## Senior Gala FAQ

## 1. What is the senior gala?

a. This is your version of a prom...a Celebration Under the Stars! We highly suggested that students wear prom attire and they will participate in promlike activities as usual, such as dancing, taking pictures, getting dressed up, and celebrating with friends. This is your Prom, just with some added COVID-19 guidelines.

## 2. What is included in my ticket?

- a. Food: While there will not be a traditional sit-down or buffet dinner, your favorite snacks and individually wrapped food will be provided.
- b. Photo opportunities: Students will have opportunities to take photos with friends throughout the event in front of fun and whimsical back drops.
- c. Decorations: The entire courtyard will be completely transformed into an elegant party space for a Celebration Under the Stars. We have even rented a clear tent to cover the entire courtyard to prevent any chance that we would have to cancel the event due to rain.
- d. Entertainment: We have an amazing night planned including a DJ, band, comedian, live performers, and other entertainment to make sure you have an incredible time.

# 3. Will there be dancing?

a. Although we cannot have a traditional large dance floor, we hope to see you all dancing with your friends in your pods.

#### 4. What time is the event?

- a. The event is from 7:30 10:30. We have gotten a lot of questions asking if students must stay the entire time. We would love to see our students there the entire time, but you are not required to stay until 10:30. Once students leave the event they will not be permitted to re-enter. This has always been the policy regarding prom.
- 5. Can you bring an underclassman date if they attend MSD?
  - a. Yes, Seniors may purchase one additional ticket to bring an underclass MSD student to accompany them.
- 6. Can you bring a date from another school?
  - a. No, due to district guidelines students from other schools are not permitted to attend.

- 7. What is the dress code?
  - a. Prom attire is highly recommended but not required.
- 8. Are we required to wear masks?
  - a. Masks are required but we certainly understand they will need to be removed to allow you to eat and drink.
- 9. What is a pod?
  - a. A pod is simply an area that has been created to form a space for 6 students to maintain proper social distance requirements in a large group setting. Students in adjacent pods will be able to see each other and talk to each other. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for a pod with their friends, and request pods to be near each other. Each pod will have a table, chairs, centerpieces...
- 10. Do you have to remain in your pod for the entire event?
  - a. The expectation is that students will be in their pods unless you are using the restroom, leaving or getting something to eat or drink.
- 11. Where will students be parking?
  - a. All students will be permitted to park in the Senior Parking lot or the Front Parking lot. All students will enter the event through the Main Red Gates at the front of the school. If students choose to rent a charter bus, the charter bus will be directed to pull into the bus loop to drop students off.
- 12. Will we have to sign a waiver?
  - a. Yes, once you purchase your ticket you will need to sign and submit your waiver before you can select your pod. The waivers will be accessed through the Class of 2021 Canvas page.