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## Breaking with Tradition

### Junior Class opts to add a new dimension with a new location for 2012 Prom

Tradition has always played an important role at PHS, and more particularly for upperclassmen.

In recent years, Prom has been held in the D. E. "Swede" Chambers Gymnasium and the night of dancing and bonding with classmates is shared in the space of the cafeteria. This location left plenty of space for decorations, seating and breathing room.

This year though, students and staff members in charge of planning the big event, have made some changes.

Rather than use the upper gym and cafeteria, Prom will be held in the auxiliary gymnasium, both balcony and floor, and the

entryway to the auditorium.

"This year Prom is moving to the auxiliary gymnasium for the first time simply to explore different venues that our school and its most recent construction projects have to offer," said Prom co-sponsor and art teacher Chris Jones.

A lot of students who have heard about the changes are and some not as happy with the new change.

"Last year there was a lot of room because we had the gym and the cafeteria, so I don't know how different it will be," said senior Erin Sneed.

But according to those in charge, Prom-goers really have nothing to worry about.

"Lots of students

think it will be too small but I think it will work out perfectly," said junior Class President Shelby Waynick.

The structure of the auxiliary gymnasium could also help the space factor.

"It gives the students much more space. The lobby area is a nice place to utilize for setting up," said Principal Casey Brewster.

The students will

also be able to enjoy being together with their classmates a little more.

"Everyone will be in one area and people won't be off by themselves. The decorations will be awesome and it will be romantic," said Waynick.

The idea of something different has stirred some questions, but it is not as big of a deal as some portray.

"I don't know if we will know what the benefits of the new location will be until we have actually held a Prom in that location. The plans that (Prom co-sponsor Lila) Tucker has allowed for a lot of variety this year with the placement of the DJ, props and so on," said Jones.

Another question that students speculate is why not have Prom in a different location off-campus? There are many reasons for this.

"The School Board has an official position on the Prom being held here, on the PHS campus. One of the reasons is for safety. The Prom being here eliminates the need for kids to drive long distances to go out for dinner and then on to the location where Prom is being held," said Jones.

What this means is that if prom were held in another location, food would not be provided, and students would have to go out of their way in order to arrive there as well as eat.

Another difference would be that having Prom in a different location would not have the same atmosphere as having it in our own school.

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