

“Viva Las Vegas”
Junior/Senior Prom 2019
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

On behalf of the Prom Planning Committee and the Junior Class, it is our honor and privilege to announce the 2019 St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Prom: *Viva Las Vegas*. This momentous event will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Portage Country Club located at 240 N Portage Path, Akron, OH. We feel that we have put together what will be a truly enjoyable evening for our students; one that will be both memorable and safe.

Below you will find important details as well as an itinerary for this event. Please read the information carefully. We hope that the following will answer many of your questions.

Working together, we can provide our students with a safe and memorable Prom. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,
Ms. Meghan Dannemiller
Prom Coordinator
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St. Vincent – St. Mary High School Junior/Senior Prom 2019

When: Saturday, May 18, 2019
6:30 pm to 11:00 pm

Where: Portage Country Club- 240 N Portage Path, Akron, OH 44303
(330) 836-4994

Price: \$50.00 per person- dinner included. Tickets will be available for purchase in the bookstore from Monday, April 15 to Friday, May 10. **Starting on Monday, May 6, ticket prices will increase to \$55.*

St. Vincent-St. Mary Policies regarding Formal, Semi-Formal, and Themed Dances

Who can attend?

While this dance is primarily for STVM students, school policy permits each STVM student to bring up to one outside guest with him/her. All guests must be properly registered by the STVM invitee on the permission form provided in the Bookstore. School-sponsored dances such as Homecoming, Prom and theme dances are not open to guests who are not enrolled in high school or are not of high school age.

Alcohol Breath Testing

To provide a healthy, safe, and enjoyable atmosphere for all students attending Prom 2019, trained STVM personnel will be administering an alcohol breath test (commonly referred to as a breathalyzer test) upon entry to this dance to all students and their guests. We also reserve the right to test students during and/or upon leaving the dance upon reasonable suspicion which shall be based upon the following observed behavior, but not limited to: unsteady gait, slurred speech, impaired motor control, flushed face, odor of alcohol or other substance on breath, clothing or person, and/or vomiting. If a student or their guest tests positive, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted and required to pick up their student. We also reserve the right to conduct bag/purse searches as well as searches of any limousines or party buses that may have been used to transport students to the dance. Please refer to the Student-Parent Handbook for extended consequences to this violation.

Dress Code:

The following information is included in the Student/Parent Handbook. These are not suggestions, they will be strictly enforced. It is expected that all participating St. Vincent-St. Mary students (and escorts not attending St. Vincent-St. Mary High School) will adhere to these guidelines:

Ladies:

- ❖ Dresses must be formal, appropriately fitting, and modest.
- ❖ Hemlines or slits for dresses must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Strapless dresses, spaghetti straps and halters are allowed, provided they are not too revealing.
- ❖ A backless dress must not extend below the waistline.
- ❖ No bare midriffs. Cutouts must be cleared through the administration **prior to the event**.

Gentlemen:

- ❖ Coat and traditional ties, sport coats, dress pants, suits, or tuxedos.
- ❖ Shirts must be tucked and buttoned at all times.
- ❖ Ties must be worn properly at all times.
- ❖ Pants are to fit properly (no oversized clothing) and are to be worn at an appropriate level to the waist.

All:

- ❖ Shoes must be worn at all times; in many venues, it is a safety regulation. Should dress shoes become uncomfortable, students are asked to bring alternative foot apparel.

Consequences of Violation

- ❖ Students and/or guests who violate these guidelines will not be permitted on the dance floor and may be removed from the dance.
- ❖ Parents/guardians will be called to bring appropriate clothing. Once appropriately attired, students and/or guests will be permitted to return to the dance floor.
- ❖ Students and/or guests will not be permitted to leave the event and return.
- ❖ There are no aspects of the dress code intended to be a hardship or diminish a vibrant Catholic experience for the students.
- ❖ This dress code reaffirms the quality of character we all expect from the students of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

Itinerary for the Evening

6:30 pm: Doors open at Portage Country Club

7:00 pm: Dinner will be served, followed by dancing and dessert

- ★ All students attending prom are to be at Portage Country Club no later than 7:30 p.m. In case of an emergency or an unusual circumstance that prohibits your child from being there on time, please call Portage Country Club at (330) 836-4994 and ask for Meghan Dannemiller. ***If a parent/guardian has not called before 7:30 p.m. the students will not be permitted into the dance and no refunds will be given.***

10:30 pm: Earliest time students are permitted to leave Prom.

