



Big Night Out

Students Prep for Prom in Style

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Prom is often thought of as the pinnacle of senior year – the last big event before the final farewell of high school graduation. More than just a formal dance, for girls, prom means shopping for your dream gown with your friends and mom, finding dazzling accessories to complement your dress, and putting the finishing touches on your look with the perfect hair and make-up. For guys, it involves coordinating your tuxedo with your date's dress, finding a complementary boutonniere and corsage, and finding the perfect restaurant where you and your friends can dine in style. Prom can also mean many hours of preparation and planning though, to make the climactic event full of lifelong memories.

A Style of Your Own

Gown styles have come a long way from the early proms of the 1900's, when attendees simply wore their Sunday best. Today, it is important for a Cy-Fair teen to find that one-of-a-kind gown to help her capture the attention of everyone in the room while showing off her personality. "I have always known my dress will be turquoise," says Cy-Fair senior Christine Wagner. "My idea of the style has changed over the years, but not the color." She and her friends laugh as they reminisce about childhood discussions of prom. "When I was young, I thought about how I was going to get my hair done," says Linda Vanier, a Cy-Fair senior. "I wanted poufy hair with diamonds in it. Now, I have a different idea."

Gowns that Wow

One trend to look for this year is gold, silver, and copper tones in short style dresses. If you decide to



Choose a prom gown that shows off your vibrant personality

Rich in color, jewel tones are popular choices for prom dresses



wear a full-length gown in a metallic tone, adding a touch of matching sparkle to your skin with a glitter or shimmer spray will finish the look perfectly. Another great trend is the Hollywood red carpet look. From glamorous to the non-traditional, Hollywood celebrities bring a little bit of everything to the red carpet, and this year's formal prom dresses will do the same. The key to having a red carpet look is choosing a design that is sleek with a hint of embellishment and elegance. Or select a svelte one-shoulder formal gown, long and classy in design. There are a variety of ways style has been added to the strap itself, giving this trend an exciting twist. From straps embellished with everything from crystals to sequins to leather, one-shoulder prom gowns make a statement.

After selecting a style, the next step is choosing the color of the gown. This year, jewel tones are

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Take color into consideration when choosing a gown making sure it complements your skin tone

hot for those who want a rich bold color, with choices ranging from ruby red and sapphire blue to emerald green and amethyst purple. Juice tones offer additional color options that are sure to stand out on the dance floor with shades of lime green, lemon yellow, and tangerine orange in a variety of shades from muted to bold.

Sharp Dressed Man

At first look, it would seem that guys have fewer options when it comes to prom attire, but there are several ways to make your look unique on prom night, too. Once you've asked your date to prom and she's accepted, the next important question to ask is the color of her dress. Then, your tux shopping fun can begin. Classic tuxedo colors of black, grey, and white in the traditional jacket length or tails will go with any color of dress. Guys who want to stand out in a crowd can also choose from colors in pastel shades of blue, strawberry pink, or yellow or darker colors such as navy, brown, and cinnamon. If you don't want to take color that far, cummerbunds, vests, and ties in shades that match or compliment your date's dress will add a splash of color to your outfit for the night. Another way to change up the traditional tux is by wearing a Western tie or ascot instead of a bow tie. Guys also can accessorize by adding a top hat, fedora, silk pocket square, or cane to complete the look.

A Night to Remember

Even though prom styles have changed over the years, the event remains an exciting evening for seniors. "Christine, Linda, and I have always talked about our prom," says Lexa Francisco. "We talked about our dresses, getting our hair and nails done, and sharing the experience together." After all of the preparations are complete and the big night finally arrives, what prom is really about is a fun-filled night with your friends as your high school career comes to a close. "Prom is an exciting time of life," says Cy-Woods senior Craig Zeitsman. "You get to share a night with a girl you care about and be with your friends." **CFM**

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