

-May 6

8th and 9th Honors
(8-9a.m.)

10th and 11th Honors
(1-2 p.m.)

-May 25

All Senior obligations due

-May 25-26

Senior Exams

-May 26

Last day for seniors

-May 29-31

Memorial Day Holiday-
No School

-June 1

Cap and gown pick-up
10:30 a.m.

Practice Senior Luncheon
11a.m.

Senior Luncheon 1 p.m.

-June 2

Senior Honors 6 p.m.

-June 5

Baccalaureate

-June 6

Graduation @ 4:30 p.m.
Perani Arena & Event Center

-June 9, 10, 11

Exams for 8-11 grades

-June 11

Last day for students

-June 14

Last day for teachers

A Timeless Tradition

Prom is one of the most memorable high school events. This year the prom was sponsored by the Junior Class Student Council and was held on April 24th at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center with an "Under the Sea" theme. Tickets were \$50 a person and included a dinner buffet of herb roasted chicken, sliced roast beef w/ aujus, roast turkey, and baked lasagna. Entertainment was provided by DJ Nick at Night. But, prom hasn't always been this way. Decades of high school students have attended their versions of prom. All aspects of prom have gradually changed into what we now know as Prom 2010.



By: Brittney Walker and Emily Davis

This formal high school dance that we call prom was first called "the prom" in the 1890s. The word "prom" is a shortened form of the word "promenade", meaning a march of guests at the beginning of a ball or formal event to show off their fancy attire. The first recorded prom was in 1894 at Smith College. At this time proms were only open to seniors, and only held at colleges. Proms were considered relatively simple affairs. Students would arrive in their Sunday best for a night of dancing and socializing. It wasn't until the 1920's and 1930's that proms started to be held in high schools. After WWII ended, people had more money and leisure time. So, by the 1950's prom was a more elaborate affair. The dress code became more extravagant and events were moved from high school gyms to hotels, banquet centers, and country clubs. This was the start of the evolution that made prom what it is today.

Ms. Kerr "Ma", a graduate of Port Huron High School, attended her high school prom in the 1950's. Ma wore a lemon-yellow chiffon dress that was hand sewn by her mom. Her prom was held at the Gratiot Inn Country Club. "It was located right on the water," said Ma. At that time it was important to have a date or escort. The cost was about \$10 a couple and included a catered dinner of roast chicken and beef, salads, and veggies, as well as a night of dancing. There was no DJ or live band, just records. This prom was only open to seniors.

In 1966, drafting teacher Mr. Ogg attended his senior prom at his high school, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. It was held in Northland. The cost of prom was \$40 per couple and included a fillet mignon dinner and a live band. He wore a black tuxedo and his date wore a blue dress. His favorite memory of his prom was, "Driving my brother's Corvette!"

English teacher Mr. Anderson, a graduate of Northern High School, attended his senior prom in 1971. It was held in his "high school cafetorium" and the theme was "Psychedelic Shack." He wore a blue tux with a greenish-blue ruffled shirt and his date wore a "very fancy green short dress with jewels." Dinner consisted of "baked beans, ham, chicken, Hawaiian punch and sheet cake," said Anderson. He said the senior prom was more affordable for everyone; tickets cost \$25 a couple.

English teacher Mrs. Hill was a 1982 graduate of Goodrich High School. Her prom was held at the Atlas Valley Country Club. The theme was "Stairway to Heaven." She wore a floor length white dress with pink pastel flowers. Her mom sewed a hoopskirt under her dress. Her current husband was her date. He wore a grey tux with a ruffled undershirt with bow tie. Tickets cost about \$40 a couple. Her favorite memory was how she was always dancing and her beautiful orchid corsage.

Mrs. Summerlee, an English teacher, went to her senior prom in 1995. It was held at the San Marino Club and the theme was Mardi Gras. The cost of a prom ticket was \$50 and included an Italian dinner. She wore a black velvet dress with rhinestones. The entertainment was provided by a DJ.

Prom has changed much throughout the years in ways from the price to the entertainment. But we can all concur that it has been a marvelous high school tradition for many years and will be for years to come.