St. Vincent – St. Mary High School Homecoming Dance 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

On behalf of the Homecoming Planning Committee and the Senior Class of 2017, it is our honor and privilege to announce the 2016 St. Vincent – St. Mary High School Homecoming Dance. This memorable event will take place on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the LeBron James Arena at STVM. A truly enjoyable evening has been planned for our students; one that will be both memorable and safe.

Below you will find important details as well as an itinerary for this event. Please read the information carefully. We hope that this information will answer many of the questions you may have.

Working together, we can provide our students with a fun and safe Homecoming Dance. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at cbradley@stvm.com.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Caitlin Bradley
Student Council Advisor

St. Vincent – St. Mary High School
Homecoming Dance 2016

When: **Saturday, October 8, 2016**
8:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Where: **The LeBron James Arena**

Price: **$50.00 per couple; $25.00 single.**

Tickets will be available for purchase in the bookstore beginning <u>Monday, September 12, 2016</u> and must be purchased no later than Friday, September 23, 2016.

St. Vincent-St. Mary Policies regarding Formal, Semi-Formal, and Themed Dances

Who can attend

School-sponsored dances such as Homecoming, Prom, and theme dances are not open to guests who are not enrolled in high school or are not of high school age. All guests must be properly registered by the STVM invitee on the form provided in the Bookstore.

Alcohol Breath Testing

To provide a healthy, safe, and enjoyable atmosphere for all students attending Homecoming 2016, trained STVM personnel will be administering an alcohol breath test *(commonly referred to as a breathalyzer test)* upon entry to this dance to all students and their guests. We also reserve the right to test students during and/or upon leaving the dance upon reasonable suspicion which shall be based upon the following observed behavior, but not limited to: unsteady gait, slurred speech, impaired motor control, flushed face, odor of alcohol or other substance on breath, clothing or person, and/or vomiting. If a student or their guest tests positive, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted and required to pick up their student. We also reserve the right to conduct bag/purse searches as well as searches of any limousines or party buses that may have been used to transport students to the dance. Please refer to the Student-Parent Handbook for extended consequences to this violation.

Dance Dress Code

Proper decorum and modesty are the inspiration and foundation for these guidelines and must be maintained during the entire event.

<u>Females:</u>

- Dresses must be formal, appropriately fitting, and modest.
- Hemlines or slits for dresses must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Strapless dresses, spaghetti straps, and halters are allowed, provided they are not too revealing.
- A backless dress must not extend below the waistline.
- No bare midriffs.
- Cutouts must be cleared by a member of administration ***prior to the event.***

Males:

- Coat and traditional ties, sport coats, dress pants, suits, or tuxedos.
- Shirts must be tucked and buttoned at all times.
- Ties must be worn properly at all times.
- Pants are to fit properly and are to be worn at an appropriate level to the waist.

All:

- Shoes must be worn at all times. This is a safety and hygiene regulation. Should dress shoes become uncomfortable, students are asked to bring alternative foot apparel.

Consequences of Violation

- Students and/or escorts who violate these guidelines will not be permitted on the dance floor and may be removed from the dance.
- Parents/guardians will be called to bring appropriate clothing. Once appropriately attired, students and/ or escorts will be permitted to return to the dance floor.
- Students and/or escorts will not be permitted to leave the event and return.
- There are no aspects of the dress code intended to be a hardship, or diminish a vibrant Catholic experience for the students.
- This dress code reaffirms the quality of character we all expect from the students of St Vincent-St. Mary High School.

Itinerary for the Evening

7:30 p.m.: Doors open. **All students attending the Homecoming Dance are to be at the school no later than 8:15 p.m.** In case of an emergency or an unusual circumstance that prohibits your child from being there on time, please call the school and leave a message. Any students arriving later than 8:15 pm must report directly to Mrs. Bradley or to Mr. Glaser, Dean of Students, upon arrival.

8:00 p.m.: Dance begins.

10:30 p.m.: Earliest time students are permitted to leave the Homecoming Dance.

11:00 p.m.: Homecoming Dance ends.

Please review all of this information, including the attached *"Ohio Drinking Laws for Parents, Students 18 years and older, and Juveniles,"* and then please print and sign the enclosed "Acknowledgement of Information" form. Your signature on this form verifies that you have read, understand, shared with your son/daughter and agree to abide by the information contained therein. It also verifies that you understand and give consent for an alcohol breath test to be administered to your son/daughter to gain entry to this Homecoming Dance. This form must be completed, signed, and turned into the bookstore when purchasing the Homecoming Dance ticket.

