

What makes the perfect Queen of Hearts... Faith, trust, and a little bit of pixie dust!



Cameron Morelock (left) will escort Paulina Spencer (right), the 2012 Queen of Hearts.

Cameron Morelock

Escort to the Queen of Hearts

If you were in a fire, what is the number one thing you would take with you?
My lucky headband

Who is your favorite character from Peter Pan?
Definitely Peter Pan himself. If you can fight pirates while rocking tights, you have my vote.

As a little kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
Well at first I wanted to be a pirate, but then the Somali pirates had to ruin everything.

Do have any tips on asking a date to QOH?
Flowers don't always work, but they sure can help.

Alex Mikels

Escort to the Maid of Honor

What are you looking forward to the most about being a Queen of Hearts escort?
Showing my muscle endurance.

Tie or bowtie?
Bowties are the QOH style.

Who is your favorite superhero?
Elastigirl, she's flexible.

Do you have any hidden talents?
Finding deals on designer jeans.

Do you have any QOH rituals?
I drink tabasco by the bucket load.

Do you have any tips on asking a date to QOH?
Take her to the beach, kneel in the sand, and ask as the sun goes down.



Alex Mikels (above) mans up to escort Maid of Honor Kayla Manring.

Paulina

What are your top three favorite things to do?
I am absolutely obsessed with skiing, backpacking, and really anything outdoors

What is your favorite dance move?
I kind of flail around, I don't know if I'd call it dancing.

If you had to go sky-diving with one person who would you choose to go with and why?
Mrs. Woods because we could evaluate the ozone as we floated down!

If you could live in any time period which would you want to live in?
Probably the Cretaceous period, I've always wanted a pet dinosaur.

What is your funniest memory at Broughton?
Probably when Mr. Corsetti flew his remote control shark around the class during a quiz.



Paulina Spencer (left) and Kayla Manring (right) bond over their Broughton royalty status.

Kayla

Who is your dream QOH date... celebrity, teacher, friend?
Ryan Gosling...when he was Noah in "The Notebook"

What is your favorite song?
If I had choose my absolute favorite song, it would either be "Meet Virginia" by Train or "Mine" by Taylor Swift

Who is your number one role model?
Taylor Swift

What is your favorite animal noise?
Rawring, like Ke\$ha

If you could be any inanimate object, which would you be?
Either sparkles or glitter

What is your funniest memory at Broughton?
The fact that I tried to be Sandy the Squirrel in the homecoming skit this year.



The two "royal" couples share laughs while gearing up for the assembly and dance.

QOH roots found in the community

Prior to 1950, Queen of Hearts was not only the biggest dance of the year, but also was also a school-wide fundraiser. Although aspects of the dance have changed throughout the years, many traditions have stayed the same.

"Back then it was a penny a vote. The queen wore white just like today, but all the ladies in her court were required to wear different shades of pastel," Broughton 1952 graduate Nancy Hinton said.

Proceeds from the fundraisers went to school-wide improvements, and proceeds from ticket sales went towards the school yearbook, The Latipac. However, during World War II proceeds went towards American troops overseas.

"The war definitely had a huge impact on everyone's lives. A lot of school events were focused around supporting the war efforts, but we attempted for Queen of Hearts and life in general to go on as normally as possible," Hinton said.

The first Queen of Hearts dance was held in 1941 and has remained a prominent tradition for 72 years.

"It was quite an honor to be a member of the court. Broughton was grades eight through 12 in my day, so it was an even larger court. The queen was always from the senior class, and her escort was generally the president of the senior class. Back then the president was always a male, we didn't know of anything different," Hinton said.

Believe it or not, Queen of Hearts was considered even more important then compared to today. A ceremony was held in the auditorium prior to the dance specifically for crowning the queen.

The first year in which underclassmen were allowed on the ballot was 1950. It was also the first year that the senior class took Queen of Hearts on as their class project.

The style of attire over the years has transformed with the changing trends, but the dance has remained a predominately formal affair. During the 1950s, the Queen wore a full-length white dress with a high collar and a train with many hearts. In recent years, the Queen has traded in her high collars for an elaborate white wedding dress.

QOH Advice from the Queen

Don't stress, Queen of Hearts is supposed to be fun! It's only fair to offer to pay for your own ticket...just hope your date has got you covered. It never hurts to offer to pay for your own meal either. You don't know your date's bank situation. Girls always stress about even being asked...just ask guys, there's a 99% chance she'll say yes! A limo is absolutely, positively not necessary for the perfect night. Why squeeze into a dark, small limo when you can blast the music in your friend's SUV? The best places to eat are the places where it's casual enough to shout at the people at the end of the table. I always find best deals for dresses in my mom's closet.



Paulina Spencer (above) looks forward to her coronation as the Queen of Hearts.



Kayla Manring (above) awaits the arrival of the big night.

QOH Advice from the Maid of Honor

Queen of Hearts is always one of the best Broughton events. I think having a relaxing place to eat with a small amount of people is always more fun than a trendier place with a lot of people. I think if the boy asks a girl to go with him then he should buy the ticket and the food. However, a meal shouldn't be more than \$13 a person. I have always done my makeup like I do any other day; I like things simple. I also think girls do not need to spend an outrageous amount of money on a dress that they are probably only going to wear once. There are a lot of websites and stores that have great deals for formal dresses, it just involves a little bit of researching.