. I thought to myself, "Hate is a very strong word." It conjures up actions that despise, reject, dismiss, abhor, antagonize, detest, loathe, resent, scorn, and "to look down on contemptuously." When I examined these definitions of "hate" more closely, I wanted to look at the one in particular, which probably best describes the objective of the writer of the article—"to look down on (poor people) contemptuously." I wondered if this is the sentiment shared by all conservatives. Do they really "hate" poor people with such intense passion and extreme aversion? In an attempt to answer these questions, I want to raise awareness of the early relationship between Republicans and those who were born into "lowly" conditions in early America.

Let us take a look at the historically political affiliations of people that were poor and destitute in the 1800's. Namely, Black Americans, who were categorically impoverished and enslaved. Blacks discovered political sympathizers that were identified as the newly reformed Whigs and Democratic Free Soilers. This union between the two groups formed what we know as the Republican, or Grand Old Party. Its efforts at the time of origin were to limit the expansion of slavery into the northern territories of Nebraska and Kansas, and throughout other northern regions. Their oppositions did not go unnoticed; in fact, they gained attention from many abolitionists and slaves. This energized the Black population, thus mobilizing the majority of Blacks to align themselves with the Republican Party. Mutuality and common ground were formed by this united front.

The Republican Party established itself as a morally conscientious and religiously pious presence in the north; extending its reach into the churches and social networks. In 1868, Republicans looked southward to gain a solid base within the politically unstable south. The party appealed to many who belonged to the socially upward mobile echelon. These white southerners drew distinct

racial lines of demarcation when it came to "coloreds" who were embarking upon gaining political status. Their ideology proved to be very influential throughout both political parties. This form of exclusion translated to the disenfranchisement of many Blacks who might have sought increased membership in the Republican Party.

The idea of Conservatism has been around since the 1600's during Early English Restoration. Although, we have commonly associated conservatism with the Republican Party in the United States. Modern day conservatism as we know it, is steeped in the ideal of maintaining the "traditions of old" as status quo. They have ascended themselves to the dubious position of ensuring freedom and stability in our society. Somewhere between the days of early industrialization of our country, and up until now, something transformative occurred within the Republican Party. The party seemed to have dissolved from one of progression and social conscientiousness in the mid 1800's; to one that is currently the epicenter of stalemates and obstructions. In retrospect, the early Republicans were probably far more courageous in their campaigns to oppose antagonizing forces than their modern day conservative counterparts.

It is radically distorting to make the assertion that poor people in this country today are "hated" by the {Republican} party that once shared paralleled political positions with people of African descent. Now as for modern day conservatism, their views, although sometimes skewed, have taken a sharp turn to the "right" which may not have been shared by their predecessors. As educators, the messages that we should be sending to our readers of a student newspaper, are ones of positive uplifting; not promulgation that is intended to place blame, demean, and insult. Using the Hilltop Star to atop your soapbox is both disingenuous and exploitive to the progeny that you have been employed to serve.

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Vikings raid the History Channel

By Guadalupe Carmona

The new show "Vikings" on the History Channel, gives a new perspective and depth to the Viking saga. The show premiered on March 3 with an outstanding 6 million viewers for their first episode "Rites of Passage".

This new series is based on legendary Vikings, Ragnar Lothbrok and Flóki Vilgerðarson. These visionaries and companions discover a new way to navigate the seas and discover the British Isles. Ragnar Lothbrok is a farmer and an ambitious man who yearns to navigate the sea. His ambition leads him to face the local chieftain Earl Haraldson who believes there is absolutely nothing to the west.

Ragnar plans a dangerous voyage, taunting this ruler, and seeks master ship builder and craftsman Floki. Though deranged Floki is a talented ship builder. He holds a deep belief in the Norse god of mischief, Loki. Together, with a group of brave warriors, they wander into the sea and the series follows them as they struggle with Earl Haraldson and his struggle to keep his men under his control. Eventually Ragnar and Floki stumble upon England and prove their ruler wrong. The ruler's authority is challenged and there is bloodshed, many battles, new discoveries of new religions, lands and ways to navigate the sea.

The first season consists of nine episodes which air every Sunday at 10pm in the History Channel. This new show is certainly worth staying up late on Sunday to watch.