



Celebrations of the Season

Katy Teens Get Ready for Spring Soirees

Spring is here, and that means teen parties and socials are at the peak of their performance. It's time to whip out your calendar and start making these major events! From Prom to graduation, and spring socials to banquets, Katy teens are getting ready for a season of celebration and end of the year fun, especially seniors who wrapping up their last year at home.

The Perfect Prom

It's what many girls have dreamed about. Ever since they were little, starrng in awe in front of the TV, as Cinderella ran down the castle steps in a beautiful, glittering gown, girls have dreamed of wearing a magnificent dress all for their prince charming. That time has finally come. Prom is right around the corner, and for Seven Lakes Senior Lily Brewer, imagining her prom dress has been on her mind for a long time. "The thing I most looked forward to when thinking about my prom when I was little was my



Mayde Creek High School ladies having a little fun

dress and what it would look like...I would always sketch it," says Brewer. "Looking back at the sketches, I realize how truly heinous they were and I'm glad I'm leaving that to the professionals."

An Expensive Tradition

Ask any high school senior what their plans are for prom, and they are most likely to say pictures, dinner, dance, and an after party. Cinco Ranch High School Senior Stephanie Coffman plans to follow this general pattern, but she says transportation and places to eat will differ from student to student. "Normally when we go out we go to the expensive restaurants. The Melting Pot, Salt Grass, The Grotto, and Ruggles are popular ones," says Coffman. She also advises how to get around from one location to the next. "When getting from place to place the best vehicle to use is a party bus. You can just go crazy on them." But how does prom differ from homecoming? Coffman says the total cost and location of after parties are the big differences and what makes the senior dance special. "Prom is generally more expensive all over," says Coffman. "Everyone spends a whole lot more money on the after party by going to different places like beach houses in Galveston. That's what I'm doing and I can't wait."

A few of the handsome gentlemen of Taylor High School



Parties and Banquets Galore

The list just keeps on growing. Besides prom, the spring is full of many other parties. Ranging from sports and publication banquets, to presentations and trips, Katy seniors like Coffman are in for an active next couple of months. "I have a Senior Woman banquet, graduation, Cross Country Banquet, and a spring break trip with my friends," says Coffman. Involved in different types of activities, Taylor High School Senior Lauren Jagers list is also quite lengthy. "I have my NCL Senior Presentation, two dinner parties, a luncheon, the Taylor Band Banquet, and Band Spring Trip," lists Jagers. "There are probably a few more that I don't know about." Those unplanned parties are what Brewer enjoys. "In my opinion, the best parties aren't planned for, they just pop up occasionally," says Brewer.



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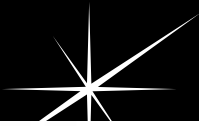
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Katy High School girls are ready for prom



Graduations and Goodbyes

Four years of non-stop work, filled with stressful hours of studying for finals, days of training for athletic competitions, and months of preparing for theater competitions are almost over, and that means the time has finally come to celebrate the graduation of these Katy ISD seniors. After walking across the stage to receive her diploma, Jagers will attend her entire senior class' graduation party, known throughout the district as Project Grad. "How can the thought of spending a whole night locked in an oversized arcade with a few hundred friends, not sound like fun?" asks Jagers.

Parties at Home

Many students like Brewer are also hosting their own parties where family and friends will come and join in celebrating the successful end of four busy years. "I am planning on having an open house after the graduation ceremony where my family from Indiana is going to come and visit

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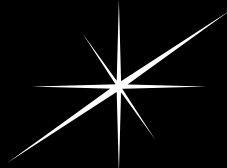
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and wish me congratulations. I am also planning on attending my friends' graduation parties," says Brewer. "I'm really excited to finish the year off with a bang, and I think that those parties and the socializing will do just that!"

From now to the end of the school year, Katy teens can look forward to parties and celebrations of all sizes and styles. Dressing up for prom and putting on that nice suit for the end of the year awards ceremony is such an exciting feeling, but for Coffman, nothing will compare to tossing her cap in the air at the end of graduation. "I can't wait to throw up my cap, be done with school, and start my life," says Coffman. "It's going to be hard to say goodbye to my friends, but at the same time I can't wait to move on." **KM**



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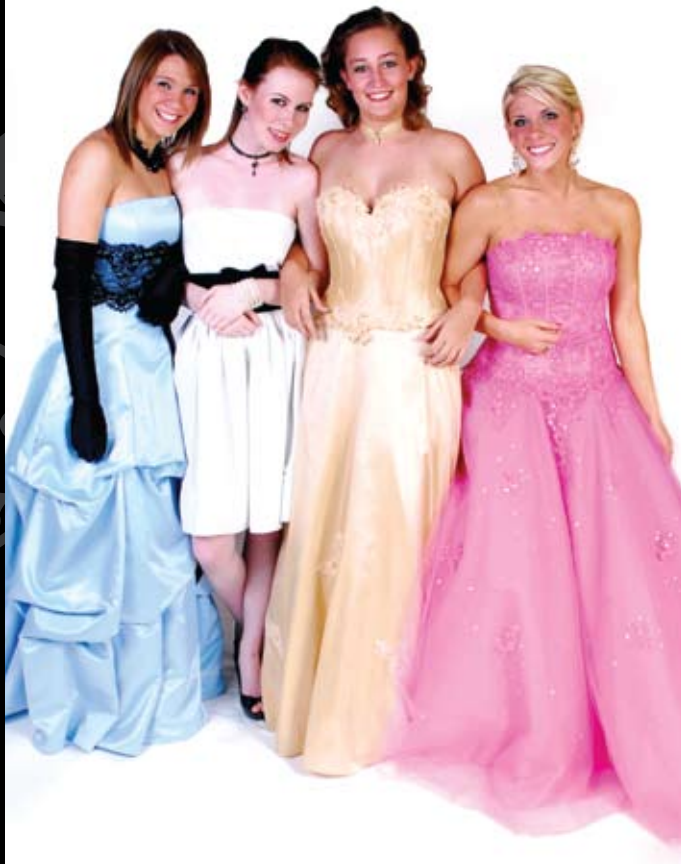
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Morton Ranch	May 3
Mayde Creek	May 3
Seven Lakes	April 26
Taylor	May 3
Katy	April 26
Faith West	April 26

Project Prom/Grad

Cinco Ranch	May 31
Morton Ranch	May 31
Mayde Creek	May 31
Seven Lakes	April 27
Taylor	May 30
Katy	May 31

High School Graduations

Cinco Ranch	May 31
Morton Ranch	June 1
Mayde Creek	May 31
Seven Lakes	June 1
Taylor	May 30
Katy	May 31
Faith West	May 31
Pope John XXIII	May 23



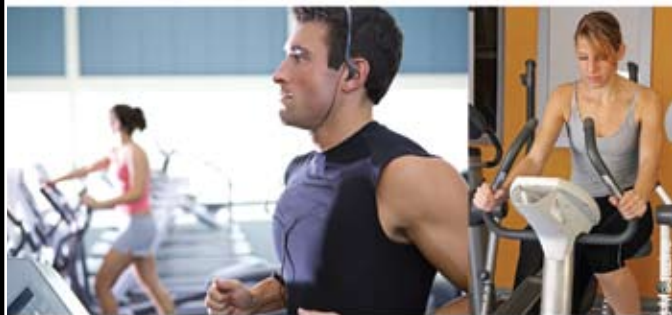
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