TANQUE VERDE HIGH SCHOOL

HOMECOMING 101

A Freshman Family Guide to Arabian Nights

Saturday, September 26 | 7:00-10:00 PM

Hi Freshman Families, Homecoming brings a lot of firsts, and there are some little high-school-dance social norms students do not automatically know. Consider this your parent cheat sheet: what to wear, who can come, what is expected (and what absolutely is not), plus a few conversations worth having before Saturday night.

WHO	WHEN	THEME	DON'T FORGET
All TVHS students Grades 9-12	Saturday, Sept. 26 7:00-10:00 PM	Arabian Nights Semi-formal	Student ID Required at entry

TICKETS + NON-TVHS GUESTS

Students do not need a date. Going with a group of friends is extremely common - even for students who have a boyfriend or girlfriend.

- A TVHS student may purchase a ticket for a non-TVHS guest.
- Guests must be currently enrolled in high school OR be no older than 19.
- Every non-TVHS guest must have an approved guest form turned in to the office by Thursday, September 24.
- A guest without an approved form will not be admitted.

BUY TICKETS: GoFan Homecoming Tickets

WHAT SHOULD THEY WEAR?

Homecoming is semi-formal. No tuxedo or ball gown required - just dress like you are going somewhere special.

- Please avoid athletic wear, shorts, and jeans - unless it is western fancy. Western fancy absolutely counts.

The high-heel reality check: if your student does not normally wear heels, those shoes may become a terrible decision surprisingly early in the evening. Flats, sneakers, or backup shoes are very normal.

GOING WITH A DATE?

A date is not expected. But if your student asks someone - or agrees to go with someone - this is a great chance to coach them through basic dating etiquette.

- If your date dressed up, you should probably dress up too.
- If your date does not know many people, introduce them and include them.
- Compliment your date. Be kind. Be respectful. Say thank you.
- Talk ahead of time about the plan for the evening so no one feels uncomfortable or left out.

ARABIAN NIGHTS: THE PARENT CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

WHY WE ARE ACTUALLY TELLING YOU THIS

Over the years, I have seen a student arrive to pick up a date in sweatpants while the other student had clearly spent hours choosing the perfect outfit, shoes, hair, and accessories. I will also never forget the poor boy whose date broke up with him in the middle of the dance floor - and he did not even go to our school.

Parents: you can help us prevent some of this. These may sound like small things, but learning how to treat another person thoughtfully is an important life skill. You are the best people to have these real conversations with your own children.

DINNER, FLOWERS + EXTRAS

We provide light snacks and drinks, but not a formal dinner. Some students or groups grab a casual dinner beforehand, but it is not expected and Homecoming does not need to become an elaborate or expensive date night.

Corsages and boutonnieres are not typically expected for Homecoming. Small bouquets have become a little more popular, but flowers are still completely optional.

A 5-MINUTE CAR RIDE CHAT

- Who are you arriving with, and who are you leaving with?
- What time should we expect you home?
- If you are bringing a guest, how will you make sure they feel included?
- What is your plan if your group changes plans?
- Remember: kind, respectful, thoughtful, and no dramatic breakups on the dance floor.

WHAT ABOUT SAFETY?

We take dance supervision seriously. Throughout the evening, students will be supported and supervised by:

- More than 30 TVHS teachers and staff chaperones.
- The full TVHS administrative team.
- Pima County Sheriff's deputies.
- Metal detector wand screening at the entrance and bag searches.
- Adults stationed at refreshment areas. And despite the urban legends, no one is spiking communal punch bowls - we do not serve refreshments in communal vessels.
- A strict no re-entry policy once a student leaves the dance. If a student truly needs something from a car, an adult will walk them to the car and safely back inside.

THE GOAL: HAVE FUN. BE KIND. MAKE GOOD CHOICES.

Freshman year comes with a lot of firsts. Helping students navigate friendships, dates, social situations, and expectations is part of helping them grow up. We want them to enjoy being part of their high school community - safely, confidently, and kindly.

Thank you for trusting us with these incredible kids. We hope you are enjoying this special time with them!

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