

# DRESSED TO IMPRESS

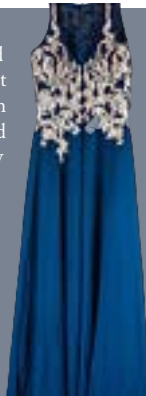
Students explain why they chose their prom dresses

"I wanted something unique. Not to be quirky and different but I didn't want my dress to be something that everybody else had. My favorite thing about it is that I got it from a small business on Etsy. He custom made it to fit me [and] I asked for different sleeves and he was able to do that. It was just really nice to get the exact dress that I wanted. [This year] I want to go for something purple because that's my favorite color but I want it to make a statement."



Katelyn Irizarry, 12

"I chose [this dress] mainly because I liked the style and the color and that it wasn't white or black and it was kind of in between. It's a pretty cool experience and it's a lot of fun to dress up and get fancy with your friends. For senior year, I'm going to get a red prom dress that's either silk or satin. It will probably be a similar fit [as my junior year dress] on the top part but for the skirt part maybe a little more stiff so I don't step on it."



Sophia Camps, 12

# PROM ON FILM

Senior finds a new way to capture old traditions



Lowe

Dancing the night away, being with friends, and making lifelong memories during prom is a moment people wait years in advance for. However, not many focus on actually capturing the experience. For **Jameson Lowe**, 12, prom was an opportunity to put his photo skills to the test. Lowe enjoys taking pictures with his mom's old film camera rather than digitally. "I feel like just taking a photo on your phone isn't really that interesting anymore," Lowe said.

For Lowe, taking photos of prom on his film camera is important to him because he wants to be able to create and share moments from prom night for his friends to have in the future, just like his parents did years ago.

"I've seen my parents' prom photos. Everyone has a memory from highschool that they talk to [their] kids about," Lowe said.

For Lowe, using a film camera is special, not only because of the quality of the photos, but also because of the method used to obtain the images.

"Everyone has a million photos on [their] phone. You can take a picture at any time on your phone and you're automatically gonna have that photo, right? When you take film and then develop it a month later, you don't exactly remember everything, and then you get to relive the experience again, relive the memories," Lowe said.

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### DANCE FLOOR BONDS:

(left) As she dances with her best friends, **Julia Galbally**, grad, enjoys one of the biggest nights of her senior year of high school. "Prom is my favorite night of the year. I love being able to dance and sing with my friends," Galbally said; photo by g. mortellaro



### MAKING MEMORIES:

(left) **Sophia Villacres**, 12, smiles at her boyfriend as she dances with him. "I was feeling really happy and just having a fun time," Villacres said; photo by g. mortellaro

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER:

(left) **Carter Adams**, 12, and his girlfriend, **Bridget Pritchard**, 12, dance to a slow song. "I remember this moment because it was good and it was a fun night," Adams said; photo by g. mortellaro



**HYPED WIN:** **Brendan Breen**, 12, celebrates his announcement as the 2023 prom king. "It was a really cool feeling and to win it with one of my best friends was even better," Breen said; photo by g. mortellaro