



PORT JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
EARL L. VANDERMEULEN HIGH SCHOOL
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Jessica Schmettan
Superintendent of Schools

John Ruggero
Building Principal

March 16, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations! Your child has reached an important time in their High School Journey, the Junior Prom. The 2026 Junior Prom will be held at The Meadow Club on Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale Monday, March 23rd and the last day to purchase tickets will be on Thursday, March 26th. The price of the ticket will be \$120.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased during lunch periods or directly from Mrs. Garofola in room 315.

Please review the following guidelines, along with a permission slip to be signed, indicating that you have read this letter and are aware of the information provided. Students must present this signed slip in order to purchase prom tickets. Cash or a check made payable to *Earl L. Vandermeulen High School* will be accepted as payment methods for purchasing a ticket.

All Prom attendees are expected to attend school for a minimum of half the school day on Thursday April 23, 2026. Students who are not in attendance for half the school day, (periods 1-4) will not be permitted to attend the Prom. Also, guests of the Junior Class must provide photo identification at the time of ticket purchase as well as a signed permission slip.

All attendees are expected to provide transportation to and from The Meadow Club. Students are encouraged to arrive on time. Prom attendees will not be permitted to arrive after 6:30 pm. Before entering the prom, students will be required to check in with a staff member at a designated location. Any guests who are not students of Port Jefferson School District must fill out the attached form. **Out of district students who do not hand in this form will not be permitted to attend the prom.** Once inside, no student is permitted to leave the interior premises before 9:30 pm.

As always, we expect our students and their guests to abide by our policy concerning the use of alcohol and other behavior-altering substances at school-sponsored events. In an effort to reduce any potential conflicts, all prom attendees' bags will be checked prior to entry at The Meadow Club. In accordance with our Board of Education Policy 5312.5, a student may be subject to a breathalyzer if he or she is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol. If a student is caught in possession of any substances or confirmed to be under the influence of any behavior-altering drug or alcohol, parents will be notified and asked to pick up their child from the prom. Additional consequences will be imposed for any student found in violation of the district's substance use/abuse policy, including, but not limited to, five days out-of-school suspension.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to an enjoyable evening!

Sincerely,
John Ruggero
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Principal

Jeanette Garofola and Tara Sladek-Maharg
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Class of 2027 Co-Advisors



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Junior Prom 2026 Permission Slip

Member of the Junior Class

I have read the above correspondence and understand that if my child's behavior is such that he/she must be sent home, I will be notified by a school representative and am responsible for picking him/her up from The Meadow Club.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Parent Name (Please Print)

 Student Signature

 Student Name (Please Print)

 Date

 Telephone Number

Guest (if not a member of the Junior Class)

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Out of District Permission Slip

I, _____, plan on attending Earl L. Vandermeulen High School's Junior Prom on Thursday, April 23, 2026. I plan on attending with

 Earl L. Vandermeulen High School Student's Name

By signing below, I promise to abide by the Earl L. Vandermeulen High School Code-of-Conduct.

_____ Student's Current High School	_____ Student's Age	_____ Student's Grade Level
_____ Student's Signature	_____ Date	

By signing this permission slip, I verify that the above student is an upstanding student with no disciplinary issues.

_____ Administrator Name/Title	_____ Administrator Signature
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By signing this permission slip, I give permission for the above child to attend the Earl L. Vandermeulen High School Junior Prom.

_____ Parent/Guardian – Print Name	_____ Parent/Guardian – Signature
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Emergency Contact Number