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## **Re: Newberry High School Prom, 2023**

Panther Parents,

This year, Prom will be held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at the beautiful Granville Plantation, 760 SW 202nd St, Newberry, FL 32669, between the hours of 8:00 pm and 12:00 am (midnight). We realize that Prom is something which your child has looked forward to and which he or she has made many plans to participate, possibly with considerable expense. In order to ensure that your child will have a memorable, enjoyable, and safe evening, we strongly feel it is important that both parents and the school administration set firm guidelines regarding the conduct of the students before, during, and after Prom. Therefore, we have taken this opportunity to send a letter to all of the parents of our school to advise them of potential problems arising on such an occasion and the school's policies in dealing with these problems.

One practice among some teenagers today that can ruin the evening (and often much more) is the use of drugs/alcohol. We will make every effort to assure that there is no use of drugs/alcohol by anyone at Prom itself. Members of the administration and faculty will be chaperones, and they will greet everyone as they enter and leave Prom. There will also be police officers on duty for the entire evening assisting us in this matter.

You may also wish to personally contact any limousine or bus company from which your child may be renting a limousine or party bus, to inform the owners that you expect them to adhere very strictly to the requirements of the laws of the State of Florida concerning providing alcohol/drugs to minors. Obviously, any student who may come to Prom under the influence of, or in the possession of, drugs/alcohol would be in violation of our school regulations and would face serious consequences.

The administration and faculty of Newberry High School want your child to enjoy the evening and have fond memories of their Prom. We would appreciate your assistance and cooperation by carefully planning any arrangements that may be made for the entire evening (including before and after Prom). It is our sincere wish that, if you allow your child to participate in any activities before or after Prom, those activities be safe and responsibly organized.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

James Sheppard Principal