



# MAHOPAC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

This year, Senior Prom will be held at ***The Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury, Connecticut, on Friday, June 8th, from 7:00pm-11:00pm.*** The Senior Prom has become a celebrated rite of passage for students of our senior class. Over the years, we have refined our procedures to ensure a fun and safe evening for all who choose to attend this exciting event. What follows is an outline of these procedures and expectations.

## The Pre-Prom Parent Meeting

Mahopac High School has scheduled a mandatory meeting for all parents whose children will be attending the Senior Prom. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review Board of Education policies on drug and alcohol use and to discuss some of the unfortunate and dangerous situations that students have experienced during prom weekends. To accommodate as many as possible, the mandatory meetings will be held on both Tuesday, May 8th, and Thursday May 17th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Parents need **ONLY** attend **ONE** of these meetings. Non-student dates (including alumni) must be registered with the prom advisors and are subject to all MHS policies. **All students and all guests must submit a sobriety form (attached).**

- Tickets will be on sale from May 14th-May 21st. **The price of a single ticket is \$120.00.**
- Location and Time of ticket sales will be sent in a separate email
- Students should return the enclosed completed sobriety form at table sign ups which occur from May 22nd-May 30th from 2:00pm-2:45pm in room 225. Table sign-ups cannot be completed until ALL sobriety forms have been returned.
- Once a ticket is purchased, no refunds will be given. This includes students who are not allowed to attend due to poor behavior and/or suspension from school.

With parent permission, students will be allowed to go to the prom after attending school through period 4. Parents who wish to sign their child out of school early may do so by filling out the attached permission slip and returning to their house secretary. Of course, since June 8th is a full instructional day, we encourage you to have your child attend school for the entire day.

## Getting to the Prom

- Students must arrive at prom via coach buses provided by the school. To arrive at the school we suggest the following:
  - Parents may carpool and drive students to the school.
  - Students may drive to the school.
  - Parents of junior-license drivers should consider making arrangements to have the car driven home later on in the evening. A junior-license driver may **not** drive after 9:00pm on prom night.
  - Students may **not** be transported to the prom in limos, party vans, or buses. Any student arriving at the prom in a limo/party van will be turned away.

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- All students will be expected to arrive at the high school starting at 4:45pm, but **NO LATER THAN 5:15pm.**
- **Formal photos will be taken in the high school gymnasium PRIOR to boarding the buses. The cost of these photos is included in your prom ticket purchase.**
- All students are subject to search prior to boarding the buses. All bags will be checked.
- Cell phones are allowed.

### Bus Safety

It is important that you know that we have a short list of reputable coach bus companies that we use for all high school field trips. The bus company used for the prom is a highly regarded company that has performed admirably for us in the past. The Director of the Mahopac Central School District Office of Transportation, will review the records of drivers assigned to the buses contracted for the Senior Prom. The Director of Transportation will be securing the complete driving history of each driver prior to this event. Each bus will be inspected and the paperwork, including insurance, will be reviewed and verified, at the district's transportation garage on the day of the event. In addition, a follow-up review of driver records will occur just before the trip to reaffirm our earlier review mentioned above.

### At the Prom

- With the exception of cell phone use, which is permitted, all school rules apply to the entire evening for both students and guests.
- There is no smoking. Including electronic cigarettes.

### Leaving the Prom

- Students **MUST** remain at the prom until 11:00 pm.
- All students AND their guests will RETURN TO MAHOPAC HIGH SCHOOL VIA CHARTER BUS.

### Post-Prom Activities

- We strongly suggest that parents work together to sponsor well-chaperoned events for a few hours if your children desire an extended prom night.
- In addition, there are many safe and exciting options for the days that follow the prom. A supervised day trip to an amusement park is a fun and safe option.
- For a variety of reasons which we will discuss at prom parent meetings, we strongly discourage parents from allowing their children to travel alone to the NJ shore on the days following the prom.

There are no exceptions to the prom rules outlined above. Any student or guest who breaks school rules regarding tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or inappropriate conduct, will have their parents called with instructions to pick them up immediately.

In closing, we hope that your child will choose to attend the Senior Prom and that they understand that these rules are in place to ensure an enjoyable and safe evening.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Matthew Lawrence*  
Principal

*Michael Douma*  
MOST Executive Advisor

*Anthony Nappi*  
Senior Class Advisor

PROMISE OF SOBRIETY

2018

TO BE SUBMITTED AT TABLE SIGN-UPS

In order to ensure an enjoyable evening for all students attending SENIOR PROM on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the senior class and its advisors request the support of all the students and their parents. We respectfully ask that you read and sign the following acknowledgement.

Mr. Douma, Senior Class Advisor

Mr. Nappi, Senior Class Advisor

I, the parent of \_\_\_\_\_ agree to supervise my child before the prom and be available to pick up my son/daughter in the event of any problems. I have read and agree with the rules set forth in Dr. Lawrence's letter.

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Parent Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # where I can be reached

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

I agree to abstain from drinking or using other illegal substances on the night of the prom and understand that my parents will be called should I not fulfill this agreement.

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Print Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

# Mahopac High School

## Senior Prom – Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Attention Parents/Guardians

If your daughter/son is attending the Senior Prom and needs to be dismissed early on prom day, please complete, sign, and return this form to your house secretary no later than Wednesday, June 6, 2018. **Please note that this is not an excused absence. It will count towards attendance.**

- Phone calls WILL NOT be an accepted form of dismissal.
- Students MUST stay in school until 10:49 (the end of period 4)
- Passes for dismissal will be distributed at your house (Blue or Gold) on Friday morning, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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I give my daughter/son permission to be dismissed from school after fourth period (10:49) on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's daytime contact number \_\_\_\_\_