

PROMPOSALS

A Senior Tradition

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With senior prom approaching, students at the Bay have begun to experience what is known as “promposals.” A promposal can be a grand gesture that a student may create or present to another student as a way to ask them out to prom. They are sometimes done with puns, inside jokes and gifts in order to personalize the act. For instance, senior Andrew Lewis proposed to his girlfriend after his lacrosse game. “Me and a few of my teammates ran over to the bleachers where all the fans waited for the players to come over,” Lewis said. “I held up a sign that said ‘I scored a few, can I score one more...’ while my friends had signs with big letters that spelled out ‘PROM?’”

Lewis said he put a lot of time and effort into this promposal, and spent an entire night going on multiple trips to Walmart in order to complete the arts and crafts portion of his plan. He said he wanted to try to do something unique and different with his promposal in comparison to the other ones he’d seen online.

“Usually, it is the fans who ask players to prom after a game, but I thought it would be cool to flip the script and surprise her

in the crowd when I was done playing,” Lewis said. “I spent the whole night coloring in the letters for ‘PROM?’”

Similarly, senior Nicholas Monterrubio also prepared and executed a promposal for his girlfriend in order to formally ask her to the Bay’s prom. Monterrubio did it on Passover, a Jewish holiday, using matzah bread.

“Since it was passover, I wrote ‘I can’t passover this opportunity

to ask you to prom’ on a piece of matzah,” Monterrubio said. “I did it because she is Jewish and was celebrating the holiday that day, so I thought the promposal would be a cool and fun idea.”

In regard to the preparation, Monterrubio said he did everything at home on his own. He bought matzah and taped the words onto the pieces of matzah. Monterrubio said the entire thing could be considered a success.

“She had no idea it was coming, but when I showed her, she laughed a lot,” Monterrubio said. “She went to go show her parents right after, and everyone loved it.”

Despite promposals’ alleged popularity, not everybody experiences these questions the same way. Peer Counseling teacher Jennifer Cook said she went to prom multiple times, but the gesture of asking someone to go to prom was very different when she attended high school.

“When I was in high school, it was very simple,” Cook said. “If you were a couple, then it was assumed that you would go together, and if you were not already dating them, you were likely just verbally asked.”

Cook said she finds promposals to be fun but dramatic. Promposals might be considered a modern trend most popularly utilized by Generation Z, so Cook said she does not relate.

“I tend to think promposals are a bit overkill or unnecessary,” Cook said. “But honestly, I might just think that because of my age and since things were done so differently when I was a teenager going to prom.”



GAME ON: Andrew Lewis scores a date to prom after promposing to his girlfriend at his lacrosse game.