

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE GUIDELINES

St Paul Lutheran School holds middle school dances to promote healthful recreation and social growth consistent with Christian values. Proper behavior (please refer to proper behavior below) and dress is expected of students at school dances. Dances begin at 7:00 PM and conclude at 9:00 PM. Parents must pick up students promptly at 9:00 PM. Attendance is open only to SPLS students. Parent chaperones are needed and parents from all grade levels are encouraged to volunteer their time at one of these events. ***St. Paul alumni (only former SPLS graduates who are currently enrolled in the 9th grade) may attend, to visit with friends for a limited period of time. However, they may not participate in the dance itself. In order to promote a healthy, safe, enjoyable evening for all students, the following procedures will be in place:***

REQUIRED DRESS GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL SPONSORED DANCES

Boys may wear shorts, jeans, pants (twill, khaki or suit) with no holes, frayed ends, patches, etc. Suits or tux may be worn if the dress for the dance has been noted as FORMAL. Athletic shoes, dress shoes, boat shoes or sandals may be worn. All clothing must be clean.

Girls may wear dresses, skirts, pants, or jeans with no holes, frayed ends, patches, no shorts, etc. Attire can be casual, semi formal or formal, depending on the attire noted for the dance. Athletic shoes, dress shoes, boat shoes or sandals may be worn.

St. Paul Lutheran School does not permit:

- Strapless dresses OR **strapless dresses with CLEAR straps**
- See through midriffs
- Low cut necklines
- Tight or form fitting clothing
- Open back lower than the bra line

DANCE ETIQUETTE

Middle school dances are a special time for our students to enjoy fun and fellowship with their peers. This is not a time for recess or outdoor play activities. This is a time for socialization, dancing and having FUN. **Mis-handling decorations, running, inappropriate behavior or not following the instructions of teachers, or chaperones, may result in a phone call to the parent to request immediate pick up their child.**

In addition, the area where the DJ sets up is off limits to the students (this includes the elevated staging area). A song request table will be set up for students to request specific songs. A faculty/staff member will pass on requests to the DJ.

Please note the above guidelines apply to all St. Paul Lutheran School students and all alumni. Parents will be contacted to pick up any students not adhering to these guidelines. If you have any doubt as to whether your child's attire falls within the guidelines, it is recommended that you bring the attire to the office prior to the event for approval.

(SEE REVERSE SIDE)

CLASS HOSTING DANCES- PARENT CHAPERONES & VOLUNTEERING

We have three Middle School dances each school year. They take place in December, February, and May (on a Friday evening). Tickets are on sale, in the office Monday-Friday, the week of the dance. Tickets are not sold at the door. Students who bring their ticket to the dance will be entered in a gift card drawing. For the dance to occur, parental involvement is required. A sign-up genius will be emailed to the class hosting the dance, by your child's teacher. All assignments, on sign up-genius, need to be filled one week prior to the date of the dance. This year each MIDDLE SCHOOL class will be responsible for hosting, supplying refreshments, setting up, taking down, and chaperoning. There will be one or more faculty/staff representatives attending. Discipline, if needed, will be the sole responsibility of the faculty/staff member.

December Dance – hosted by 8th grade families
February Dance- hosted by 6th grade families
May Dance- hosted by 7th grade families

For the safety of our students, halls, restrooms, and entrance/exits must be monitored for the duration of the dance. Therefore, upon arrival, those who signed up to volunteer will be assigned to designated "stations/locations" on a rotating basis (restroom hallway, refreshment table, entry door, double doorway from the café to hall). Parents who remain on site, who have not signed up to chaperone, will be added to the chaperone assignment rotation.

We have read and will abide by the guidelines outlined above pertaining to Middle School Dances (a signed copy of this form must be on file before your child may purchase a ticket and attend a middle school dance).

Print LAST Name **Parent Signature** **Student Signature** **Date**