

Prom Night

The first event for the leaving class is the so called prom night, in mirror translation tape inauguration. This event is usually in the end of autumn or beginning of winter.(November December)

On this night the students get a tape what the students are going to wear on their jackets, or at school events on their suit. It contains the years what you spent in the school, and the name or the sign of the school. Originally it was green and it symbolized that we are not mature for life, we are still green like the not matured vegetables.

We are getting the tapes from the class teacher. The classes are singing something together, dancing waltz. And after the ceremony the whole class is going together for a party, without teachers.

Serenade

The next event is the serenade. It is usually on the last week of the school, if its possible on the last school day. There are two ways to do it. In my school we did both. One is that all the teachers who taught us gathering together in the school somewhere inside or on a balcony and the leaving classes too, but they gathering together outside and are singing for the teachers. This songs are usually learned especially for this event and has to do something with the school years. After the singing the teachers invite the student inside and making a dinner for them, drinking a toast.

The other way is that the students go to the teachers house. Not to all but whom were important for the class. The round is the same. Singing invitation inside eating drinking partying. Some teacher live in a small apartment. In this case they usually come outside and going somewhere with the students.

Farewell ceremony

After the last day of the school (1 of may or one of the last day of April) we have the farewell ceremony. The whole school is wearing elegant clothes, boys suits, the girls sailor blouse. The leaving classes are walking around the school building and singing special songs what you only sing on this event. Everybody is getting a lot of flower and everybody is taking 1 bunch with himself. While they are singing the other classes are standing decorative line wall on their way. This is the event when we are saying goodbye for the smaller classes. Usually there are speeches. After this event we don't wear anymore the tapes, we are ready for leaving the school, we are grown up enough.

It is only in my school but we had a school flag and it is always hold by some boy from the last classes. This is the time when this boy gives the flag for somebody else in the 11th grade to protect the flag and keep in safe for 1 year. Usually it is not a very popular role because it means you have to stand all the school events and the flag was also kinda heavy so it is not a very good job.

After the event everybody goes somewhere with his family and having a big family party.

Tableu

In Hungary it is a tradition to make a tableau, a poster which contains everybody's picture in the class and the teachers whom they asked to be on it. After the farewell event we put this into some shop window for a month.

Exams

On the next week we always begin with Hungarian, then math and history. We have the opportunity to do exams in the years before so usually everybody is ready with his/her language exam for the last year. And we have to choose a 5th subject to make the exam.

The oral part of the exams are in the second half of June. Usually they are on the same day, we go inside and spending half an hour with every subject. If we are making some exam in upper level, these are in different schools and different days.

Banquet

After the exams is coming the best part. The Banquet without any stress. In our case we get out results around midday then the teachers invited us for a lunch. For lunch we went together to a Restaurant with the class teacher and with some teacher whom we invited and after this to one of our classmates to have a big party.

Reunion

After the school is over everybody goes away. To keep in touch we have a class reunion in every five years. I am going to have mine in this July so I don't know how it is but it is usually about sharing our experience and just to see each other.