



Glenbrook North High School

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Principal's Office

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January 27, 2012

Dear GBN Parents,

The annual Turnabout Dance at Glenbrook North High School is scheduled for Saturday, February 18 from 8:30 pm to 11:00 p.m. The purpose of this letter is to give you more detailed information regarding the dance. This should help you as you work with your student in establishing plans for the evening.

Student Participation

The dance is sponsored by the GBN Marching Band and is open to all students enrolled at the school. Each student is allowed to bring one guest of **high school age or older** to the dance. **Tickets to the dance are \$15.00 per person** and can be purchased in the school bookstore the week prior to the dance. Tickets will also be available at the dance and will cost \$20.00 per person.

Guests

Anyone who is not currently enrolled at GBN is considered a guest. All guests who plan to attend the dance must be registered through the Dean's Office by Wednesday, February 15. Forms will be available in the bookstore. **All guests must be high school age or older. Guests who have not been pre-registered will not be admitted to the dance.** GBN students are responsible for ensuring appropriate behavior of their guests according to the established rules of the school.

Dates

Although the dance is billed as an event where girls invite boys, it is not necessary for students to have a date for the dance. The school encourages all students to come and enjoy the evening. Tickets are sold individually and a date is not required.

Dress

Turnabout is a **casual theme dance**. The theme for this year's dance is "Wild, Wild West Turnabout". Unfortunately, sometimes fashion trends lean to the extreme. If a student is dressed inappropriately or in clothing deemed too revealing, that student will be directed home for a wardrobe change or be provided with an extra large/long GBN t-shirt for appropriate cover.

Arrival and Departure

The doors will open at 8:30 p.m. All students and guests attending the dance must arrive by 9:30 p.m. Students and guests arriving after that time will not be admitted.

Regardless of when they arrive, all students and guests will be required to be in attendance at the dance until 10:30 p.m. Any special conditions to this rule are to be submitted for approval by Friday, February 17 to the Student Activities Office. Requests to leave early to attend a post-dance activity will not be approved.

After-Dance Activities

The school does not sponsor or encourage after-dance activities for students. The ending time of the dance is set at 11:00 p.m. to give students under the age of 17 a reasonable amount of time to return home without violating curfew. Curfew guidelines and teen driving restrictions for the Village of Northbrook are as follows:

Students under the age of 17,	
Sunday thru Thursday	11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Friday and Saturday	12:00 a.m. (midnight) to 6:00 a.m.

As a reminder, the state of Illinois mandates the following curfew and restriction:

Drivers under the age of 18 are <u>not</u> permitted to drive,	
Sunday through Thursday	10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Friday and Saturday	11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

For the first year of licensing, or until the driver is age 18, whichever occurs first, the number of passengers is limited to one person under age 20, unless the additional passenger(s) is a sibling or step-sibling.

Parent Communication

Please discuss with your student his/her plans for both before and after the Turnabout Dance. It is also important that you discuss activities of the evening with other parents in your student's group. Activities structured by students can sometimes make communication difficult for parents, especially when a large group is involved. The school supports the efforts of the GBN Parents' Association in outlining helpful suggestions to parents. If you wish to communicate with other parents, but do not know how to contact them, please feel free to call the counseling staff at the school. Whenever possible, they will help you make connections. As always, thank you for your partnership toward the betterment of your child's education.

Sincerely,



Paul Pryma, Principal



Glenbrook North Parents' Association Turnabout 2012

January 2012

Dear GBN Parents:

The Parents' Association would like to share some thoughts with you about the upcoming Turnabout Dance. The dance provides a great opportunity for any student to participate with or without a date.

The economy has had an impact on many of our families. Parents have expressed concerns about the expenses associated with Homecoming and Turnabout dances. Expensive dinners and limousines are unnecessary elements to an already wonderful evening. **The kids just enjoy being together!** We encourage you to reach out to local restaurants that can provide a special "dance" menu for a reasonable and agreed upon price.

On a serious note, please take a moment to consider the following actions that you can take to help make this a safe and memorable experience for all of our kids.

- Refuse to host or support any pre-dance/post-dance parties, which serve alcohol or drugs of any form. (By Village ordinance, adults who serve liquor to minors in their homes are subject to a fine and liable to any action of those minors after they have left the home.)
- Refuse to allow your student to rent a hotel room or attend a party in a rented room.
- **Keep in mind, many students do not hire limousines or buses;** but if the group chooses to do so, ensure that rental limousines or buses carry no alcohol. Speak to the driver and provide specific instructions that your directions are not to be countered by any student in the vehicle. Parents should obtain all relevant information about the destinations of the vehicle for the entire evening, and review directions with the driver. Responsible drivers and rental agencies appreciate your concern and require an adult's consent.
- Communicate with your students and the other parents in your student's Turnabout group about the evening's agenda. This will help to ensure that all students have a safe and fun evening, and that parents are fully informed about the group's plans.

As a reminder, the Board of Education policy dictates that possession of alcohol or drugs will lead to significant disciplinary action from the school. GBN will provide chaperones and security personnel who will do their best to ensure that only the students who are alcohol and drug free will be allowed to enter the dance. Any student who appears to be under the influence, or possesses alcohol or drugs will be detained and his/her parents will be contacted immediately. It is important to know state law mandates that any driver under the age of 21 who is stopped and has consumed any amount of alcohol will have his/her license suspended for three months; refusing to be tested results in a one year license suspension.

Finally, remember that the goal of the Turnabout Dance is to have fun by sharing and enjoying the good company of friends! Best wishes to all the GBN students and guests for a great Spartan experience at Turnabout 2012!

The Glenbrook North Parents' Association