

Prom 2018 – Frequently Asked Questions

Date: April 28th, 2018

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Theme: Red Carpet Affair

Time: Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m., doors close at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket Cost: \$50 per person

Location: The Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center, 5121 Bay City Road, Midland

DHS Advisers: Mrs. Outinen & Mrs. Meyer

Why was the ticket price changed from \$25 to \$50?

This year we are providing prom attendees with both a dinner and dance experience.

The prom dinner menu includes the following in an **all you can eat buffet**:

- Roast Sirloin of Beef with Red Wine Au Jus
- Orange Glazed Atlantic Salmon
- Teriyaki Glazed Chicken Thighs
- Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Chives, Cheese
- Wild & Long Grain Rice Pilaf
- Penne Pasta with Alfredo & Marinara Sauces
- Classic Caesar Salad
- Mixed Green Salad with Ranch & Italian Dressings
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Chocolate & Strawberry Torte

What if I have food allergies or a special dietary request, what will I be able to eat?

The Great Hall is asking that anyone with a food allergy or with special dietary restrictions, contact them directly and they will make accommodations for you to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable meal. The number to the Great Hall is 989-496-2158. Please tell them that you will be attending the DHS/MHS prom.

Why is dinner included this year?

The Great Hall would no longer host the DHS/MHS prom without including dinner. Their venue is in use every weekend, often Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. The Great Hall is able to secure weddings and large gatherings that generate significantly more revenue for their business than hosting the MHS/DHS prom as it was before dinner was offered. This was a financial decision for the Great Hall.

What do most schools do for their prom? Do they include a dinner with the dance ticket?

Yes, almost every school in the Tri-Cities area hosts a dinner and dance for prom. Many schools have been doing this for a long, long time.

Even with dinner included in the cost of the ticket, why is the ticket price double last year's price of \$25.

MHS/DHS prom is offering a ticket for a lower price than the schools in the surrounding area. Ticket prices generally range from \$60 - \$100 per ticket.

Did you consider hosting prom at another venue?

We investigated the H Hotel in downtown Midland and they did not have the capacity to host a group the size of DHS/MHS Prom. Apple Mountain was also considered but they could not accept a group our size. We considered Dow Diamond but would have had to spend a lot of money to create a "prom" atmosphere nor could they accommodate the group size.

When do tickets go on sale? Where will tickets be sold?

Monday, March 26th, 2018 is when tickets will be sold at both lunches located near the main office outside of the cafeteria, we will continue this for the week then continue after spring break until April 20th. Look for a table that will be clearly marked with "Prom Ticket Sales."

When do ticket sales end?

Ticket sales will end the week before the event, on **Friday, April 20, 2018**. We must have the final number of attendees to the Great Hall one week prior to the event so they can secure the quantity of food that is required based on the total number of tickets sold between MHS & DHS.

How can I make certain that I am able to sit with my friend group? How will seating work?

Tables will seat 10 people. If you have a group of ten, it is advised that you purchase all of your tickets together so that you will be seated together as a group. If you have a group smaller than 10, you will likely be sitting with a smaller group of people for dinner.

Can I purchase a ticket that only includes the dance for \$25?

No. We are only offering the \$50 ticket that includes the dinner and the dance.

When will dinner begin? When will the doors close?

Dinner: 6:30 p.m Doors Close: 7:00 p.m.

Why are the doors closing at 7:00 p.m.?

According to the contract with the Great Hall, for each ticket sold there will be an accompanying dinner. The Great Hall will be preparing food for the total number of tickets sold. We are strongly encouraging all attendees to come to the dinner in order to prevent the unnecessary waste of both food and money.

Further, our expectations for the 2018 prom is that this is a shared event and experience for all that are attending, from beginning to end. We will eat together, laugh, sing, and dance together. When do we ever have this opportunity over the course of the year? This is an exciting opportunity for Chargers & Chemics to celebrate together in a manner that these schools have never previously experienced.

The secondary benefit of a dinner being included is that it decreases the amount of time teenagers are driving on the roads. Prom night is associated with increased incidents for teen drivers. By having students come to the dance and dinner earlier, this will help to reduce the amount of time that teenagers are behind the wheel and will in turn provide a safer night for those attending prom.

What if I have an extenuating circumstance that will not allow me to be at the dance by 7:00 p.m.?

Please see an administrator well in advance of April 28, 2018, for a possible solution to your circumstance.

Will I be able to purchase a ticket the night of prom? Do I need my ticket and an ID to enter prom?

No. Ticket sales will end on Friday, April 20, 2018. Yes, you need your ticket & ID to be certain to bring both with you to Prom.

Will there be a place for me to leave my purse and coat at prom? Will there be security at the dance?

Yes, we will have a coat check available for your use. Yes, DHS & MHS Resource Officers and Administrators will be in attendance and stationed at the entrance. Additional Midland Police Officers will be in the immediate vicinity as well.