

Miramonte HS Junior Prom: Arabian Nights

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Prom. It's a dinner, it's a dance; and to many, it is a rite of passage. A formal and extravagant event, Prom has always symbolized high school spirit and is traditionally the most memorable event of those four years. This spring, Miramonte High School's Junior Prom for the class of 2009 will serve as a fun filled and luxurious take on the classic "big night out".

Planning for the Miramonte Junior Prom began right off the bat with the selection of a location in September 2007. The Miramonte Junior Prom has traditionally been an on-campus event, but due to the increased use of the school gym for other purposes as well as fire regulations and the extent of the parent volunteer commitment, changes have been put into play. Just last year, the on-campus chain was broken and the Prom was held on an off-campus sight for the first time. The success of the location was such that this year's Prom will also be held off-campus. The student officers of the Junior Prom committee agreed that it was of utmost importance to find a space that would hold all four-hundred and twenty expected guests in one room, both for a formal sit-down dinner and, of course, for dancing. After researching several sights, the student committee settled on the Golden Gate Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel in Concord, due to its convenient East Bay location (a School District requirement).

This past December, the Jun-



Junior Class Officers Colin Cramer (Vice President), Stacey Rosenzweig (Treasurer), Nika Saki (President), and Emily Rhodes (Secretary) research the best options to use for the Miramonte Junior Prom Photo submitted

ior Prom student committee met once again to continue discussion of the Prom. The theme was decided, after consideration of a variety of choices, to be Arabian Nights, a theme that allows for great entertainment, decorations and music, as well as a fabulous menu.

The Miramonte Junior Prom for the class of 2009 will take place on May 3, 2008. Students will arrive on campus, and be transported to the Hilton in ten luxury coach buses—and then the night begins. The formal three-course sit-down dinner will consist of a Middle Eastern inspired menu, beginning with a Mediterranean Salad and Chicken Kabobs, which will be followed by a Tuxedo Truffle Mousse Cake. A soda and juice bar

will be available all night long for the convenience of the guests. Students will enjoy not only the typical DJ dance, but also entertainment from an Arabian Princess Character, Tarot and Palm readers, and even Belly Dancers.

Invitations will be sent to each Junior Class student on April 7th for the May 3rd event. Tickets may be purchased from the Miramonte Web Store for eighty dollars; an expense that includes transportation, dinner, dancing, and entertainment.

The Junior Class Student Prom Committee has, with the help of generous parent volunteers, ensured that the members of the Miramonte Junior Class experience what will surely be a night to remember.