

PROM PROJECT NIAGARA 2024 INFORMATION SHEET FOR DSBN SCHOOLS

Date, Location & Time:

Saturday, May 4, 2024

10:00am-2:00pm

Locations:

- **St.Catharines Collegiate** (34 Catherine St, St. Catharines, ON L2R 5E7)
- **Stevensville Memorial Hall** (2508 Stevensville Rd, Stevensville, ON L0S 1S0)

Is pre-registration required to get into the general event?

No! At St.Catharines Collegiate there is typically a line-up for the majority of the event. We encourage attendees to be patient, bring water and dress appropriately for the weather as they may need to wait outdoors. We let approximately groups of 50 in at a time and appreciate everyone's patience! We do not anticipate a line-up at the Stevensville location but in the event of one, we appreciate the same patience and weather appropriate attire!

Is there a cost to students?

NO! This event is free for all students who need formal wear to attend grade 6, 8 or 12 graduation or attend Prom. Students get one full head-to-toe outfit.

Accessible shopping pre-event at St.Catharines Collegiate:

Students **with sensory and accessibility concerns specific to crowds** are invited to email us to reserve a shopping time at our St. Catharines location before the event. The exception here is registration is required! A limited number of quiet shopping times will be available for students between 8:00-9:30am, we ask that you kindly only share with students that this is applicable to. These limited-space shopping appointments may be booked by emailing efn@dsbn.org. You or a member of your staff may email on behalf of the student or share with the parent/guardian. To keep this experience quiet, we ask that only one trusted adult accompany the student to this appointment, if possible.

This is not available in Stevensville but be assured this is an assessable and quiet shopping location throughout the entire event!

Volunteer Inquiries:

We are looking for volunteers to join us for setup, event-day, and takedown! Students may volunteer during set up and takedown for community service hours - feel free to share this volunteer opportunity with them! To respect our shoppers, students cannot volunteer during the event time, but staff are welcome to! We invite all those interested in volunteering to sign up on our volunteer form with all the details about the role included here: <https://forms.gle/jg8waEMwYAwGH6mo7>.

Donation Inquiries:

We are accepting gently used formal wear donations suitable for grade 6, 8 and 12 students for graduation and prom at the following locations until April 26:

- Pen Centre Guest Services
- Pen Financial Garrison Branch (Fort Erie)
- Pen Financial Fonthill Branch
- Pen Financial Fourth Ave Branch (St.Catharines)

Transportation - FREE bussing is back!

To ensure as many students as possible can attend, we've added additional free bus routes this year! Transportation will be provided by Switzer Carty on a limited seat basis for the following routes:

To/From St.Catharines Collegiate:

- Westlane Secondary School
- Stamford Collegiate Secondary School
- Centennial Secondary School
- Eastdale Secondary School
- West Niagara Secondary School
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To/From Stevensville Memorial Hall:

- John Brant Elementary School
- Greater Fort Erie Secondary School

To prioritize bussing needs, we are asking students to sign up at school using this provided Google Form. We can also field inquiries that come in via efn@dsbn.org. The deadline to sign up for transportation is Thursday, April 25. Please share or support your students with signing up at this link: <https://forms.gle/6R6GkQdjHFh8PQt49>.

Students will be required to specify their best pick up from the following locations to/from the St.Catharines location: Westlane SS, Stamford SS, Centennial SS, Eastdale SS or West Niagara SS and the following locations to/from the Stevensville location: Greater Fort Erie SS and John Brant Elementary School. **Their pick up and drop off location must be the same.**

We encourage students who need transportation to sign up ASAP as there are limited spots available.

Promotion

We are promoting this event on Education Foundation of Niagara social handles and @promprojectniagara on Instagram. You have been sent a physical poster to display in your school (it should be arriving via internal DSBN courier soon). We have sent you a digital copy of the poster in the same e-mail that you're receiving this information at should you wish to send it out via newsletter or your own school social media pages!

Questions?

Please email efn@dsbn.org with the subject line "Prom Project Niagara" and a volunteer will get back to you as soon as possible!

Thanks for your support!

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