

PROM PREVIEW

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If you've ever wanted to see the Eiffel Tower, now is your chance! With a theme of "Paris at Central Terrace," the Belleville East Prom is approaching quickly and will be a great experience for everyone that plans to attend. Around prom season, there is always that little "buzz" of excitement flowing around on campus. Between shopping for extravagant dresses, scrambling for dates, and planning the best dance moves, the energy is as prominent as it's ever been this year! Students are so excited to dance the night away on May 10th and mingle with their friends. Truly, there is no doubt that Prom will be a huge hit!

To make prom enjoyable and worth attending every year, a lot of work goes into the preparations and set-up. Thankfully, we have bookstore manager Mr. Ford to ensure that everything at prom is arranged and ready for the students to have a blast!

Mr. Ford explains, "I absolutely love being in charge of prom preparations. When school starts at the beginning of August, I begin with the theme and start piecing together all of the components, such as: whether prom will be inside or outside, what area will be designated for what, dancing, tables, food, and the colors of the decorations and tables. All of that happens at the start of August, and we start ordering in January of the new year. Once we begin the ordering process, then it's all about finessing and making sure we meet deadlines for ticket sales. It's a lot

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of work prepping it, but April is when we are finished with all of the ordering and start organizing everything to be set up.” He also says that while this year-long process is time consuming, “the preparations are not difficult because this is like a side business for [him].” Mr. Ford is an event coordinator when he is not working in the bookstore, and has been doing creative jobs and preparations like this for a long time!

Aside from the preparations, the 2025 Prom Royalty Court candidates have already been selected and are ready to rise to King and Queen this weekend. This year’s court includes: Annabelle Seneczyn, Autumn Carey, Charisma Phillips, and Annyca Wilson for Queen, and Keithen Jones, Max Altepeter, Jerry Avan, and Xavier Moody for King. We are all excited to see which of these amazing candidates will become the 2025 Belleville East Prom King and Queen!

With all of these factors, it is clear that Prom will be a fantastic night. Mr. Ford agrees. “This year I think people will enjoy prom. The reason I say this is because I feel like prom is special, so it should also look special. It’s almost like a wedding. You’re in high school for one of the last times before you graduate. I think they are really going to like all the little things that I have added!”

Thanks to Mr. Ford, the students attending prom, the Royalty Court, and other faculty, Prom 2025 is going to be a memorable experience for all of our Lancers. We are sure that it really will feel like being in Paris on Central Terrace.