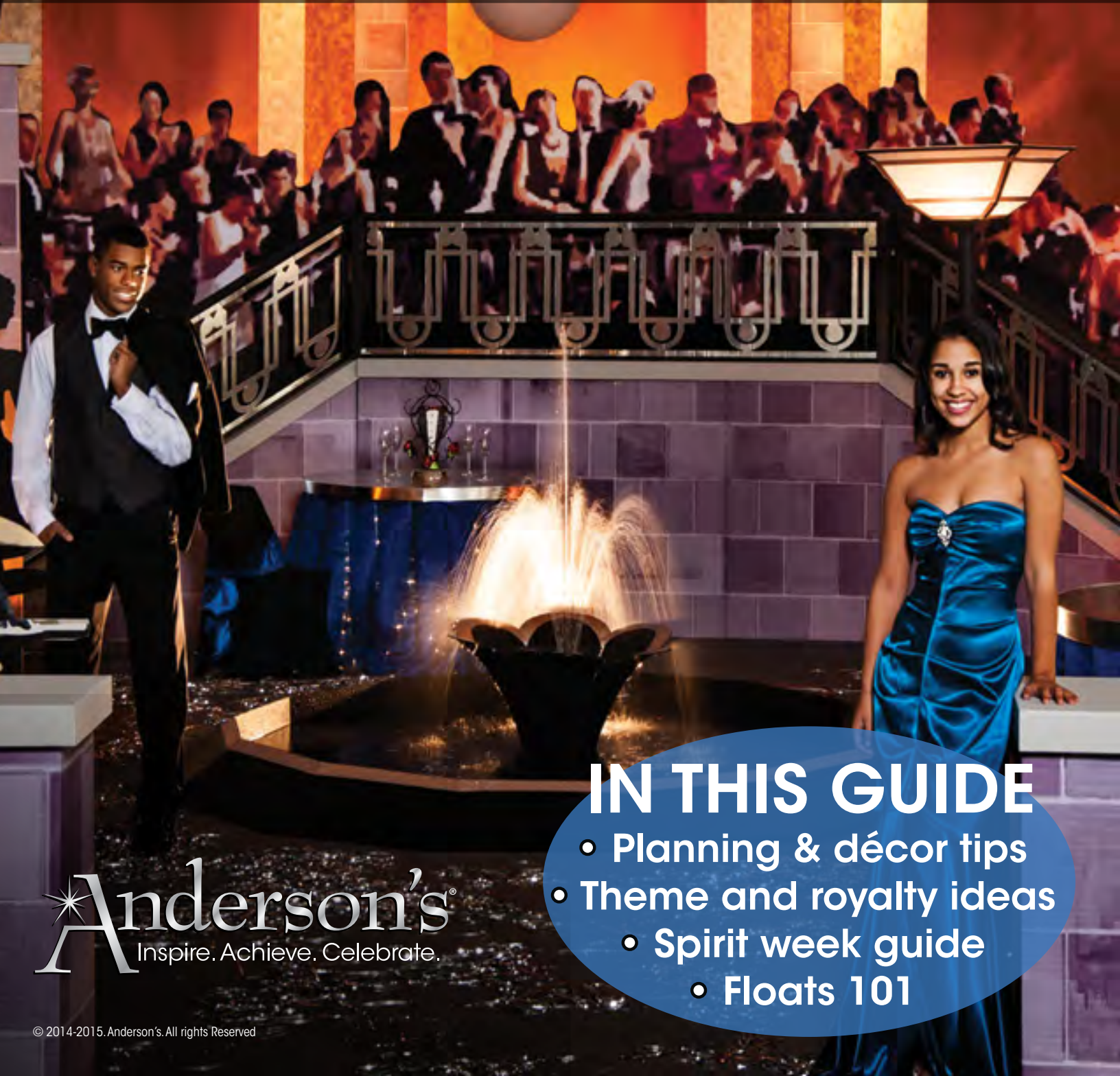


# ULTIMATE Homecoming Guide



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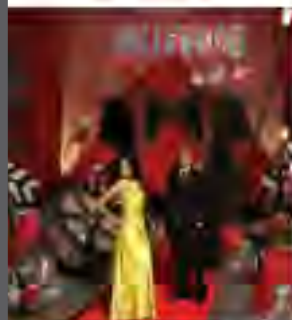
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# GET READY

## Choose A Homecoming Theme

Other facets of planning for homecoming relate to the Homecoming theme you pick: refreshments, entertainment, and of course decorations. A few of the most popular themes right now are:



Hollywood



Paris



Under the Sea



Masquerade



Casino Night

### Create a Timetable



### Build a Budget



### Fundraising

Work backwards from the set date to figure out what needs to be done and when.

Always keep a close eye on incoming, but don't be afraid to spend on supplies. Use our budget planning tool to keep \$\$ straight!

How much money do you need to raise? How are you going to do this? When do you need to start? [Anderson's fundraising guide](#) is a great place to start!