Ohio Drinking Laws for Parents, Students 18 years and older and Juveniles

The Ohio State Supreme Court has ruled that parents who authorize a party at which minors engage in underage drinking are liable for injuries resulting from accidents in which the minors are involved.

This ruling stems from a New Year's Eve party at the Cordell home given by the minor children of Harry Cordell, Sr. and Linda Cordell. The parents knew that the children "probably would have some beer". For this reason, the parents apparently instructed their children to invite their friends to spend the night. The parents were out of town at the time of the party. A group of teens left the party drunk. An accident occurred and one of the teens was injured. His parents sued the Cordell parents, alleging that they negligently sponsored a party at which minors were allowed to consume alcohol and the Cordell parents should be held liable. The Cordell parents argued that they should not be held liable because they did not furnish the beer consumed by the minors.

On July 11, 1990, the Court rejected their argument stating: ***"A parent will also be held responsible for failure to exercise reasonable control over the child when the parent knows, or should know, that injury to another is a probable consequence." " When parents know of the child's wrongdoing and consent to it, direct it, or sanction it, they may be held liable."*** It appears that the Court's language would include such other parental conduct as participating in, or acquiescing in, the rental of a hotel suite for a similar party.

ADULT PENALTIES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

The laws of the State of Ohio require that the Courts punish all first time offenders with blood alcohol concentration of .08 % with confinement for a minimum period of 72 consecutive hours and a $300 fine. This alcohol level, for most people, will be exceeded by the consumption of two drinks. The confinement is accompanied by a minimum license suspension of six (6) months.

If you are an adult, but under the age of 21, there is a criminal penalty provided even if your blood alcohol is below .08% as long as it is at least .02% (less than one drink). In such cases, you are subject to a maximum of 30 days confinement, a $250 fine, and a license suspension of 60 days to 2 years.

JUVENILE PENALTIES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

It is the policy of the Juvenile Court of Summit County to impose the following minimum penalty for first time offenders with a blood alcohol concentration of .02%:

A. A drug and alcohol evaluation assessment, and treatment if indicated;
B. An 8-hour Defensive Driving Course;
C. A license suspension of 3 – 6 months, the first of which excludes driving for ANY purpose;
D. A requirement that you attend Juvenile Court to view a movie concerning the dangers of drunk driving;
E. $100 in fines and costs;
F. 3 days confinement, suspended on the condition that you successfully complete A through E.

ADULT AND JUVENILE PENALTIES

Once a license has been suspended by the court system, adult or juvenile, the State's administrative agency will also suspend your driving privileges until reinstatement fees of $500 are paid. In addition to the above penalties, your parents' automobile insurance coverage is in jeopardy of cancellation or serious rate increase.

It is easy to perceive, from the State's adoption of this extremely low blood alcohol level, that it is the legislative intent to make any alcohol consumption, accompanied by driving, an unlawful activity for people of all ages.

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This "Acknowledgement of Information" form is to be signed by the parent/guardian of each student attending Homecoming 2016. Your signature verifies that you have read, understand, shared with your son/daughter, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this packet. It also verifies that you understand and give consent for an alcohol breath test to be administered to your son/daughter to gain entry to this Homecoming Dance.

This form must be completed, signed, and turned into the bookstore when purchasing the Homecoming Dance ticket.

Acknowledgement of Information

I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter _____
(Name of son/daughter) (Grade)
to attend St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Homecoming on Saturday, October 8, 2016, at the LeBron James Arena, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. I understand that, as a school-sponsored event, all rules and regulations of St. Vincent-St. Mary formal and semi-formal dances apply <u>including the administration of an alcohol breath test.</u> I understand that a negative result on the alcohol breath testing device must be reached by my son/daughter to gain entry to the dance. If my son/daughter is not able to provide a negative result, I understand that I will be notified to come and pick him/her up. I have read, understood, shared with my son/daughter, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this Homecoming packet.

Listed below are phone numbers at which I can be reached on the evening of Prom. If for some reason, I cannot be reached at the phone numbers below, in the case of an emergency, I hereby authorize St. Vincent-St. Mary High School officials to make decisions which are in the best interest of my son/daughter.

My signature below indicates that all of the above statements are true and that I provide my consent for my son/daughter to be administered an alcohol breath test.

Parent's Signature: _____Date: _____

Home Phone: _____Cell Phone: _____

Other Numbers: _____