

AFTER PROM PARTY A GOOD CHOICE FOR SAFETY

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On May 12, Northfield High School will hold its prom. Formal gowns, tuxedos, flowers, dining and dancing with classmates make for great memories. It is important to protect those memories after the prom is over.

With a goal of ensuring the night ends safely, the parents of the junior class and Jesse James Lanes will again host an after prom party at Jesse James Lanes. From Midnight to 3 a.m. Juniors and Seniors from the Northfield High School and the ALC along with their pre-approved guests are invited to attend. Those who attend can enjoy time with classmates, bowling, games, prize drawings, food, and soft drinks. The party is open to students eligible to attend prom but who do not, and still want to hang out with friends at the after party.

Students may arrive between midnight and 1 a.m. The party is not a lock in, but once students leave they cannot return. Attendees must be present to win the drawings.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that approximately 300 teens die each year in prom night alcohol-related car accidents. Staying off the road and away from alcohol is the best way to avoid becoming a statistic.

After prom parties come highly recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and other advocates for safety. The low cost of \$5 makes this party an excellent choice for inexpensive, safe, late night entertainment.

Most adults have fond memories of our prom experiences. Please encourage the current generation of prom goers to have a good experience and protect their memories with a safe after party. The party at Jesse James Lanes is a great way to protect those memories and for all involved to have a safe prom night.