

September 25, 2009

Dear Students and Parents,

The Homecoming Dance at Saint Thomas Academy is Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Anyone arriving after 8:45 p.m. will not be allowed into the dance and his or her parents will be called.

The dance is open to grades 10-12 and the cost is \$25 per couple or \$15 for singles. Pictures will be available from The Photographer's Guild. The cost for photos will be \$18 for couples (two 5x7 and four wallets photos) and \$5 per person in group pictures (one 5x7 for each person in the photo). Dress for the young men will be shirt, tie, dress slacks (no jeans); and sport coats are optional.

Our goal at Saint Thomas Academy is to have a dance that is safe and enjoyable for all who attend. Parents, I ask you to talk with your son about the decisions he makes on this evening. Please advise him against using alcohol or other chemicals and attending parties where this type of behavior may occur.

Please note that the dance is after curfew in Dakota County. As long as the students are heading straight home after the dance the police have assured me that this will not be a problem.

All of us at Saint Thomas Academy are committed to supporting you as parents to provide a healthy and fun experience for your son. I believe if we all promote the same goals, the Homecoming Dance will be a safe and enjoyable evening for all.

IDEAS FOR HOMECOMING DANCE

FOR STUDENTS

- You don't have to spend excessive amounts of money to have fun at Homecoming
- You don't need to rent a limo for transportation
- You can find some great inexpensive places for dinner
- You don't have to use alcohol or any other chemical to enjoy yourself. It is not only illegal but also harmful to yourself
- Be safe and avoid after dance parties that involve alcohol or drugs
- You do have a right to be responsible when it comes to your behavior before, during and after the Homecoming Dance
- You do have the right and capability to make Homecoming a positive memory

FOR PARENTS

- You do have the right to say "no" to outlandish financial expenditures
- You don't have to believe that "everyone" is taking a limo to the Homecoming Dance
- You have the right to ask for specific names when being told that "everyone" is doing something or going somewhere in particular
- You have the right to call parents who are hosting a party that includes your son
- Offer to have a pre-event gathering at your home
- Offer your home for a pre-Homecoming dinner party, instead of going to an expensive restaurant
- You have the right and capability to help your son make Homecoming a positive memory
- You do have the right to be proactive in ensuring that Homecoming night is chemically free

Homecoming Week Activities

Friday, October 9

Lunch and Games Afternoon on school grounds

Student Council will provide lunch

Tailgate Party and Family Fun Party at the stadium (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

Inflatables, mini-donuts, barbeque and give-aways

Students, friends, parents, alumni welcome

Homecoming Football Game (7:00 p.m.)

Check Cadets.com for more details