

SENIOR POSTPROM MAY 22ND FROM 11pm to 3am



When is PostProm? The Senior After-Prom party is held directly following the Senior Prom.

What is PostProm? This event is sponsored by your Wheaton PTSA and supported by WHS administration. The goal of the event is to allow our students to continue their Prom night with their fellow students in a safe, fun, substance-free environment. The party is free to seniors with prom tickets and \$10 for those who do not attend Prom. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance.

This year's event will be held at Launch Trampoline Park in Rockville. In addition to the activities offered at Launch we will also offer raffle prizes, depending on the success of our fundraising, we hope to include a \$50 cash give-away every 15 minutes, and additional prizes such as a TV, Air Pods, shower speakers, gift cards, etc., as well as two additional activities to include an onsite airbrush tattoo artist and a photo booth. The more we have to offer our students the more likely they will be to attend. We want to provide our/your students a fun-filled night that will generate great memories for them.

Why attend PostProm? Statistics show roughly a third of alcohol-related teen traffic fatalities occur during the peak of prom season. An, AAA survey of teens aged 16 to 19 found that 41% said it was likely that they or their friends would use drugs or alcohol on prom night. Despite the fact that more teens are involved in fatal traffic accidents related to alcohol during prom season, the majority of high school students don't seem to recognize how dangerous it actually is.

AAA also found 84% of teens surveyed said their friends would be more likely to get behind the wheel after drinking than to call home for a ride and another 22% said they'd ride in a car with someone who was impaired instead of calling their parents. The majority of teens who drink are downing substantially more on prom night. According to Liberty Mutual, 54% of teens who admitted to drinking during or after the prom said they consumed four or more alcoholic beverages.

And last, but by no means least, students feel pressured at Prom to do what they normally might not do. Data from Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Chrysler found that nearly 75% of teens felt pressured to use alcohol while another 49% said their friends encouraged them to try drugs during prom.

Why not host my own party? Understand your potential CRIMINAL LIABILITY under MD law:

- An adult who allows an underage drinker to consume, or even possess, alcohol in their home can be held criminally liable and subject to a fine of up to \$2,500 for the first offense and \$5,000 for the second.
- Add up to a year in prison if that underage drinker climbs behind the wheel and injures or kills someone.
- Not going to provide the alcohol yourself? The law says you're still liable if a guest brings it in!
- Read the full text of MD House Bill 409, effective October 1, 2016 and dubbed [Alex and Calvin's Law](#).

Donate and/or Volunteer! Wheaton PTSA raises the money needed to host this event. Along with school administration, PTSA volunteers also support the logistics of the event. We expect to host 250+ students this year. To date we have raised just over \$6,000, we need \$8,000 to allow us to provide an option for transportation from prom to postprom, a photo booth, tattoo artist and raffle prize. You may make a direct donation and sign-up to volunteer tonight or check the Signup Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0449adac2ca5fc1-wheaton4>, the Amazon Wish List link https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/dkSpqZW?ref=wl_share and the PTSA webpage <https://wheatonptsa.org/>. We need your support for PostProm to be successful. Our suggested donation is \$20.20 but amounts smaller or larger are all welcome, everything helps. Cheques can be delivered to the school office, please clearly mark the cheque and envelope "Wheaton HS PTSA-PostProm". All financial contributions need to be noted for "PostProm".

Schedule of PostProm fundraising events:

Direct Donation, as noted above.

Launch Trampoline, March 27th from 8pm-10pm – 25% of proceeds will be donated if we have 75+ students attend.

Senior Student and Staff Basketball Game, date TBD – 100% of ticket sales will be donated.

If you have any questions please contact gillianehey@gmail.com