

Prom Royalty: Traditions, Trends, and More!

Prom night has evolved a lot over the years. The focus of past Proms has been on romance and a full Prom Court with a King, Queen, Princes, and Princesses.

While some of those traditions are still around, Prom night is transforming into an evening that focuses more on friends, fun, and lots of long-lasting memories.

Here's a quick look at some ways your school can keep transforming those traditions for contemporary teenagers.

Royal Court and Coronation

- Instead of crowning a King and Queen, use titles that are gender-neutral, like "Class Monarchs"
 - Use other titles for your Prom Court so more students are included.
Examples listed are in royal rank order!
 - Prince & Princess
 - Duke & Duchess
 - Marquis & Marchioness
 - Count & Countess
 - Baron & Baroness
 - Lord & Lady
 - Encourage a more informal dress code, so students won't feel they need to spend a lot on a tux or gown
 - In addition to the Court, add casual titles on Prom night (Best Dancer, Best Prom Hair, etc.) and announce results at Coronation or during the dance
- Involve more students by having 1-2 student presenters crown each royalty title at Coronation
 - Have your Class Comedian(s) emcee your Coronation
 - Ask artistic students to create art pieces to display on the Coronation stage
 - Arrange for freshman or sophomore singers to perform at your Prom coronation

Models are wearing:

MCE0010 Pippa Tiara
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Twilight in the Garden



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A Classic Tradition

A Grand March is an opportunity for your school and students to offer parents, family, friends, and community members a magical glimpse of your Prom night.

Student couples and groups of students get to show off their Prom gowns, tuxedos, or other special looks on a Grand March runway, red carpet, or unique set-up. Your G.M. can be held in a school auditorium, gymnasium, or another large area that can hold a lot of people.

Formal, Fun, and More

A high school Grand March doesn't have to be fancy. It can be as formal or informal as you want it to be.

- Sell or hand out glow jewelry to the crowd.
- Roll out a red "carpet" using red background paper.
- Add upbeat songs to your G.M. playlist so there is less focus on romance.
- Hand out swag bags to students at the end

Come Together

Prom night, Grand March, and related activities are exciting for everyone from graduating Seniors to parents to community members. Try a few of these ideas to include as many people as possible.

- Have student singers and/or musicians from each grade perform a song at Grand March.
- Select underclassmen to operate G.M. spotlights.
- Ask students to announce each couple or group during your G.M.
- Contact local businesses about participating and/or sponsoring your school's Grand March.

Fundraising Opportunity

Your Grand March is great way to raise some extra funds. Charge \$1 for admission.

Tree Separates & Topiaries

Professional-quality cherry blossom trees & topiaries are great G.M. focal points. They are also easy to assemble, store, and reuse.

Chandeliers

Display Chandeliers in your Grand March space. They create hanging focal points and can add light and/or prism effects.

Decorating Fabrics

Use Fabrics of all kinds for your G.M. Hang fabrics from the ceiling or bunch gossamer on the floor to create a path.

Metal Separates

Industrial-quality Metal Separates are great for a G.M. Use arches and gazebos for the walk, and benches for a photo op.

Lighting

Lighting is an important part of a Grand March. Mini lights, special effects machines, and spotlights all help you to set the perfect ambiance.

Background Paper

Large rolls of background paper can be used in multiple ways for your Grand March. Cover walls quickly or create unique pathways.



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