



# PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL

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PHS Students and Families:

I am excited to announce that we will be hosting a PHS junior-senior in-person prom! I fully realize that students and parents alike have been awaiting news of this event. The circumstances surrounding the pandemic have created some challenges for an event like this to take place, but I believe we have a great plan. We have looked at many options around the area to find a venue that fits our needs. To meet the requirements for hosting a gathering during this time, I felt like we had to either limit attendance, or find a facility that gives us an “open-air” option. I am pleased to announce that we have an “open-air” option at White Path Creek Farms in Ellijay. This venue is situated on 51 acres of beautiful property and will serve our needs well. Specific event information will be made available soon. Here are the basic details:

**Date:** Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Location:** White Path Creek Farms | Ellijay, GA (24 miles from Downtown Jasper)

**Time:** 7:00 pm -10:00 pm (opens at 6:00 pm for photos)

**Dress:** Formal attire

**Tickets:** \$40 per person. Tickets will be sold to any enrolled junior or senior PHS student (in-person or virtual). Ticket holders are allowed to purchase a ticket for and bring a date who is either a PHS 9-12 enrolled student, a 9-12 student who attends another school (school administrative reference form required), or a graduated student (must be 20 years-old or younger).

I realize that it would have been ideal to host this event here in Pickens County and not have to drive north; however, there simply was not an available venue that could effectively serve our needs. It is my goal to provide a quality event and experience that our students will want to participate in and enjoy. I believe we have a great opportunity to make this happen. I was able to personally see the venue and property with the owner. We spent a couple of hours discussing the many details that must be considered for an event like this. He is excited to host us and provide a top-notch prom experience for the Dragon Nation. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at (706)253-1800 or through email at [chriswallace@pickenscountyschools.org](mailto:chriswallace@pickenscountyschools.org). Thank you in advance for your support of this event!

Kindest regards,

*Chris Wallace*