# JSerra Catholic High School

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Dear JSerra Parents,

We are thrilled to announce that one of the highlights of the school year, the JSerra Winter Formal Dance, is set to take place on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point. This year's theme, "Atlantis " promises to provide an exciting and memorable evening for our students.

To ensure a fun and safe experience for everyone, please review the following guidelines, which align with our school's policies as detailed in the Parent-Student Handbook (p. 40). We appreciate your cooperation in making this event successful!

**General Dance Rules:**

1. Guest Policy: Sophomore, junior and senior students may bring one guest (of the opposite sex) from another school or a JSerra freshman (of the opposite sex). A completed Guest Pass Contract, available in the Dean's Office, must be submitted by Monday, February 2nd, 2026. All guests must adhere to JSerra's standards for dress, grooming, and behavior.
2. Event Entry and Exit: For safety reasons, students must enter the dance upon arrival; loitering in the parking lot is not permitted. No students will be admitted after 8:00 pm and they may not leave until 9:30 pm unless prior arrangements have been made with the Dean. Once a student leaves the event, re-entry is not permitted.
3. School Regulations: All JSerra regulations apply to the Winter Formal Dance as it is a school-sponsored event.
4. Substance-Free Policy: Students must be tobacco, drug, and alcohol-free. All students will be checked for unauthorized substances before entering the dance area, including purse/bag searches. Students refusing searches or suspected of being under the influence will face evaluation and possible field sobriety testing.
5. Vehicle and Bus Searches: Vehicles in the parking and drop-off areas may be searched. The driver and passengers will be held accountable for any unauthorized or illegal substances. Buses will also be searched upon arrival. If students on a bus are not attending the dance, parents will be contacted to pick them up immediately.
6. Dance Behavior: Lewd or inappropriate dancing will result in removal from the event and may impact eligibility for future dances for the remainder of the school year.

**Dress Code:**

Students and guests must adhere to the following formal attire guidelines to be admitted. Alterations to attire after entry will result in parents being called to pick up the student immediately. Shirts and shoes must remain on throughout the dance. **Students who are in violation of the Dress Code will not be**

**permitted to enter the dance and their parents will be contacted**. No refunds will be issued to students or guests who are denied entry to the dance.

Boys:

1. Dress slacks suitable for a semi-formal occasion
2. Dress shirt (collar and long sleeve)
3. Tie (necktie or bow tie)
4. Suit, sport coat or blazer
5. Torn or ripped apparel is prohibited.
6. Oxford or derby shoes, leather loafers, fashionable athletic shoes (no vans)
7. All JSerra grooming standards apply. Facial hair is not allowed.
8. Earrings are not permitted.

Boys with questions about appropriate attire should see Mr. Waszak prior to the dance.

Girls:

1. Floor-length dresses/skirts only.
2. No visible cleavage, no visible undergarments.
3. No backless apparel, cutouts, or bare midriffs.
4. No lace dresses with nude underlay.
5. No body forming/stretchy skirts or dresses made out of Lycra, spandex or similar material.
6. No slits higher than the knee.
7. Dress shoes or fashionable athletic shoes are acceptable (no vans)

Girls with concerns about their attire may submit a picture to Mrs. Desmond at bdesmond@jserra.org for approval before the event.

Final decisions on appropriate attire will be made by the Deans or other school administrators.

We look forward to a fantastic Winter Formal Dance and hope this information helps ensure a smooth and enjoyable event for all students. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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