



## RHETORIC SCHOOL PROTOCOL DANCE

Protocol is a long-standing tradition for the Cary Christian School Rhetoric community. It is an opportunity for our young men and young ladies to spend time together in a formal setting learning how to interact with confidence and poise. Throughout the evening, students participate in a variety of dances that allow them to mix and mingle with their classmates. It is a special occasion and unique to Cary Christian School!

We are excited to announce that Protocol will be held at MacGregor Downs Country Club (430 St. Andrews Lane, Cary, NC) on the evening of Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 7:00 - 9:45 P.M. Please be prompt, as the class pictures will be taken at 7:00 P.M. Signups begin Monday, March 25 and end on Thursday, April 4. Although there is no extra charge for this dance, it is important for all students to RSVP by the deadline, as we will begin making dance cards after that date. It is very important to attend if you have signed up!

We are proud of the high standards concerning behavior and dress code at Cary Christian School and believe that we share the responsibility to uphold these standards with our students and our parents. With this in mind, we are asking our parents to partner with us to ensure that their student's attire meets the dress code detailed below.

**CCS will not hold a formal dress check for this event. However, if your student's attire does not meet the requirements as listed, you may be called to come get your student or to bring your student a different outfit, and they may lose their privilege to participate in the next school social event/dance as determined by the CCS Administration.**

### Dress Code Requirements:

- Formal attire means a suit and formal gown. Senior men may choose to wear a tuxedo.
- Please keep in mind that our dances are athletic in nature so take into consideration active moving, bending over, and lifting arms above the head as you choose your attire.
- Please respect the purpose of this event by dressing in the appropriate attire.

Gentlemen	Ladies
<p>Suit or Tuxedo with a collared dress shirt and tie. Dress shoes.</p> <p>Please note the following attire is <b>NOT</b> permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tight-fitting clothing, jeans, or joggers</li> <li>• Athletic shoes, crocs, or boots</li> <li>• Costumes or anything less than formal attire.</li> </ul>	<p>Modest, formal length dress and dress shoes. Dresses with fuller skirts work best at a lively dance like this. Dresses must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Length: Long formal dress or gown. If a dress has a slit, it must not be more than 2"-3" above the knee. Please remember that a fuller skirt is helpful in this style of dancing.</li> <li>• Straps: must have on-the-shoulder straps: spaghetti straps, one-shoulder (or Grecian style), halter, high-neck, are all permitted; No deep V or low-cut necklines</li> <li>• Back: must be at the natural bra line, no backless dresses</li> </ul> <p>Please note that the following style of dresses are <b>NOT</b> permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tight form fitting dresses (bodycon style dresses are not appropriate for this event)</li> <li>• Exposed midriff or cutout dresses</li> </ul>

Please remember that suits and dresses fit differently while standing in your living room than in active dances. All attire needs to follow these guidelines while actively moving. Our goal is to be proactive so that there are no questions the evening of the event. The best practice is to choose attire through the lens of modesty and to use the standards spelled out above as no one wants to have issues on the night of the dance. Respect the occasion and your school community.

Please reach out to [Diane Hillsgrove](#) with questions if you are unsure of any details and how they apply to you/your student.