

Protocol Talk

Girls 9:10-9:35

- Details you need to remember:
 - Barber park is 45 min from the school: plan for plenty of time.
 - You must enter by Boise Ave. as the bridge across the Boise River is closed.
 - Starts at 5:30 and ends at 10pm
 - Picture booth will be there from 5:30 to 6:30
 - Bring \$1 for Mock tails (first is free, then they cost \$1 after that)

- What is Protocol?
 - A feast and a celebration!
 - A place where we practice manners and “Protocol”: we intentionally try to create a situation where you have to act formally:
 - Formal Dress
 - Formal Dinner
 - Formal Entertainment

- Expectations: When there is a night that we spend a lot of time prepping for: we do our hair, get an expensive dress, we want it to be a good time.
 - What are your expectations for what you want on a night like this?
 - Maybe:
 - A good escort (what makes a good escort)
 - Get asked to dance (how can you help yourself)

 - Do you ever feel like these kinds of nights are kinda like luck? Like it is not in your control whether you will have a good time?
 - **What is in your control on a night like tonight? HOW YOU TREAT THE BOYS**
 - If you make it your goal to give them a great night, you will not be disappointed! And if that is also their goal, you will both be happy! This is kinda the basis for all relationships! Practice now!

 - **What can you do to make the night great for the boys?**
 - Just because you cannot ask guys to dance does not mean that you are passive! How can YOU be an **interesting escort?**
 - Remember that our goal is always to live **self sacrificially**: Christianity does not take a break for protocol
 - Be aware of your **body language**. I make the 7th girls graders say things like, “I am delighted to dance with you.” Because they need to practice responding properly.
 - Consider your facial expressions
 - Consider how you stand and where you stand at the dance
 - Work on being an interesting partner.

- Conversation
 - The best manners lie in our conversation but at protocol it is a challenging situation:

- Sometimes you are will someone who is really quiet (or maybe you are really quiet)
 - Maybe they are 4 years younger than yourself)
 - **Think of someone you know who is fun to talk to. What do they do that makes them interesting?**
 - We can give you conversation tips all day long, but in the end you need to have the right attitude toward conversations: **fully engage in the needs of the person** but also being creative
 - Conversation skills have **NOTHING to do with introvert and extrovert**. Do not make this your excuse
 - In conversation: **ask questions and give answers that promote conversation (don't kill it)**
 - Example 1:
 - "So where did you grow up?"
 - "Boise"
 - "Do you like Boise or do you imagine moving away from here?"
 - "Staying here"
 - Example 2:
 - "So where did you grow up?"
 - "On the north end in Boise. I loved that area. We spent all our time exploring the hills and nearly drowning ourselves in the canals. I cannot imagine letting my kids do what we did. "
 - "I know what you mean that reminds me of this time when we were kids and decided to carve our names on every wooden surface we could find. I sliced my thumb and started bleeding profusely and...."
 - People love to tell stories: enjoy telling them but also enjoy listening to them
 - People connect over things they love, hate, fear, look for: basically strong emotion.
- Manners: This is a formal evening so what are some of the ways we can be more aware of our actions than other nights?
 - Soup: Scoop away from you
 - Napkin: on your lap
 - Sit with your elbows off the table
 - Chew in a manner that is not gross. (Maybe eat in front of a mirror sometime and observe your chewing. Ha ha)
 - Forks: remember to use the outside fork first: Salad forks are smaller than the entree fork and are always on the outside
 - Gentleman: offer to get the ladies drinks, offer to push in their chair
 - Dress (women only)
 - Remember to turn in your forms
 - Make us all feel comfortable

Boys: (9:40-9:55)

- Boys!
 - These are the cold hard facts: There are **123** people going to protocol and **57** of them are male. This means most of you will have two gals
 - **First escort** is with you class: make sure you attend on either side at the table
 - **Second is random.** You will dance the grand march with both your ladies and also the entertainment.
 - **Entertainment is fine music.** There will be some jazz pieces. Consider dancing to them?
- From your time with Mr. Tucker, what do you think the girls expect from you on Protocol Night?
 - **Three lessons:**
 - Act excited and interested: you don't like it when a girl gives a look (why do we do this anyway?)
 - Ask questions but also talk: girls like to have deep conversations frankly (example of Ian and I)
 - Realize that when a girl is quiet it is not about you, it is often her own insecurity. How can you help?
- What can you do to make their night a wonderful experience?