



Dear Parent / Guardian:

The Chatham High School Junior Prom will be held on **Friday, May 8th at Birch Hill in Schodack** from **7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Students attending the prom must purchase tickets in advance from Ms. Pegarella or Mrs. McShane and arrive no later than 7:15 p.m. Dinner will be provided during the evening, as well as beverages and dessert, and these are included in the ticket price of **\$80.00 per person**. Please make checks payable to: CHS Class of 2027. The last day to purchase tickets is March 20th.

The coronation ceremony will take place at 9:45 p.m. Parents/Guardians who wish to see the coronation will be allowed into the ballroom at 9:30 p.m.

Please be aware that the prom is a school function. The use of alcohol or drugs is not allowed. The school Code of Conduct is in effect at this event. We are concerned about your child's welfare during all school events.

We have taken steps to insure the safety of your child at this event. These include:

1. All tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Tickets can be purchased before or after school in Ms. Pegarella's or Mrs. McShane's room from March 2 - 20.
2. Student guests who are not from Chatham High School must be approved by the principal prior to purchasing tickets. (see the form C in this packet)
3. Chaperones will be in attendance in a 14:1 ratio.
4. Students may be randomly tested by using a breathalyzer both before and after the prom.
5. Students with a Class D driver license (age 18 or age 17 and completion of driver education) may drive to and from the event with parental permission of both the student driving and the passengers.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. Our ultimate concern is for the safety of all who attend the Junior Prom. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,

Samantha McShane
Class Advisor

Elizabeth Pegarella
Class Advisor

Miles Wheat
Principal

Justin Forrest
Assistant Principal

FORM A: TRANSPORTATION

Dear Parents:

The Junior Prom is scheduled for Friday May 8th, 2026 at Birch Hill, located in Schodack. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. In an effort to avoid any transportation conflicts, we are requesting that this permission slip be completed and submitted at the time of ticket purchase.

No tickets will be sold unless this permission slip is received. The last day to purchase tickets is March 20, 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via email mcschanes@chatham.k12.ny.us or pegarellae@chatham.k12.ny.us

Please be advised: Students with a class D driver license (age 18 or age 17 and completion of driver education) may drive to the prom with parental permission. They must also provide parental permission for passengers.

I give _____ permission to arrive and leave the prom:
(child's name)

_____ in a rented limousine

_____ parent / guardian will transport

_____ riding with _____
(Please provide the name of the driver of the car)

_____ my child, who has a Class D driver license (age 18 or age 17 and completion of driver education), is driving with my permission and has parental permission for

_____ to ride as a passenger{s}.
(Name of Passenger(s))

I give my consent for my child, _____ to be tested through the use of a breathalyzer before and after the prom. I also understand that students found in possession of alcohol or drugs are subject to arrest. _____ **Parent Initials**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

FORM B: PROM PROMISE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know, the Chatham High School Junior Prom will be held the night of Friday, May 8th, 2026. In order to ensure a safe and responsible experience, we are urging parents and students to volunteer participation in our "*Prom Promise*" program. This program asks parents / guardians and their son or daughter to sign a contract that states that their teenager can call home for a ride with "no questions asked."

The "*Prom Promise*" is designed to prevent students from driving "under the influence" or getting into a car with someone who is not safe. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) asserts that the use of alcohol and other drugs is associated with the leading causes of death and injury (e.g., motor vehicle crashes, homicides, and suicides) among teenagers and youth adults. The "*Prom Promise*" program encourages a discussion between parents and teens that will hopefully create a dialogue on these issues.

Please return the contract on the next page at the time the prom tickets are purchased. If you have any questions, please contact the class advisors via email mcshanes@chatham.k12.ny.us or pegarellae@chatham.k12.ny.us

Sincerely,



Samantha McShane
Class Advisor



Elizabeth Pegarella
Class Advisor



Miles Wheat
Principal



Justin Forrest
Assistant Principal

Chatham High School, 50 Woodbridge Avenue, Chatham, New York 12037

CONTRACT FOR LIFE (adapted from SADD inc.)

A Foundation for Trust and Caring

This Contract is designed to facilitate communication between young people and their parents about potentially destructive decisions related to alcohol, drugs, peer pressure, and behavior. The issues facing young people today are often too difficult for them to address alone. SADD believes that effective parent-child communication is critically important in helping young adults to make healthy decisions.

YOUNG PERSON

I recognize that there are many potentially destructive decisions I face every day and commit to you that I will do everything in my power to avoid making decisions that will jeopardize my health, my safety and overall well-being, or your trust in me. I understand the dangers associated with the use of alcohol and drugs and the destructive behaviors often associated with impairment.

By signing below, I pledge my best effort to remain free from alcohol and drugs; I agree that I will never drive under the influence; I agree that I will never ride with an impaired driver; and I agree that I will always wear a seat belt.

Finally, I agree to call you if I am ever in a situation that threatens my safety and to communicate with you regularly about issues of importance to both of us.

YOUNG PERSON

PARENT (or Caring Adult)

I am committed to you and to your health and safety. By signing below, I pledge to do everything in my power to understand and communicate with you about the many difficult and potentially destructive decisions you face.

Further, I agree to provide for you safe, sober transportation home if you are ever in a situation that threatens your safety and to defer discussions about that situation until a time when we can both have a discussion in a calm and caring manner.

I also pledge to you that I will not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, I will always seek safe, sober transportation home, and I will always wear a seat belt.

PARENT/CARING ADULT

Chatham High School
Chatham Central School District
50 Woodbridge Avenue
Chatham, NY 12037

Mr. Miles Wheat
Principal

Mr. Justin Forrest
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Tracy Kelly
SADD Club Advisor

Mrs. Amanda Carroll
SADD Club Advisor

FORM C: PERMISSION TO ATTEND A CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

Specific Event and Date: Prom at Birch Hill, Schodack NY - May 8, 2026, 7-10pm

CHS Student's Name: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Guest's Signature: _____

Guest's School Name: _____

Guest's School Phone No.: _____

Guest's Principal's Signature: _____

You are welcome to attend the function at Chatham High School with the understanding that you will follow all rules and regulations of our school. Please have the principal of the guest's school sign this permission form. We also ask that the parents of the Chatham student and the parents of the guest sign this permission form agreeing that they understand that if any problem occurs with the guest at the event in question, that they will be available to pick the guest up from Chatham High School immediately. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope that you enjoy your visit to Chatham High School.

Chatham Parent's Signature: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Guest's Parent's Signature: _____

Telephone Number: _____

CHS Principal's Signature: _____

Main Office: (518) 392-1570

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