

MCQUAID JESUIT 7TH & 8TH GRADE SEMI-FORMAL

WHEN: Friday, April 20th, 2018

TIME: 7:00-9:30pm

WHERE: The McQuaid Jesuit Cafeteria

COST: \$10.00 (light refreshments included)

The McQuaid Jesuit 7th & 8th Grade Semi-Formal is an opportunity for boys and girls to interact in a “dance atmosphere” with a dress code.

- Dates are not required. Attend solo or with some friends.
- McQuaid boys may bring a “date,” but it is not required.
- Non McQuaid boys will not be admitted.
- All Mercy 7th & 8th grade girls are welcome.
- Non Mercy girls will be admitted but must be in 7th or 8th grade, must have a guest pass filled out by a McQuaid Middle School student, and must bring their school ID card.
- Guest passes are available in the McQuaid Middle School office.
- There are no presale tickets, everyone pays at the door.
- **NO LIMOUSINES!**
- Flowers on sport coats or on dresses are optional and are up to each individual.
- Please read below for the dress code guidelines.

Why do we have a dress code?

After years of dealing with inappropriate dress and behavior at middle school dances, the administration of McQuaid Jesuit decided to cancel all dances. The middle school team worked to reach a compromise where the middle school could have one dance a year, but there would be a dress code and new rules regarding appropriate dancing.

Boys:

- Semi-formal wear for males is a sport coat and tie. Normal McQuaid dress code is acceptable. **IMPORTANT:** Read below for guidelines.

Girls:

- Semi-formal wear for females is a dress, skirt with a blouse, or pant suit. **IMPORTANT:** Read below for guidelines. Also refer to the “Do’s & Don’ts” sheet for further guidelines and images.



Semi-Formal Attire for Young Ladies

- Acceptable semi-formal options for girls are: dress, skirt with a blouse, or pant suit. All dresses, skirts, and gowns must be to the knee or longer. **A gown may be worn, but is not required.**
- Dresses with sleeves, thick straps, spaghetti straps, as well as strapless dresses are acceptable.

- If you wear a sleeveless or strapless dress and it is considered too revealing, then you must also wear a semi-formal jacket, sweater, cardigan, or wrap. If you have questions, contact the McQuaid Middle School office directly for clarification @ 585-256-6175.
- Necklines, including those of strapless dresses, must be age appropriate and not revealing.
- Backless ensembles, plunging necklines, exposed midriffs, and revealing styles are not acceptable.
- Dress heels or dressy flat shoes are acceptable.

Semi-Formal Attire for Young Gentlemen

- Gentlemen must wear a tucked in collared shirt with tie and slacks or khakis. A sport coat or blazer is required but may be removed once the dance begins. It is recommended that names be put in the sport coats so they do not get lost or mixed up.
- A suit may be worn, but is not required.
- Dress shoes and a belt are also required.
- Jeans, athletic shoes, and baseball caps are not acceptable.

Students and guests that choose not to follow the dress code will not be permitted to enter the semi-formal event until they are dressed appropriately. If adjustments cannot be made, entry will not be allowed. McQuaid students are responsible for ensuring any female guests comply with the dress code. **No non-McQuaid males will be allowed.**

Parents: The Semi-Formal ends at 9:30pm. Please be punctual when picking up your children. If you are late, the chaperones have to wait until you arrive before they can leave and go home. A little courtesy goes a long way. If you have any questions at all about the Semi-Formal, please contact the McQuaid Jesuit Middle School office @ 585-256-6175.

