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Prom 2019: Students Celebrate a Night to Remember

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-Junior Casey Tunney**

On Saturday May 11th, PR held one of the biggest nights of the year: prom.

Getting ready for the night was just one of the many exciting aspects of this annual celebration.

The day for most girls started early since it took them longer to get ready than it does for the guys.

“It took me about two hours to get ready,” said junior Casey Tunney.

Meanwhile, senior Ian Koebnick said it took him about ten minutes to get ready.

After getting ready for the dance, students said they took the time to take pictures at their houses or the most popular spot for several prom-goers: Treedale Country Club.

Soon after that, over 500 students started arriving at the high school around 5:45pm to start waiting in line for their bus ride.

The bus ride took about 30 minutes to arrive at Heinz Field. Once students got off the bus, they found their assigned tables and talked with

others as they waited for dinner.

“Food wasn’t bad,” senior Tyler Szelc said.

Once everyone was done eating, students started making their way to the dancefloor or other locations since there was more to do than just dance.

There was corn hole, a photobooth and even caricature drawings provided by the Art Department.

The dance floor filled up fast with a lot of students. Hours and hours of dancing and talking quickly flew by and the dance was quickly over. For some students it was their very first prom and for some it was their last.

“I had fun for my first prom,” Tunney said.

“It was pretty good; I had a good time,” said Szelc.

Tunney said, “My favorite part about prom was definitely the dancing.”

On the bus ride home, some students fell asleep and others wished the night never ended.

**Photos provided by John Madia Photography.*



FEATURES

A Title is In Jeopardy *Game Show Contestant On Track to Make Millions*

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Every weeknight from 7-7:30, a nationwide classic airs on NBC. For decades, Alex Trebek has entertained viewers with his game show, Jeopardy! The show is based on trivia and knowledge and players earn money for answering questions. Some questions are worth more, and others are worth less, but the game always ends with the contestants answering the same final question and wagering money in attempt to win big. Although Jeopardy! seems simple and straightforward, there is a surprising amount of strategy that must be utilized in order to come out on top.

Recently a pro gambler from Las Vegas has beat the odds and has come up with an impressive 21 game-winning streak on Jeopardy!. This gambler is James Holzhauer, and he has already surpassed Julia Collins, who racked up 20 consecutive wins in 2014, and David Madden who won 19 times in a row back in 2005. Holzhauer now has the second highest winning streak in history, losing out only to Ken Jennings, a legendary contestant who won a whopping 74 times in a row before losing. Holzhauer's winning streak is impressive on its own, but his unique strategy and style is what really makes him stand out from the rest.

As a gambler James feels attempts to make the most amount of money possible, and this can be seen in the way he plays. There are six different categories per round for two rounds. Each category has five trivia questions all varying in worth. Most players start with the lowest value in each category, and then they "feel out" each category to see what category they can make the most money in. Using this strategy is safe, logical, and effective, hence making it a popular way for a lot of contestants to play. However, it seems that Holzhauer has found a way to beat the common method. Instead of playing slow and getting a taste of each section, he goes straight to the more difficult and higher valued questions. By doing this, Holzhauer does not allow his opponents to feel out the categories and he usually has an astounding advantage on all other players by the time round two comes around.

He will surely break more records and become a legend, and when that happens, we will be able to say that we have witnessed game show history.

Holzhauer uses the same strategy in round two and he is always trying to find the daily double. At the end of the game the contestants all answer the same questions and wager whatever money they have, otherwise known as "Final Jeopardy." When Final Jeopardy roles around, Holzhauer uses his gambling experience to make a wager that adds thousands to his bank if he gets the question right, but also assures victory if his response is incorrect.

As smart and efficient as James's strategy may be, he is one of the only players that can pull it off. To be successful with this technique, the contestant must be wicked smart and able to come up with the right answer in milliseconds, something most players cannot do nearly as well as James.

With the use of his strategy, Holzhauer maximizes his money every time he plays, and he is setting records while doing it. James holds the record for the highest amount of money made in one day with \$131,127. He is also the fastest contestant to ever reach one million dollars, which he did in just 14 days. Holzhauer is also on track to surpass Ken Jennings in total winnings in the near future. In 2004, Jennings averaged \$34,064 per day, but James has more than double that with an average of \$76,601 per day. Holzhauer has made Jeopardy! watchable with his unique and unbeatable strategies. If his reign continues for a few more weeks, Holzhauer will surely break many more records and become a Jeopardy! legend and when that happens, we will be able to say that we have witnessed game show history.

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FYI

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY:

NHS will be hosting a Final Review Session after school on Wednesday, May 29th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Global Studies. Tutors will be on hand to help students study for a variety of classes including, but not limited to Chemistry, AP Euro, APUSH, Physics, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus German, Spanish, French, Biology, Geometry, Anatomy, and Computer Programming. You do not have to be in NHS to attend. All are welcome.

ATTENTION SENIORS: Be sure to check your PR-rams email account for an invitation to the senior recognition ceremony. The event will take place on June 5th at 7:00 p.m. An RSVP is required! Please complete the Google Form that is in the invitation.

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