

Dear Wheaton Academy Parents,

It is hard to imagine that we are already discussing our Christmas activities! Our students have had an amazing series of events this year: The Connect Retreats, The Glow Dance, Homecoming, football, and soccer games, to name a few. Today, we wanted to give you some important information about our next Student Council event. Once again, we will celebrate the Christmas season nearby in Downtown St. Charles.

The Christmas Gala will be held on Friday, December 8, at the Hotel Baker on the river in St. Charles. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 10:00 p.m. The evening will include a variety of food offerings for a full dinner. There will also be dancing, photo opportunities, and Christmas giveaways. It will be a night for the students and faculty to build friendships and community in a safe and fun setting. Students can be dropped off at 7:00 p.m. and picked up at the hotel at 10:00 p.m. Also, there is a parking garage for students driving that evening.

Tickets for this event will be \$70.00 per student and will be sold November 16, 17, 20, & 21 in the Atrium during lunch. Push-Coin will be available for payment. Please note that tickets will only be available on those dates and not at the door. Due to the overwhelming attendance last year and the space limitations, this event will be for Wheaton Academy students only. It is our hope that every Wheaton Academy student who wants to attend would be able to do so.

At Wheaton Academy, we strive that all students can have fun at our student events. With that mindset, we offer a variety of activities, so all students are comfortable attending our events. We encourage them to come with friends since a date is not required, and for those who wish to bring a date, they may certainly do so.

The dress for this evening is formal attire. Many of our students requested an evening of formal dress, and with that in mind, we ask you to partner with us to ensure students dress appropriately for this event. We understand that fashion trends sometimes make it challenging as we seek to help students choose their attire. We ask that you, as parents, would help all students make modest choices and allow everyone to enjoy themselves without the distractions that can come from fashion choices drawing undue attention. Boys can wear sport coats, suits, or tuxes if desired. We ask girls to wear dresses with straps (one shoulder is acceptable), and that dresses be floor length or below the knee (not the cocktail dress style). Thank you for partnering with us to make this a formal evening.

We are looking forward to a great event! Please don't hesitate to contact anyone on the Student Life Team with questions.

Sincerely,

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