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Excitement fills the halls as students prepare for the event of the year: Prom, a rite of passage that seniors look forward to and plan for months. From getting the hair-do down to the perfect shoes, Katy Magazine offers insight to planning the perfect prom extravaganza.

The Perfect Prom Proposal

Gone are the days when a boy simply strolled into the lunchroom and asked his date to prom. Students are finding unique and clever ways to get their date's attention. Ranging from spelling out their invitation with candy or creating a Build-a-Bear with a message, suitors and dates alike enjoy the creative challenge. "The most creative way I've seen soneone get asked to prom was a scavenger hunt through the entire school," says Tasha Brown, a Seven Lakes High School senior.

If you know your date well enough to know she's a "brownieaholic," prepare a batch with a prom ticket attached. You can also incorporate your school's prom theme into your perfect proposal.

Saying 'Yes' to a Dress

Katy high school girls say that planning for prom is one of the most fun, yet stress-filled events in high school. Most of the hair, makeup, shoes and accessorizing can't begin until the gown is purchased. "I am most looking forward to dress shopping this year for prom," says Taylor High School senior Heather Odette. "It's fun trying them all on and finding your special gown."

Colors of the Season

Everything from bold, neon hues to romantic pastels will be seen on the dance floor this year. Pairing a striking gown with understated accessories helps create an "all eyes on you" effect. Flowing chiffon skirts are not only flattering, but also help showcase your wicked dance moves. Girls will be wearing a gamut of styles and selections. From floor length to short dresses to high-low gowns.

"Get a dress that is fashionable but also easy to move in," recommends Taylor senior Bailey Hall. Try on a variety of styles and colors; you never know what might surprise you. "Be open to trying on anything," adds Nicki Shores with The Silver Hanger. "It always looks different on the hanger than it will on you."

More Dressed for Sucess Tips

Most seniors agree that you should get your dress early to give your date plenty of time to coordinate his attire. "A large percentage of dresses will need alterations and that takes time," advises Shores. Typically guys will try to incorporate the colors of their date's dress into his vest or tie. Many senior boys are leaning toward tailored designer suits this year instead of a seasoned tuxedo.



Juliana Jimenez is

looking forward to having fun at her last

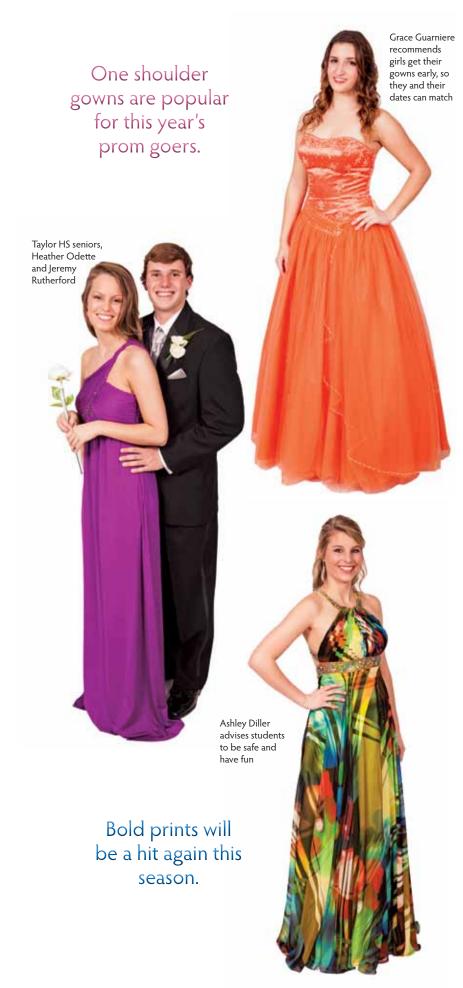
high school dance

Expect to see a variety of long gowns, shorter styles, and high-low dresses this year.



Heather Odette and Stephen Barletta will be arriving at prom in style

Gowns with sophisticated mesh cut outs are a growing trend this year.



A Decadent Dinner

After what is sure to be an onslaught of paparazzi pictures from the parents, prom goers often head off in small, medium, or large groups to start their evening at a fun or upscale restaurant. Favorites range from sizzling steakhouses to mouth-watering Italian. "My favorite thing about prom is hanging out with all my friends," says Natalie Alfonso, a senior at Taylor High School. "The best place for dinner is probably Perry's Steakhouse."

Other favorite prom eateries include Chauma Gaucha, Fogo De Chao, Maggiano's, Taste of Texas, and Saltgrass Steak House. "It's fun being able to walk around in your dress and be with your friends," adds Taylor senior Titi Ugunlana. "I'm looking forward to seeing all of our hard work pay off and getting to experience that with my classmates."

Riding in Style

Often, groups will take a limo or party bus into downtown Houston for an added dose of fun. "Some of my favorite memories of prom are dancing on the party bus with my friends," says Taylor High School's Remi Frugé. No matter which you choose, be sure to make a reservation for your special evening, especially if it is for a large group. Many restaurants are accommodating for formal groups as long as they have prior notice. "My date is one of my guy friends and we're all going as a group," shares Brown. "Our mothers are even picking out a hummer limo."

The Time of Your Life

Spending this special time with fellow classmates is often one of a senior's last memories of their high school years. Laugh with friends, dance till you drop, take plenty of photos, and enjoy every moment. "Make it last," advises Alfonso. "It will be over in the blink of an eye." **KM**

Special Thanks

to the students pictured in this story. These students were also some of the prom models at Taylor High School's Prom Extravaganza. Thank you for being part of our prom guide.



KIRSTEN CORNELL enjoys being an associate editor for Katy Magazine. Her favorite prom memory is her and her mom teaching her senior prom date to dance on the back porch.







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Stephen Barletta adds his own style to his prom tuxedo



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Natalie Alfonso suggests having your pre-prom dinner at Perry's Steakhouse

Æsking Her

It's important to ask her as early as possible. She has a lot of shopping and planning to do!

- · Make a fun scavenger hunt
- Decorate her car

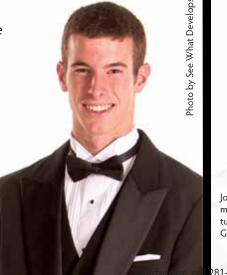
Write it on a cookie cake

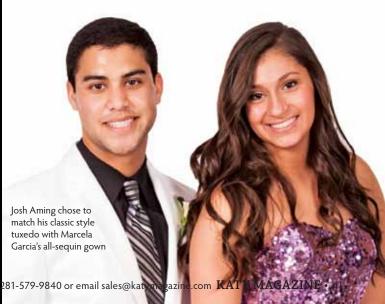
• Serenade her

· Write a poem

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Taylor HS senior Miles Wright





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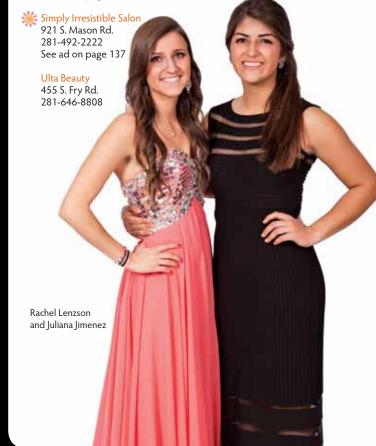
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