

**2011 Edina High School Senior Party
BODIES!!!!**

Everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask...

WHAT ARE THE BODIES?

The Bodies are part of the decorations for the senior class party. They have become a senior party tradition where the parents create a likeness of their child using a precut paper silhouette and “dress” it with photos and drawings and pictures that illustrate their child’s personality, activities, interests and/or future plans. This is a requirement for parents so that each child will have one. At the end of the party, the Bodies will be sent home with the kids. Examples of prior years’ Bodies can be seen at the warehouse and on the Edina Senior Party webpage.

WHAT IS THE BODY MADE OF AND HOW DO I GET ONE?

*Different styles of Bodies are traced onto fireproof paper -- a fire code requirement – and then cut into individual shapes. The fabulous Bodies Committee will do the tracing and initial cutting. Parents will go to the warehouse after **March 1** during warehouse open hours, pick a Body shape, sign their Body out, cut it out and decorate it. When done, parents will bring the Body back to the warehouse, sign it back in, and the Bodies Committee will take care of getting it hung in the hallway at the school for the night of the party.*

HOW AND WHERE DO I DECORATE/DRESS IT?

You can either decorate it at home – in secret so that your child doesn’t see it! Or, you can decorate it at the warehouse. The Bodies Committee will have space set up in the warehouse where you will be able to spread the Body out, paint it or glue things on etc. There will be specific hours when the warehouse is open and you can go in to work on the Body. You will need to bring your own paint, glue, photos, and other supplies if you want to decorate at the warehouse.

HOW DO I GET THE FACE TO LOOK LIKE MY CHILD?

If you are artistic or creative you can certainly draw your child’s likeness on the Body’s head area. However, most parents use one of their child’s senior pictures or take a photo of their child’s face and have it blown up to an 8-1/2 x 11 or 14-1/2” size photo and glue that to the Body. Some parents even take a full body picture of their child, blow it up to the size of the Body and simply paste that enlarged photo onto the Body cut out.

WHAT KINDS OF DECORATIONS CAN I USE FOR THE “DRESSING”?

The Body must be flat and lightweight and on the fireproof paper. It will be hung on the walls of the school with tape. You will want to decorate it to reflect your child’s interests and personality. You can use paint, markers, colored pencils or chalk (although you will then need a fixative to prevent smearing). You can then glue on photos, drawings, or magazine/poster cut outs. Be creative; many past Bodies have included photos or drawings of the following:

- favorite foods, fast food packaging or candy wrappers
- instruments, sports equipment, clothing or uniforms
- favorite vacation destinations, books or movies
- college names or mascots
- pets, friends, family members

DO NOT decorate with actual clothing or accessories, fabric or other “props” due to weight and fire code restrictions.

DO NOT laminate your Body.

(If your Body has actual clothing or fabric or is laminated we will not be able to hang it in the school!!!)

WHAT DO I DO WITH THE BODY ONCE IT’S DONE?

*Once you have completed decorating your Body, print your child’s full name on the back in PERMANENT marker. Carefully return the Body to the warehouse during one of the open times and check your Body back in. **ALL BODIES MUST BE RETURNED AND CHECKED IN TO THE WAREHOUSE BY MAY 20th.***

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact one of the Body Committee Chairs – Brigid Spicola (952-452-3778/bspicola@yahoo.com) or Karen Scofield (612-810-8538/craigscotland@earthlink.net).

INSTRUCTIONS

1. There are different Body styles to choose from. Select a cutout Body in the style you feel best suits your child.
2. Find the white 3-ring notebook that says "BODIES!!" on the front and find your child's name on the list.
3. Please write your name/initials and the date in the **check out** spot next to your child's name.
4. PRINT your child's first and last name IN PENCIL on the back of your selected Body cutout (that way if you make a mistake on one side you can use the other side).
5. If you are going to decorate at home - carefully roll the cutout up and take it home. Remember – it's a surprise so don't let your senior see it!
6. If you are going to decorate your Body at the warehouse please keep it and all your supplies in the space designated for Body decorating. You will need to bring all your own supplies and PLEASE BE NEAT!
7. Glue an 8-1/2x11" or 8-1/2x14-1/2" copy of your child's senior picture (or other picture of their face/head) onto your Body. When copying/enlarging the picture start with the biggest photo you have to ensure a good quality copy. Any copy service should be able to assist you in enlarging the picture. Remember some copy shops will not make a copy of a copyrighted picture so you may have to use a self-service machine.
8. Decorate your Body (see guidelines on reverse side).
9. PRINT your child's full name on the back of the completed Body in large, legible black PERMANENT marker.
10. Return your completed Body to the warehouse by **FRIDAY MAY 20**. To check your Body back in, find the 3-ring "BODIES!!" binder and initial/date in the **check in** spot next to your child's name. Place your Body CAREFULLY in the storage area.

General Do's & Don'ts:

- DO be creative.
- DO have fun.
- DO write your child's first and last name on the back of the body.
- DO be careful when cutting out your body – flimsy or barely attached limbs may rip off!
- DON'T laminate any part of your body!
- DON'T use 3-dimensional decorations/effects.
- DON'T attach/adhere it to any type of cardboard or foam board to stiffen it.
- DON'T let your senior see it!

Thank You!!