# GET SET!

## Pump Up the Spirit

The week before Homecoming is Spirit Week. Get everyone excited by planning different theme days throughout Spirit Week and scheduling Pep Rallies to gear up for the big game.

## King and Queen

Set up nomination boxes all over school in the places kids congregate. Don't forget to order tiaras, crowns, sashes, and scepters in advance.

## Decorations

Incorporating your school colors into the decorations is a great way to pump up spirit. Coordinating gossamer & crepe, centerpieces, and bunches of balloons will show your school's pride in your Homecoming tradition.

# GO!

**FUN** - Plenty of games and activities have the kids laughing and having a good time.

**MEMORABLE** - Having the photographer there for pictures will give guests the gift of lasting memories.

**SAFE** - Recruit parents as security, not to dampen the party spirit, but to be there if a problem arises.

# 8 HOT HOMECOMING THEMES



Every year, we create new Homecoming themes that you and your kids will love. This year, we have eight hot themes based on fun, new trends. If you choose one of these eight Homecoming themes, you are sure to make your Homecoming dance even more memorable for your kids.



## The Roaring '20s

Inspired by a certain Gatsby movie, the 1920s are very popular as a Homecoming dance theme right now.



## London Calling

A London-themed dance is an unexpected and fun choice for a foreign city Homecoming dance.



## Forever Frozen Night

Another theme inspired by a hit movie, this is a fun new take on a Winter Wonderland Homecoming.



## Formal Affair

It may sound like another ballroom theme, but this theme has something other themes don't have: mustaches, which are a huge trend right now.



## Le Grand Parc de Paris

Our new Paris theme features a moving carousel and Ferris Wheel. [Check out our video](#) to see this kit moving.



## A Night At the Museum

A museum Homecoming theme is perfect for any school that may be tired of red carpet, starry night, or garden Homecoming dance themes.



## Prom Dynasty

This is a very unique Homecoming theme your kids will love. It's based on a popular cable show with a similar sounding name.



## All That Jazz

This theme is modeled after Chicago, but it features a unique marquee. The "city name" and title can both be customized with your choice of text.

# FUN & FRESH ROYALTY IDEAS

Crowning Homecoming royalty is a tradition at many high schools, but that doesn't mean coronation has to be totally traditional. Think outside the tiara and change up your Homecoming coronation a bit with fun and modern twists that match your school's style.



## Fedoras For the King's Court

Want to keep your king traditional? Put him in a classic crown. Then, deck his court out in cool royal style with ultra-modern fedoras! It's a great way to mix traditional style with trendy flair. The guys will love how awesome they look.



## Light-up Homecoming Accessories

You want your Homecoming royalty to stand out. What better way to shine the spotlight on them than with fun light-up accessories, like crowns, tiaras, fedoras, and sashes? They are perfect for a glow theme or at the dance when the lights are low. Get everyone else in on the action as well by handing glow accessories, like necklaces and glow sticks at the pep rally, game or dance.



## Design-it-Yourself Sashes

Sashes are popular Homecoming royalty accessories. Add a fun new look by designing your own sashes that perfectly match your Homecoming theme. Choose a coordinating background and add your custom text to create a fun keepsake your court will love!



## Homecoming Royalty T-shirts

Have your royalty and/or royalty candidates design their own T-shirts to wear during coronation and the game. Be sure to have plenty of fabric paints, markers, sequins, feathers, glitter, and more on hand, so teens can get creative with their tees.



## Mustache Mania

Embrace the trend by incorporating mustaches into your Homecoming coronation traditions. Choose a mustache theme and add a mustache graphic to your full-color crowns and sashes. Be sure each member of the royal court (including the girls) has a stick-on mustache to wear during coronation. Take it one step further by handing out mustache favors at the game or dance.

# 5 WAYS TO DECORATE YOUR SCHOOL FOR HOMECOMING



Homecoming and spirit week are two of the best parts of the school year. Use these 5 decorating ideas to get your school ready to go for the big game.



## Posters

Display posters and signs throughout your school and at athletic events to recognize athletes and promote school spirit.



## Crowd Boards

Crowd boards are a great visual for fostering school spirit and can be used at sporting events and rallies.



## Banners

Make super-sized posters for the big game or event, featuring your schools colors and logo.



## Spirit Fence

Decorate your chain link fences with your school colors. Use put-in-cups in your school colors to spell your name, slogan, mascots, or a special cheer pawfence.



## Balloons

Balloons are a great way to show off your school colors and school spirit. On the day of your football game tie balloons with your school colors all around your school so the students and parents know that there is a big game that evening. You can also get custom printed balloons with your school name!

# HOMECOMING PARADE FLOATS 101



No Homecoming parade is complete without a variety of beautiful, fun or even zany floats. Here are a few float decorating materials essential to creating an exciting Homecoming float for this year's parade. Visit us online for more great parade float decorating ideas.



