

February 12, 2010

Dear Parents and Students:

The Bayport-Blue Point High School Senior Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2010 and the Junior Prom is scheduled for Friday, May 28, 2010. These are very exciting events for our students and should be memorable occasions for all. As always, we want to provide our students with a healthy and safe environment. Therefore, we have been working to plan informational meetings where we can share information with you and your child regarding any drug and alcohol use before or during either of these events.

For this year's events, there will be a **mandatory parent/student meeting** for all those interested in attending either the Senior Banquet or the Junior Prom. Parents and students **must** attend one of these informational meetings, which are scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. In addition, any student planning to bring an underclassman or an outside guest as a date to the banquet or prom must also bring the person and his or her parent to one of the mandatory informational meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to reinforce our expectations for students' behavior at the banquet and the prom. A guest speaker, Mr. Paul Failla, will speak to parents and students about the potential risks and consequences of the banquet/prom and banquet/prom-related events and activities. Mr. Failla is a retired Suffolk County police officer who has successfully delivered a wide variety of educational programs to students and parents across Long Island.

Please be reminded that the Senior Banquet and the Junior Prom are school events. Therefore, all school rules regarding the use of alcohol and/or any other drugs are in effect. Any student arriving at either event and/or participating in the event appearing to be in possession or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other substances, will be required to leave. That student will not be permitted to drive home, and parents will be contacted to escort the student from the site of the event. In addition, that student will also be subject to serious disciplinary consequences resulting from this violation of school rules. Disciplinary consequences for a first-time violation of the school code of conduct regarding alcohol/drug possession or use include, but are not limited to, a five-day home suspension and possible Superintendent's hearing. When suspended from school, students are prohibited from attending any school-sponsored activities, whether on or off school grounds, including athletic events, awards ceremonies, etc.

We need your help and support to make the upcoming banquet and prom-related activities safe and enjoyable experiences for all our students. We are asking you to read the attached *Contract* and discuss the information with your child. Any student wishing to take a guest to the prom who is not a student of Bayport-Blue Point High School must have the prospective guest complete an *Outside Guest Application* form and return it along with a completed contract in order to purchase a ticket. Guest applications will be available in the main office and the assistant principals' offices. **Prom and banquet**

tickets will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the mandatory informational meetings and during the lunch periods after the two informational meetings have taken place.

Your support of our efforts to make your child's banquet and/or prom a memorable, safe and positive experience is genuinely appreciated. Thank you in advance for your assistance at this very important time of year.

Sincerely,

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