

Role: Student Journalist asks about Custodian/Homecoming

Your goal is to uncover *what really happens behind the scenes* at school events like dances and pep rallies — especially the funny, surprising, or eye-opening stories from the janitor’s perspective.

General Interview Tips

- Start with **easy, friendly questions** to make the janitor comfortable.
 - Ask **follow-up questions** (“Can you give me an example?” “What happened next?”).
 - Listen carefully — if they mention something surprising (like a shoe or confetti), dig deeper.
 - Don’t settle for yes/no answers — aim for **stories and details**.
 - Be respectful — you’re highlighting their importance, not trying to embarrass students.
-

Sample Opening Questions

- “What’s your role during school events like dances and pep rallies?”
 - “How do you prepare before a big event?”
 - “What’s different about the school after an event compared to a normal day?”
-

Digging Deeper (Follow-Up Questions)

- “What’s the hardest part of cleanup?”
- “What kinds of things do students usually leave behind?”
- “What’s the strangest or funniest thing you’ve ever found after an event?”
- “Is there something you always expect to clean up, no matter what?”
- “What takes the longest — decorations, trash, floors, or something else?”
- “Do you or your team ever find lost-and-found items that surprise you?”
- “How long does it usually take you to get the school back to normal?”

Story-Getting Questions

- “Can you tell me about a specific night that stands out?”
- “Do you remember a pep rally or dance that was especially messy or challenging?”
- “Has a student ever come back the next day looking for something they left behind?”
- “What’s one thing most students don’t realize about what happens after they leave?”

Closing Questions

- “How do you feel when you finally finish the cleanup?”
- “Do you enjoy being part of the school’s big events, even if it means more work?”
- “What would you want students to know about what it takes to clean up after them?”