## Fringe

Drape fringe over the sides of your float bed base. Available in metallic, vinyl or tissue.



## Floral Sheeting

Create rich texture and color! Cover your entire float bed or wrap around poles or other float structures. Available in vinyl or metallic.



## Festooning

These garlands are a great accent to your homecoming float. Versatile and lightweight, festooning is perfect for edging and decorating. Available in metallic, vinyl or tissue.



## Pomps

For large, colorful, detailed structures, pomps provide the perfect texture and come in all colors of the rainbow and then some! Simply create a chicken wire structure, and fill each hole with pomps in the color and pattern of your dreams! Available in metallic, tissue or poly.



## Styrofoam Letters

Spell out anything you want with jumbo Styrofoam letters and numbers. Use tempera paints to add some color.



## Banners

Don't forget to announce who created your Homecoming float and who sponsored it! Use a custom banner with your words and design.

# SPIRIT WEEK GUIDE

Spirit Week ranks up there with some of the best days of the school year. There's just something about the camaraderie, big fun, and getting crazy with school spirit that really unites the student body, and promotes morale among students, teachers and staff. Use these ideas to freshen up your Spirit Week and get everyone involved.

## Spirit Week Days

It's all about the "Days" so make sure to pick some good ones, and don't be afraid to venture away from the tried and true traditions. Throw in a couple new, wacky or completely off-the-wall ideas! Get the committee together and brainstorm ideas. Here are a few to get you started:

### Holidays throughout the year –

- *Ugly Christmas Sweater Day*
- *Easter Bunny Day*
- *St. Patrick's Leprechaun Day*
- *International Days* – Choose a different country for each day of the week.
- *Star Wars Day*
- *Alien Day*
- *Wizard of Oz Day*
- *Willy Wonka Day*
- *Wild Shoe Day*
- *Polka Dot Day*
- *Spirit Wear Day*



## Spirit Week Activities

Plan fun activities throughout the week to keep excitement high, engage as many students as possible and maybe raise some funds. Any of these suggestions could become a fundraiser by charging a small fee for participation. However, try to keep costs low (about \$1-\$2.00) so that everyone can have fun.

- *Minute To Win It:* set up challenges that students can try during lunch, before or after school and at events such as the dance or game. Prizes could be spirit items or tickets to the game.
- *BYOB:* Host a banana split day. BYOB: Bring Your Own Banana. Make banana splits for anyone that brings a banana.
- *American Idol event:* Host a singing competition.
- *Tailgate:* Grill in the parking lot before the big game.

## Tips for a Successful Spirit Week

Spirit Week is a time to let creativity run wild. Here are a few tips to make sure it's run's smoothly:

- **Be Safe.** For every plan you make, consider all possible safety issues.
- **Have Fun.** Isn't that what its all about? Don't stress over things you cannot make happen, instead focus energies on the things you can!
- **Plan Early.** The more time you have to plan, the more successful your week will be.

# 5 FAST AND FUN HOMECOMING FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Not all of your Homecoming fundraising efforts have to be elaborate events that involve a ton of work. Try one of these five quick and easy fundraising ideas for your Homecoming:



## 50/50 Raffle

Sell tickets for this quick fundraiser during sporting events, lunch periods, concerts, and school plays. You can even go into the community and sell tickets at local businesses and events, too. When all the tickets are sold, have a drawing. The winning ticket gets half the proceeds and your Homecoming committee gets the other half.



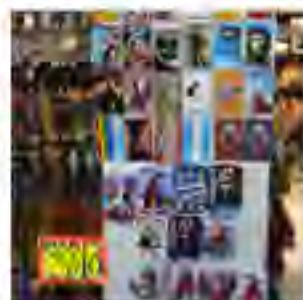
## Guessing Jar

Fill a few large glass jars full of candy and have people guess the number of how many candies are in the jar. Charge one dollar per guess. At the end of the week announce the winner for each jar. They keep the candy, and you keep the money. The best part? You can hold this quick Homecoming fundraiser multiple times throughout the year.



## Chili Cook-off

Host a chili cook-off at your school. Everyone who enters brings their own chili to share, attendees vote on their favorite, and winners get a great prize. This is an easy fundraising event for Homecoming to pull off because all you have to do is provide the bowls and spoons and charge \$5 at the door. Before you know it, you will be raking in a nice profit.



## School Store

Have a special Homecoming fundraising sale at your school store. Pick your most popular items and offer them at a discounted rate for a limited time or do a buy one, get one promotion. Get your Homecoming committee working hard to sell the items during peak times like lunch or special events.



## Sell Homecoming T-shirts

Once you have your Homecoming theme picked out, create custom t-shirts with your Homecoming theme on them in your Homecoming colors. Buy the t-shirts low and sell them high. You can even ask local businesses to sponsor the t-shirts by putting their logo on them (so they get a little promotion) and then making a donation to your event.

# CHECKLIST

Spirit Week	Coronation	The Game		The Dance
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