



February 22, 2024

Dear CCHS Juniors and Seniors (and Parents),

CCHS' Junior-Senior Prom will be held on **Saturday, April 20th, 8:30 – 11:30 PM**, on the **Yacht StarShip Cruise**. Boarding begins at **8:30 PM** at the Channelside dock, 603 Channelside Drive, Tampa. The cruise will depart promptly at 9:00 PM and will return to the dock at 11:30 PM. This will be a very special evening, and we are grateful that Prom is an event that students look forward to each year. The admission price includes the cost of the cruise, appetizers, and a meal before the dance begins. **Please carefully read the CCHS guidelines for attending the prom.** We are committed to providing a Prom that adheres to the mission of our school. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Dress Code for the Event – This is the number one issue that we experience each year when sponsoring the Junior-Senior Prom. Please read this information carefully. **Girls, you must review the Dressing for a Formal Event presentation. It has been revised with new guidelines for choosing a dress.**

Link: [Dressing for a Formal Event](#)

The CCHS Handbook states:

Formal Wear/Dress-Up Days - All clothing must be modest and appropriate. Students determined to be wearing immodest clothing or out of dress guidelines may be asked to change or leave the event. The following guidelines must be followed for events such as school awards assemblies, honor society inductions, class presentations, banquets, concerts, evening awards assemblies/banquets, or formal events such as **prom**, homecoming dance, Baccalaureate, and Graduation.

- Girls - Any gown or other formal wear must be modest and appropriate. The length of the skirt, dress, or gown should be no shorter than four inches above the top of the knee. Dress pants outfits are acceptable. Dress shoes or dress sandals **must be** worn (sneakers, tennis shoes, boots, etc. **are not** approved for the prom). Girls may be asked to have their dress or pants outfit approved prior to a school event. Girls are required to get their dress approved prior to the event for Homecoming Dance and Prom.

- Boys - Suits, tuxedos, blazers, (**jackets required for Prom**) and coordinating dress slacks must be worn. For Prom and Homecoming Dance, **dress shoes**, socks, and belts are mandatory accessories.



Relaxing (not changing) the Handbook Guidelines for 2024 Prom

Girls

Again this school year, we **are not** requiring girls to get their attire approved prior to the event. Parents of females (CCHS student or guest of a CCHS male student) **must view the presentation** for choosing attire for a formal event at the link below and affirm the attire meets the standards as shown in the presentation. When purchasing admission to the prom, the purchaser **must agree** if CCHS administration determines at the event the attire does not meet the standard of dress guidelines, then the CCHS student or guest will not be permitted to attend the event. ***CCHS will not grant an opportunity for the decision to be challenged or an opportunity to express a disagreement with the decision.*** Additionally, there will not be a refund for the admission purchased to attend the event. If a parent, student, or guest wants confirmation that the attire meets the CCHS standard of dress, then they must contact Ms. Monica Talley (talley.monica@cchs.us) and arrange for the attire to be approved. The last day to request an approval is **Friday, April 5th**.

Link to Presentation of Dressing for a Formal Event

<https://www.cchs.us/Downloads/Dressing-for-a-Formal-Event-2.pdf>

Boys

Guys must meet the standard of dress guidelines. For emphasis, I will repeat:

- A suit jacket must be worn.
- Dress shoes with socks must be worn (tennis shoes, dress sneakers, etc. are not permitted).
- A belt must be worn.

A male attending the prom (CCHS student or an approved guest of a female student) must meet the standard of dress guidelines. When purchasing admission to the prom, the purchaser **must agree** that if CCHS administration determines the attire does not meet the standard of dress, then the student or guest will not be permitted to attend the event. ***CCHS will not grant an opportunity for the decision to be challenged or an opportunity to express a disagreement with the decision.*** Additionally, there will not be a refund for the admission purchased to attend the event. If a parent, student, or guest wants confirmation that the attire meets CCHS standard of dress for a male attending, then they must contact Mr. Blake Roberts (roberts.blake@cchs.us) and arrange for the attire to be approved. The last day to request an approval is **Friday, April 5th**.



Explanation About the Prom

The reason it is called the *Junior-Senior Prom* is the event is designed for the junior class to present the prom in honor of the senior class. In previous school years, the junior class would have fundraisers to cover the expenses to host the prom and purchase a gift for the seniors. In recent years, we implemented a *Class Fee* that generates enough funds along with the sales of admission to cover the expenses. As the junior class presents the prom in honor of the seniors, they look forward to receiving the same honor during their senior year.

Additionally, the event is called *Junior-Senior Prom* because it is intended to be an event for the upperclassmen in the school. The next section will give further explanation on who is eligible to attend.

Who is Eligible to Attend? – This is the number two issue we experience each year when sponsoring the Prom. Please review the information carefully.

- Any CCHS student currently enrolled in the junior class.
- Any CCHS student currently enrolled in the senior class.
- An approved guest of a CCHS junior or senior.

Guidelines for Approved Guests

CCHS must receive the requested information submitted at the link below for a guest to be considered for approval to attend the prom. If the guest is approved, the CCHS student will receive an email indicating the guest is approved. At that time, the CCHS student may then purchase a ticket for the guest. The deadline to submit a request for a guest to attend is **Tuesday, April 2nd.**

Guests Must Meet One of the Following Guidelines

- A current CCHS junior or senior may submit a request for a guest enrolled in high school (CCHS, homeschool, or another high school) in grades **10 – 12** to attend the prom. A **non-CCHS student** who is not enrolled in high school (not attending or already graduated) **may not** attend the prom.
- A current CCHS junior or senior may submit a request for a **CCHS alumnus** who graduated no more than two years from the current year to attend the prom as a guest.
- If a current CCHS junior or senior submits a request for a guest to attend the prom with them, the guest must be of the opposite gender.



- A request submitted by a current CCHS junior or senior for a guest to attend the prom must not be for “friends” to meet up with “other friends.” Discipline will be given if a student tries to manipulate the guest guidelines to arrange for “others” to attend the CCHS prom. For example, in previous years, there have been guests approved to attend the prom for administration to discover at the event, the guests convinced CCHS students to invite them so they could attend the CCHS prom as a couple or as a group of friends, and not as a special guest of a CCHS student. These actions led CCHS administration to close the event to ALL outside guests. This year’s junior and senior classes are given the opportunity to invite guests, but disrespecting the school’s policies and manipulating the guidelines will result in future classes unable to invite guests.

Link to Request Approval for a Guest to Attend the Prom

[https://calvarychristianhighschool-
mscae.formstack.com/forms/formal_event_guest_request](https://calvarychristianhighschool-mscae.formstack.com/forms/formal_event_guest_request)

Cost

\$65 per person for admission purchased **before** March 25th, 2024

\$75 per person for admission purchased **on and after** March 25th, 2024

The StarShip Cruise Lines have communicated we give them the final count on Friday, April 5th; therefore, the link to purchase admission will close at the end of school on **Thursday, April 4th.**

Menu

Caesar Salad with Romaine Hearts, Sun-Dried Tomato, Focaccia Croutons, & Shaved Parmesan

Chicken Breast with Artichokes & Roasted Grape Tomatoes in a Smoked Gouda Cream Sauce

Mahi Mahi Pan-Seared with a Mango Chutney Glaze

Roasted Baby Gold Potatoes with Fresh Herbs & Garlic

Seasonal Vegetables

Chef's Choice of Desserts

Purchase Admission to Prom 2024

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/5DWO0AQZ>



Again, we look forward to the Prom. We must have the support of students and their parents for the event to meet the guidelines outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,
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