

## FAQ's

Q: Why are they moving the PCHS prom off-campus?

A: This year's junior class really wanted to make this year's prom a special event by moving to an off-campus location. After exploring many avenues, it was discovered that there isn't a facility in Patrick County large enough to accommodate our students and their guests. After a group of students and teachers toured the museum facility, we became very excited about the fun, elegant atmosphere the museum would provide for our prom.

Q: Will having the prom off campus be more expensive?

A: It is more economical to have the prom off-campus. It costs our junior class thousands of dollars to purchase enough decorations to transform the gym and hallways, and create the atmosphere appropriate for prom. Most discouraging is at the end of prom the decorations are discarded and never used again. At an off-campus location, the need for decorations will be minimal. The junior class will be able to spend their money on awesome food, quality music, and an amazing location!

Q: Will having the prom in Martinsville hurt the attendance of after prom?

A: PCHS will continue to support and promote the after prom party, but ultimately it will be up to students and their parents to decide what they will do after the prom.

Q: Is driving to Martinsville for prom a financial burden for our students?

A: The junior class prom committee considered the drive and decided that it would not impact most students since they are already driving to Greensboro, Winston, Danville, Mt. Airy, or Roanoke to eat before prom. In order to eliminate a possible financial concern for our students, PCHS will provide a shuttle service if requested to transport students to and from the museum and high school prom night.

Q: Did students have input into the decision of where prom will be this year?

A: The prom has always been a surprise gift to the seniors from the juniors. All members of the junior class have the opportunity to serve on the prom committee. The prom committee, comprised of over 35 juniors voted unanimously to have the prom at an off campus location, which resulted in the museum selection. Our goal is to support our students while making their dreams a reality.

Q: Are there more risks involved in having prom at a location other than the high school?

A: The museum has its own security that will be present the night of the prom to ensure that students are supervised. The prom committee will also be staffing deputies and additional teacher chaperones to ensure that students are properly supervised while at this off campus location.

Q: Will students be at a higher risk for accidents if they are driving to Martinsville for prom?

A: There is no real answer to this question. The prom committee again feels that students are already driving the night of prom. Since our county is so big, even if the prom is at the high school, most students are driving various distances to get to prom. The decision of whether or not it is safe for students to drive to prom will be a private decision made at home between students and their parents.