

The Ledger Loo



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Homecoming Edition

What do you contribute to your team?

field hockey



"I just try to be upbeat and help the team however I can."
-junior Ellen Hornsby

football



"I bring leadership and example. I keep everyone fired up throughout the game."
-senior Nick Kepa

cheerleading



"I bring a positive energy and support for my teammates."
-freshman Maranda Paolucci

cross country



"I win all competitions, I've never lost here."
-junior Kurtis Steck

Dirty dancing is out

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Keeping it classy on the dance floor is easier said than done. With popular music blaring from the speakers and colored lights flashing off the walls, it is simple to get lost in the moment. Throughout the United States, high school dances are becoming more provocative and problematic for the administration. With Homecoming approaching quickly, the administration is taking extra measures to make sure the dancing stays clean and under control.



Homecoming is the one dance that all students can attend. Keeping dancing appropriate can make the Homecoming experience much more enjoyable and less problematic.

Photo courtesy of Jimmy Kent

dancing at Homecoming, were mailed to parents on Friday afternoon. Each student must sign a dance contract in order to purchase a ticket to Homecoming.

"We're not being as lenient on students this year," said Swinton. "If we have to talk to you again after your wristband is snipped, we'll send you home."

Wristbands will be distributed as students enter the dance.

"If students dance behavior is appropriate at this year's Homecoming, maybe administration will consider dismissing this method for future dances," said SCA advisor Termaine Hopkins.

Multitudes of students agree with Hopkins.

"We shouldn't be given wristbands to wear at these dances," said senior Carter Herrick. "They should have enough trust in us."

The media is a main source of why students dance provocatively at school affairs.

"Society has changed," said Swinton. "People emulate what they see on videos. They don't know any better."

In other words, media sells to society what students want to see. This includes having pop icons grinding and freak dancing in music videos and performances.

"Keep it classy and sophisticated," said Hopkins.

As long as there is media influencing such behavior, dancing will always be an issue in high school. However, the administration is focused on convincing students to dance respectfully at formal affairs.

"Dancing will always be an issue," said Swinton. "For females, dance like you have respect for yourself."



Students dance to a slow song at last year's Homecoming. The theme was Red Carpet and many students enjoyed their experience.

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Just Ask Me

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With Homecoming just around the corner, guys are coming up with bigger and more creative ideas to impress their potential Homecoming dates. From a homemade cake to asking over the loud speaker during a band competition, the ideas to win over a girl's heart are getting more thoughtful and unique every year. Senior Jamie Shropshire was one who was asked in a special way.

"I made a pink flyer that said, 'Will you go to Homecoming with me?' The options, a large yes and a tiny no, were underneath," said senior Brendan Wang. "I stuck the flyer in the middle of a pile of Operation Smile ones and got Jamie to help place them around the school. After she had put up and read mine, she circled the yes."

Junior Hunter Sheldon also asked his date, senior Sarah Hopkins, to Homecoming uniquely.

"Every day during cross-country practice, we warm up on the WISC trail," said Hopkins. "Hunter went out ahead and set up signs that asked me to Homecoming on the trees so I would see them while running along. When I reached the final sign, he was waiting for me with balloons and a rose and asked."



Senior Jamie Shropshire is excited to find a flier asking her to Homecoming among the Operation Smile posters.

Photo by Darryl Dansby

"I just came out and asked my date, and I think she preferred it that way," said sophomore Jacob Brender A. Brandis. "I think that it does not matter how you ask, as long as you know you are asking the right person."

Homecoming Fashion

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"I prefer a dress with straps because it is easier to dance in," said sophomore Stephanie McKinney.

Photo by Sam Lavin

Every girl feels like her Homecoming experience is just not right without the perfect style dress, or the right kind of shoes. The only way to figure out if a dress is or shoe is right for you is to try it on, but some pointers on what is 'in' and what is not may help too.

Dresses with sparkles or small designs containing sequins are very popular this year. The shine and designs add an extra touch to the already perfect dress. Along with the design of the dress, finding the right color is also important. Some colors that are 'in' right now include red, purple, silver, and gold. Picking a dress that is a certain color that matches skin tone or is a favorite color is crucial to many girls.

One shoulder dresses are a must have this year. Dresses with or without straps are also popular, as long as they are appropriate attire. Finding the perfect dress includes finding the perfect fit. If a dress is too small or too big then it can be very uncomfortable while dancing.

So even though short dresses are very popular, make sure that the dress is a reasonable finger-tip length and is a comfortable fit. This will make the Homecoming experience more enjoyable while looking good.

Remember to keep it classy, not trashy.



"I like something different than the usual cliched, satin cup cake dress, because I want to stand out," said senior Trevor Banez.

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