



Jeremiah Kimball escorts Dr. Wilson to Prom.

Prom fashions for the low budget

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Prom expenses can mount quickly, even before paying for a dress or tux. Look great without spending a fortune by getting creative with your prom fashions.

Try a vintage store for dresses and tuxes that reflect your own personality and sense of style. Consult your date and have a 70's theme for the evening.

For the ladies, use your own creative energies and design and make your own dress. Take advantage of the long March extended weekend to find the perfect fabrics and begin creating your masterpiece

Borrow a tux, dress, pieces of your apparel from a friend or older sibling. Find an inexpensive outfit with some history!



Picture Perfect

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Make sure your prom pictures look as good as you do! Strawbridge Studios, Inc. will take pictures again this year. The four picture packages range from \$25-\$70, with 8 x 10's, 10 x 13's and billfolds also being sold a la carte. Keep these tips in mind to get the most out of your pictures for your money.

Stand up straight. Your Mom was right, posture does count!

Relax. Avoid looking stiff and uncomfortable.

Ask for an extra picture, in case you blinked or looked away from the camera.

Keep your chin up.

Don't be shy about asking if you can pose in a different way than the photographer suggests. They are your pictures, after all.

Strike a comfortable and presentable pose with your date. At least look like you're having fun...

Get some friends together for a fun group photo!

~Memorable~P1

big, it becomes difficult to cater to everybody's individual needs," said Senior Rosie Stoertz.

Prom also brings about the anxiety of choosing what dress or tuxedo to wear.

"Girls have more to think about regarding what to wear than guys. Girls have to worry about their hair, make-up, nails, dress, jewelry, shoes, etc. Guys, on the other hand, just have to figure out what tuxedo and cologne to wear," said Junior Serena Liu.

"It really does not matter what shoes you wear to the prom. You are going to take them off in the first five minutes anyway because they will hurt your feet," said Senior April Cash.

Another important aspect of prom-planning is choosing where to eat dinner before prom.

"Before you head out prom night to a restaurant, make sure that the restaurant you want to attend is still open. Last year, my date and I had to go to three different restaurants before we found one that was not closed or unable to serve us," said Senior Karen Faircloth.

Pre-prom activities are half of the magic to prom. Students are fairly bubbling with enthusiasm as they dress up and eat dinner. Then, there is the

issue of getting to the prom.

"Learn the directions for how to get to the prom before the night of prom. Last year, my date and I spent thirty minutes trying to find the Museum of Life and Sciences. It was crazy," said Senior Alex Gause.

Once successfully at the site of the prom, the excitement peaks.

"Make sure you have a fun time at prom. Even if you go with a date or a group of people, be sure to mingle and dance with other people. Do not be exclusive," said Senior Vinh Tran.

Prom is an unforgettable experience and, oftentimes, after-prom is just as memorable.

"Over the years, the After-Prom Lock-In has changed from being a very big deal to virtually a non-existent event. The number of students attending the Lock-In declines each year. Most students are opting for others ways to spend after-prom," said Kevin Cromwell.

Many students are going back to their dorm rooms and calling it a night. Others are renting hotel rooms or going to friends' houses to simply spend time with their friends or to party the night away.

"I know that people will drink after prom regardless

of what anyone says, so I just hope that those who do be careful. Please do not drink and drive," said Senior Jeremiah Kimball.

"Do not use prom night as an excuse to do something that is not smart," said Senior Danny Barreiro-Talbert.

The morning after prom, Senior Jessica went to Oval Park and swung on the swings. "It was great just swinging with my friends - something that I will remember for a long time to come," said Luong.

With all the glamour associated with prom, the probability that something will go awry despite the best planning can leave students feeling nervous.

"Do not expect too much out of prom, because if you do, you will be disappointed. Go ahead and make plans, but leave room for life. Let things happen as they happen. If you do not get to dinner until 7:00 when you were supposed to be done eating by 6:15, that is perfectly all right. You will have much more fun if you leave room for surprises," said Senior Jay Gnanasekaran.

Prom is an event that students fill with hopes and expectations. Hopefully, the above words of wisdom will help NCSSM students make their prom a safe and enjoyable one.