11:00 pm: Prom ends

Please review the State Drinking Laws and the Ohio Teen Driving Restrictions that are attached as well as the above information carefully. The "Acknowledgement of Information" Sheet must be filled out, signed and turned into the bookstore when purchasing the prom ticket.

Ohio Drinking Laws for Parents, Students 18 years and older and Juveniles

The Ohio State Supreme Court has ruled that parents who authorize a party at which minors engage in underage drinking are liable for injuries resulting from accidents in which the minors are involved. This ruling stems from a New Year's Eve party at the Cordell home given by the minor children of Harry Cordell, Sr. and Linda Cordell. The parents knew that the children "probably would have some beer". For this reason, the parents apparently instructed their children to invite their friends to spend the night. The parents were out of town at the time of the party. A group of teens left the party drunk. An accident occurred and one of the teens was injured. His parents sued the Cordell parents, alleging that they negligently sponsored a party at which minors were allowed to consume alcohol and the Cordell parents should be held liable. The Cordell parents argued that they should not be held liable because they did not furnish the beer consumed by the minors.

On July 11, 1990, the Court rejected their argument stating: "A parent will also be held responsible for failure to exercise reasonable control over the child when the parent knows, or should know, that injury to another is a probable consequence." "...When parents know of the child's wrongdoing and consent to it, direct it, or sanction it, they may be held liable." It appears that the Court's language would include such other parental conduct as participating in, or acquiescing in, the rental of a hotel suite for a similar party.

ADULT PENALTIES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

The laws of the State of Ohio require that the Courts punish all first time offenders with blood alcohol concentration of .08 % with confinement for a minimum period of 72 consecutive hours and a \$300 fine. This alcohol level, for most people, will be exceeded by the consumption of two drinks. The confinement is accompanied by a minimum license suspension of six (6) months. If you are an adult, but under the age of 21, there is a criminal penalty provided even if your blood alcohol is below .08% as long as it is at least .02% (less than one drink). In such cases, you are subject to a maximum of 30 days confinement, a \$250 fine, and a license suspension of 60 days to 2 years.

JUVENILE PENALTIES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

It is the policy of the Juvenile Court of Summit County to impose the following minimum penalty for first time offenders with a blood alcohol concentration of .02%:

- A. A drug and alcohol evaluation assessment, and treatment if indicated;
- B. An 8-hour Defensive Driving Course;
- C. A license suspension of 3 – 6 months, the first of which excludes driving for ANY purpose;
- D. A requirement that you attend Juvenile Court to view a movie concerning the dangers of drunk driving;
- E. \$100 in fines and costs;
- F. 3 days confinement, suspended on the condition that you successfully complete A through E.

ADULT AND JUVENILE PENALTIES

Once a license has been suspended by the court system, adult or juvenile, the State's administrative agency will also suspend your driving privileges until reinstatement fees of \$500 are paid. In addition to the above penalties, your parents' automobile insurance coverage is in jeopardy of cancellation or serious rate increase.

It is easy to perceive, from the State's adoption of this extremely low blood alcohol level, that it is the legislative intent to make any alcohol consumption, accompanied by driving, an unlawful activity for people of all ages.

When students come to the bookstore to purchase the prom tickets, they must have both their form and their date's form (if applicable).

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This “Acknowledgement of Information” form is to be signed by the parent/guardian of each student attending the prom. When the student comes to the bookstore to purchase the prom tickets, they must have both their form and their date's form.

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Acknowledgement of Information

I have read the information enclosed herein, including the handouts entitled:

- “Drinking Laws for Parents, Students 18 years and older, and Juveniles”
- “Ohio Teen Driving Restrictions”
- “STVM School Dance Alcohol Breath Testing Policy”

As well, I/We have reviewed this information with my/our son/daughter.

My/Our son/daughter's name is _____

and is attending Prom 2019 alone/with_____.

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

Date: _____

Phone number(s) at which you can be reached on Prom Night:_____

**A student's refusal to take the breathalyzer test will be considered a positive test result and he/she will be denied entry to the dance without refund.*