

Dear Parents of 7th and 8th Grade Students,

With great joy and anticipation for the upcoming "Evening of Honor", we would like to provide you with detailed insight into our upcoming event on March 10, 2017.

The Purpose for Evening of Honor

*Evening of Honor provides the opportunity for our students to **HONOR**:*

- 1) **God with their whole being** - "Not to us, Oh Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1
- 2) **God through celebration** - "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 3) **Classmates, their brothers and sisters in Christ** - "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other." Romans 12:10
- 4) **Community of MCS** - "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Encouraged Home Discussion: As a family, talk about how your child can live out the purpose of Evening of Honor. What specific choices and actions will your child take to demonstrate honoring God, classmates and the MCS community (in the way they dress, conduct themselves, interactive with kindness, courtesy and respect, etc.).

The Event Itinerary

1. Students arrive dressed semi-formally (see dress code below for details).
2. Parents are permitted to take photos **outside** while students are waiting to enter the event, but are respectfully asked to not enter the auditorium until invited in at the end of the evening.
3. Students mingle and participate in an icebreaker.
4. Students seated for dinner.
5. Dancing begins.
6. Dessert served.
7. Students resume dancing.
8. Evening culminates with a mother/son, father/daughter dance. Parents are invited by staff to enter the auditorium at approximately 9:20pm. This time is also an opportunity for parents to take photos.

Dress Code Information & Guidelines

Dress code for the 2017 Evening of Honor is SEMI-FORMAL. The dress and dance standards are provided to promote a sense of Christian modesty and an appropriate environment for all students. We hope to maintain the theme of honoring God, integrity, and the formality of this event through the following guidelines.

Students who do not adhere to the Dress Code will not be permitted to enter the event.

Guiding Questions to consider when selecting attire:

1. Does it honor God?
2. Does it honor yourself?
3. Does it honor your brothers/sisters in Christ?
4. Does it honor MCS?

Girls Evening of Honor Dress Code Policy

- All dresses must be conservative, modest, age and school appropriate.
- Straps: Straps must be 2" (or 2 finger width) or wider. Strapless or spaghetti strap dresses are not permitted.
- Length: dress length, including slits, may be no shorter than 3" above the knee.
- Necklines (front and back): necklines may not plunge below the bust line. Dress backs may not descend past natural bra line.
- Sheer Fabric and Cut Outs: See through or sheer dresses are not permitted. Sections of sheer fabric included in a dress may not expose undergarments, the midriff (front, side or back), cleavage or include any cut out exposing skin (front, side, or back).
- Dresses that are contoured to the body, tight fitting, and excessively revealing are not permitted.
- Undergarments may not be exposed or visible.
- Shoes may be dressy or tennis shoes in excellent condition. Heels may not exceed 3".
- Jewelry, hair accessories, etc. that support the theme are acceptable.

Recommended Dress Approval:

- We encourage all girls to submit their dress for **pre-approval**. Attaining pre-approval grants students the ability to enter the dance without any dress code check.
- For pre-approval, girls must submit a photo of themselves wearing the dress AND the shoes they have planned for the evening. Pictures submitted must include the front and back of the dress.
- All pictures are to be sent to eveningofhonor@marinerscs.org
- Students will receive an email response stating approval or addressing any concerns with the attire.

Boys Evening of Honor Dress Code Policy

- Dress pants (no jeans), dress shirt, and tie are required. Tie must be worn and shirt must remain tucked in at all times.
- Suit or sport coat suggested. No tuxedos.
- Dress socks and dress shoes recommended. Tennis shoes must be in excellent condition.
- Hair must be neat and well groomed.
- Hats that support the theme are acceptable. Hats not in support of the theme may not be worn.

Evening of Honor Guidelines

- **Arrival**: All students and guests must arrive by 6:30 PM. Do not arrive late without prior approval.
- **Behavior**: Students are to honor God, each other, and MCS in all ways.
- **Dancing**: Student dancing must fall within the standards of good taste and Christian decency. Dancing that is overly suggestive in nature or deemed inappropriate based on school standards is not allowed. Physically dangerous dancing such as "slamming" or "moshing" is not permitted.
- **Supervision**: Staff and administrators will monitor the students.
- Correction and/or consequences will be administered as needed.
- **Post Event Gatherings**: We ask for your support in refraining from providing after-parties for groups of students following Evening of Honor. As an event purposed for community building, bonding, and unity it is our hope to keep excitement and focus centered on the main event provided and avoid any other gatherings that can detract from the event, due to the exclusion a private after-party can create.

Thank you for partnering with us to make the 2017 Evening of Honor a night our 7th and 8th grade students will never forget! Please direct any questions or concerns to Paulette Seaman.

Sincerely,

Paulette Seaman
MCS Student Life Director

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Permission Slip

(Please return to homeroom teacher by **Friday, March 3, 2017**)

All students and parents must read and agree to the guidelines outlined in this letter in order to attend Evening of Honor. By signing below, students and parents are stating:

I understand and will adhere to all guidelines and rules set by Mariners Christian School for Evening of Honor.
I will honor God, myself, others, and the MCS community in all ways.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

X _____
Parent Signature

Date

X _____
Student Signature

Date