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Dear Freshman & Sophomore Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to inform you of some details regarding the Freshman and Sophomore Dance.

**Contracts:** Every Neumann-Goretti student and outside date attending the Freshman/Sophomore Dance must have a signed contract. Contracts are available in the Student Affairs Office, room 104 and the Tuition Office.

**Tuition Requirements:** up to date and all fees paid in full in order for a student to purchase a ticket.

**Pre & Post Dance Activities:** A reminder to all of our families that our students and their parents sign contracts recognizing that **pre and post dance activities are not condoned** by either the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or Neumann-Goretti. Anyone participating in any inappropriate pre or post dance conduct will be held accountable in school. Consequences can include but are not limited to demerits, detentions, suspension, expulsion, removal from activities, and being barred from all future dances/proms. ***The creation, possession, sale, distribution, etc. of commemorative clothing (including but not limited to t-shirts) is highly discouraged.***

**FRESHMAN / SOPHOMORE DANCE**

**When:** Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30PM until 10:30PM in the Gymnasium.

**Cost:** \$60 per couple (\$30 for single).

**Tickets:** On-Sale Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Last day to purchase:** Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Dress Code:** Since this is the first Neumann-Goretti Dance for most of the attendees, please reference the back of this letter for detailed dress guidelines.

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## GENTLEMEN'S DRESS GUIDELINES

The Freshman/Sophomore Dance is a semi-formal event. The dress code for gentlemen will be dress shirt, dress shoes, and dress pants. Sweaters or sports coats and ties would be appropriate. **Jeans, jerseys, T-shirts, and sports caps are not permitted.** Clothing and appearance should be in good taste, modest, and indicative of a student who attends a Catholic school.

## LADIES' PROM/DANCE DRESS GUIDELINES

*(This policy applies to the Ring Dance, Freshman/Sophomore Dance and Junior and Senior Proms.)*

1. Dresses may not be cut below the bust-line in the front; *this includes cut-outs below the bustline.* No excessive cleavage will be permitted. Plunging necklines are not acceptable.
2. Dresses may not be cut below the natural waist in the back.
3. Dresses may not have the midriffs exposed including both the front and sides (this applies to standing straight and when in motion ***therefore two-piece dresses are not acceptable***).
4. ***Dresses may not be shorter than or have a slit that exceeds 3 inches above the knee.***
5. Dresses may not utilize see-through fabrics, such as (but not limited to) tulle, netting, or "illusion," below the bust-line.
6. No pinning will be allowed for as an alteration to a dress if without the pins the dress does not meet the dress code. You will not be allowed to pin dresses to make them meet guidelines while waiting to enter the prom/formal dance. Fabric inserts must be sewn-in as alterations to the dress.
7. No cover-ups (shawls/wraps, sweaters, coats) will be allowed over dresses that do not meet the dress code.
8. Undergarments may not be visible.
9. **In accordance with the school dress code, tattoos may not be visible. Any dress that exposes a tattoo is not acceptable.**

Buying your attire is an expensive purchase. Please keep the dress code for the prom/dance in mind as you shop for your attire.

Attire worn by someone else to another dance is not automatically "appropriate" for our dances, per the above guidelines. The attire must be appropriate for the wearer.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT:** Can your child benefit from a structured space and time after school for homework and studying? The recently renovated Knowledge Lab, Rooms 210-212 is open after school on Mondays - Thursdays, 2:30-4:30PM. The lab is NOT open on early dismissal days such as Bell 5 Wednesdays or on Fridays. Two teachers supervise the space and can provide some support depending on the level of attendance.

Peer to Peer Tutoring is available in the knowledge lab, rooms 210-212, after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30-3:30. Sign up in room 110 or the Guidance Office.

You may also contact individual teachers in regards to their availability for tutoring.