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OLA MID SCHOOL DANCE POLICY

This document serves to remind the 7th and 8th graders of appropriate behavior and to let the 6th graders know what will be expected of them at our school dances.

First, dances are a privilege, not an entitlement. Mr. Kaiser has graciously allowed our school to have four (4) dances per year: *Back to School*, *Christmas*, *Valentine*, and *End of Year*. Times and dates are to be determined. Dances at our school to help “socialize” the mid schoolers and get them prepared for expected behaviors (socially and administratively) in high school. School dances positively enhance their mid school years and help them become more confident upon entering high school for social interaction.

Rules for OLA students:

- Appropriate clothing – Since this is a school function, reasonableness applies. If you wouldn't wear the outfit to school or church, it shouldn't be worn to a dance. No baggy or torn jeans/pants. No short skirts/shorts. No gang-related clothing. No baseball hats. No excessive make-up.
- No outside guests
- No grinding or “dirty” dancing
- No alcohol or drugs before, during, or after your school function
- No fighting
- No cussing
- No inappropriate affectionate behavior
- Students may not leave the gym (go out of any door) once dropped off by parents until parents pick them up.
- Dance
- Have fun
- Students not following the above, will be asked to call parents for immediate pick-up and could result in inability to attend future dances at OLA.

Rules for Parents:

- Make sure your student is appropriately dressed for the dance.
- Go over the rules with your student and ensure they understand them.
- Pick student up **promptly** at the end of the dance.
- Encourage your student to dance and have a good time.

We are always in need of six adult chaperones (must be at least 18 years of age) per dance; however, as with anything involving children, you must have taken the Sexual Abuse class offered by the Archdiocese. (Please ensure your certification is on file in the school office, which will be checked.) Chaperoning entails arriving early to set up Angels Snack Shop,

working the door, working the snack shop, and cleaning up (if you chaperone, you MUST stay to clean up). You must sign up in advance to chaperone.

We can always use donations of food to sell at the Angels Snack Shop. We always need (but are not limited to) pizza (Sam's or Costco), nacho chips, canned cheese, frozen giant pretzels, tons of soda, ice, coolers, candy, tic tacs, and whatever else you think the kids would like to eat at the dance. We also could use donations of glow-in-the-dark items (necklaces, bracelets, rings, etc.), which can be found at Party City.

Admission is always \$5 per student. We have a fantastic DJ who gives OLA a significant discount on our functions, and the kids seem to like his music. The parents love him too because he doesn't play anything obscene and will actually refuse if the students ask him to do so. We typically sell the above items requested for reasonable prices (pizza \$1.50/slice, coke .75/can, candy .75/bar, glow-in-the-dark items \$2, etc.).

If you have any questions regarding the dances or would like to chaperone or donate, please contact Michele at 899-4471 (home), 220-6675 (cell), or ad@olacs.org.