

ST. AUGUSTINE HS 2026 PROM
APRIL 2, 2026 Ponce de Leon Fountain of Youth
AN UNDERCOVER AFFAIR (MASQUERADE)
PROM ETIQUETTE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please take the time to read through this important information so you are prepared for your magical night at prom. **AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE TO THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, YOUR BEHAVIOR WILL BE HELD TO THE SAME SCHOOL RULES AS OUTLINED BY THE SJCSD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THAT WILL RESULT IN CONSEQUENCES & REMOVAL FROM THE PREMISES.**

ARRIVAL:

- You will arrive to the Fountain of Youth along Magnolia Drive. There is only one entrance way so please mindful not to hold up traffic behind you.
- There will be an attendant at the entrance to guide you based on if you are being dropped off or parking your vehicle.
- There is adequate parking on the premises, however you are encouraged to carpool if possible.
- You will not be permitted to go back to your vehicle for any reason if you are parked in the lot. Be sure to gather everything you will need for the evening before entering.
- Large vehicles are welcome and will be inspected by staff on arrival. **Any student found to be in possession of any illegal substance or contraband or is suspected to be under the influence of any kind will not be allowed to enter the venue & will be subject to school based & possible law enforcement-based consequences.**

ENTRANCE:

- Ms. Rivera will be at the entrance of the venue directing you to the Magnolia Room.
- Follow the signs that will be posted along the path to the designated area. There will be plenty of chaperones there to assist.

PHOTOS:

- If you would like to take photos specifically along the dock that faces the lake, you are welcome to arrive at 5:45 pm. After 6 pm (when prom officially begins), that area will be restricted.
- You are also welcome to take photos along the entrance by the sign as long as traffic is not obstructed. Consider arriving around 5:15 pm to avoid the crowds.

CHECK IN, WRISTBANDS & SEARCHES:

- Make sure you have your **TICKET** AND **ID** (school physical or digital) or driver's license to check in upon arrival. Lost tickets or other issues will result in delays of enjoying your special night.
- All handbags will be checked, and everyone will be searched upon arrival. Leave all vapes, etc outside of the venue or **they will be confiscated.**
- If you swapped tickets with someone and **DID NOT** advise Ms. Banks-Thomas in advance, you **will not be allowed entry** to prom. If you **changed the guest name** from who was originally stated (on your guest form) and didn't advise Ms. Banks-Thomas, your guest **will not be allowed entry** to prom. **MAKE SURE YOU CONTACT Ms. Banks-Thomas BEFORE PROM DAY for any concerns.**

NATURAL HABITAT:

- **The Fountain of Youth is a historic landmark in St. Augustine.** We want to respect that land and everything on it. Make sure you do not disturb or go anywhere that is restricted during prom.
- There are peacocks that roam the area all day/night. They will not bother you and will often be found in the trees as the evening approaches. You are welcome to take pictures of them, HOWEVER;
- **If you see a peacock, DO NOT APPROACH, OR TRY TO TOUCH THEM.** Failure to adhere to that will result in immediate dismissal from prom.

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FOOD:

- There will be a light menu of foods and desserts available on the premises. Consider eating prior to arriving at the venue if you desire a full course meal.
- The Vibe Nutrition will be on the premises if you would like to purchase bubble tea or other selected beverages from them.

CASINO ROOM:

- Keeping in line with our theme, we will be having a mock casino in the Celebration Cottage on the premises
- There will be blackjack and roulette tables for your enjoyment – all equipment (chips, etc) that belong in that area **MUST** remain in that area. Please **DO NOT KEEP CHIPS** as we are renting all the equipment for that evening
- The round tables for sitting will also have cards on them. Please leave everything on the tables and do not take any of the props.
- Your behavior will be closely monitored in this area

EXIT AND DISMISSAL:

- **Once you leave prom, your wristband will be removed, and you will not be allowed to come back into the venue.**
- There will be no “hanging out” in the parking lot at any time. If you are found sitting in your vehicle, you will be requested to vacate the premises.

DISMISSAL:

- We will dismiss prom at exactly 10 pm. Due to the noise ordinance, the premises must be cleared at that time.
- Make preparations in advance if you are being picked up to leave at that time. Let’s be respectful to the venue and its policies.
- The Fountain of Youth nor SAHS are responsible for any items that are left behind after prom has concluded. Make sure you have gathered everything you came in with.

LONG GOWNS & COMFY SHOES:

- There is no shoe restriction at the venue, but you are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes as you dance the night away. If you are wearing heels, consider bringing a pair of flats to change into.
- There is a portion of the venue that is graveled. Please be mindful of this if you have high heels on.
- If you are wearing a long gown with a train attached, please make sure you have a bustle to hold it up while you are dancing to avoid tripping yourself or anyone near you.

Don't take unnecessary chances or risks that will jeopardize one of the most memorable events of your high school experience.

There will be heavy police presence to ensure your safety and enjoyability so come with the mindset of having a great time and nothing else.