

AHS Prom Night to be 100% Ghost-Free Zone, Teachers Say

Coverage from Asheville, NC,
BUNCOMBE COUNTY — The city of Asheville is known throughout WNC for its vibrant tourist economy, unique local culture, and exclusive daytime haunts. But one part of the city regularly experiences a different sort of haunt. Asheville High School, just south of downtown, is home to a slew of bizarre activity—paranormal and otherwise.

The school's upcoming prom, which has been scheduled for Saturday, May 31st, since "before time" is likely to have "at least one ghost," according to Ceramics teacher and prom co-coordinator Nichole Davis. "It's hard to say. Hopefully zero ghosts, but we've put up the rune tablets and the signs that say 'no ghosts please!' just in case," says Davis from her office in the ceramics studio.

Ever since the school's founding in 1920, strange things have been afloat at Asheville High.

Current Junior, Alion Brevan, comments on the school's reputation: "I'd be the first to admit that strange things happen here, but my friends—most people, I think, just ignore it."

Brevan manages to maintain consistent eye-contact during her statement while keeping a firm grasp on her AP Biology textbook, which is chewing some sort of rodent.

Most Asheville High students seem to be of a similar mind, though few deny the existence of the strange happenings. "It's a little hard to focus on midterms when there's a blood-rime ceremony going on across the hall," declares sophomore Eliot Stein. "Or when the scantron becomes sentient and goes on a murderous rampage. That happened in AP Gov."

In the midst of all this every-day chaos, the big season-ending football game between Asheville High and AC Reynolds is set for May 31st. "Come out and see the game!" says Tad Duncan, Associate Principal of Asheville High. "The band will be performing Bohemian Rhapsody at half time and the Vending Machine

from the Counseling Center will deliver a special prophecy! Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults." The football game, the fulfillment of a pact sealed in blood by the Counsel of Endless Ruptures at the founding of the universe, is sure to be fun for the whole family.

Current senior Grace Saracova reflects on the last end-of-the-season playoff: "It was a complete disaster. Whoever put the bonobos in charge of concessions—I don't know why they thought that was a good idea."

"It could have been worse," adds her classmate Erbin Eikleheimer, "the year before that, the Theatre Department was doing *She Kills Monsters* and Ms. Breland thought it'd be a good idea, like for realism, to summon *actual* monsters. She was going to summon Tiamat, but I think everyone is glad we stopped after the bugbears got loose."

This year's festivities, however, are sure to be just as interesting—the big game has been prophesied to be host to a number of otherworldly entities who have been RSVPed to the event for millennia. "Even the nameless deity that lives at the end of the endless hallway on the SILSA floor is planning to make an appearance," says Joshua Keever, student president of the Endless Hallway Appreciation Club. "Also, stop by our joint bake sale with GSA on Thursday. We're fundraising for specific items!"

Keever declined to answer any questions concerning the nature of the items or the location of the bake sale. When pressed for comment, Keever hummed a perfect middle C and slid slowly backwards into the infinite hallway.

Amid the excitement, there is still some skepticism about whether or not this Spirit Week will be successful. Amy Scoonover, Physics teacher and faculty co-coordinator of the prom committee, is worried about the potential for paranormal interruption of this year's prom. "Ms. Davis might not have mentioned it, but the theme this year is the 1920s in honor of the hundredth

anniversary of the founding of Asheville High. Because of that, there is a chance we might attract confused spirits, spectrally overcrowding the courtyard,” Scoonover says as she staples a piece of meat to the wall. “Prom is something juniors and seniors can look forward to towards the end of the year, not something for long-dead nostalgic alums.”

When asked about the meat, Scoonover explains: “It’s for science!” The Physics teacher then abruptly joins two exposed wires together and vanishes in a blast of green sparks.

“Ms. Scoonover has been co-coordinator of the Prom Committee for as long as anyone can remember,” says Alion Brevan, holding the other end of the wire. “She’s got a lot of experience and I think everyone is looking forward to a fantastic prom this year.”