



# Passion for fashion

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September brings out the world that has literally been shoved into closets during the summer vacation. Stuffed in that closet, along with old notes, books and binders, are old "last season" styles that should remain behind doors and never be seen again. Autumn is the season that brings a fresh, new environment that might take awhile to adapt to; but while in the "change" process, a little shopping is necessary.

### Trés Trendy:

- 1) Light Pinks and Greens have formed an alliance this fall; they are spotted together and won't seem to part. Keep these friends as close as possible in your outfits, for they will bring intelligence, confidence, and a hint of cuteness that will make you irresistible in any crowd...anywhere.
- 2) Dark Greens, Deep Yellow, and Dazzling Red will bring that extra flare to your wardrobe. These colours set the mood for a good time with your friends. Deeper colours benefit brunettes with darker hair (speaking from experience) as they make your skin tone appear darker and enhance your natural features. You will look totally divine.
- 3) Denim is comfortable and stylish, what more could you possibly want from bottoms? Try to accessorize the boring jeans with luscious and colourful thick cotton grommet belts that match or

compliment your shirt, purse, or shoes.

4) A light jacket is necessary to block out the autumn breeze from sending shivers up and down your spine. Denim Jean Jackets are in style this fall and bring that sense of coolness to your look any day.

5) Incorporate your individuality in your daily styles and in your wardrobe in general. There are many t-shirts that express ourselves to the social world with sayings such as "Drama Queen," "Pop Princess," "Guitar Goddess," "Brilliant Baby," "Dancing Diva," "Foreign Chika," etcetera.

6) Culture plays an important role in fashion in all eras, in all countries. Try adding a spice of culture to your clothes by choosing colours from your country's flag that bring a pinch of patriotic symbolism and show your true self to all of your peers and also to yourself.

7) Try longer skirts this season because mini skirts just won't do. Remember that the autumn breeze is quite strong, so avoid the loose, thin fabric skirts, and choose skirts that are more tightly fitted. This choice will give that conservative yet stylish look that contradicts the diva decisions of Teen Idols such as the famous Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. These pop princess' looks are très old.

### Flower Power:

Flower pins are in style and bring that extra flare that will bedazzle any jacket. They are fashionable and make a feminist statement that women are like roses. We are pretty, but can defend ourselves without the help of a man. These pins are great for any girls' night out or on a first date, just to set the record for whose boss.

### Black...Mysterious or Miserable?

Black is comfortable to wear and sets that mysterious personality to the beholder of the outfit. Each colour represents a different mood in fashion and conclusions have been made that black symbolizes depression. However, black is mystical and those who surround their lives, or wardrobes, with black, are more focused on inner colour and creativity. Black is intelligent, elegant, and a hint of sassy that is based on a personality and perspective.

### Pour Les Garçons:

#### Helpful Tip

Pants down to one's knees do not arouse the average teenage girl. Try to drab up for this new school year and set a good first impression to all the newcomers and teachers.

#### Preppy

Earth colours are in style this fall. Stick to neutral beiges and you will get the girls "falling" all over you this season.

#### Shopping Tips 101:

1) Cruising the mall this month will bring anticipation and joy. Watch out for the red signs brought from the Shopping Goddess... "Sale." Sales can sometimes play tricks on us by making us think that buying a shirt at 25% off is a bargain; maybe the shirt is on sale because no one else wants it? However, if an item is on sale for more than 70% off, check for your size and make it your own by adding accessories and a hint of your personality and originality.

2) NEVER let a sales assistant force you to buy an item; no matter how much they persist, your uniqueness is more important than their commission.

## Get with the Program

### Friday Night Youth Dances at the Gellert Community Centre

**Dates:** November 5 & December 3, 2004  
January 7, February 4 and March 4, 2005  
**Time:** 7:30-10:00 pm  
**Ages:** For Grades 6, 7 & 8  
**Fee:** \$6.00 per dance

Tickets sold 3 weeks in advance at the Gellert Community Centre or at the door subject to availability. Call 905-873-2601, ext. 2702 for more information.

### Blue Mountain Ski & Snowboard Trip - P.A. Day

**Date:** Friday, February 4, 2005  
**Time:** 8:30 am to 10:00 pm  
**Ages:** 13 to 17 years  
**Fee:** \$45 to \$70 depending on equipment needs.

Must pre-register! Call 905-873-2601, ext. 2275 for more info.

### Work Where you can Make a Difference!

Recreation & Parks is looking for energetic, highly motivated & customer service oriented individuals interested in joining our team. We are currently recruiting for 2005 summer employment opportunities!

- Summer Aquatics Instructors, Guards, Cashiers  
Deadline to Apply: **Friday, December 3, 2004**
- Summer Children & Youth Camp Program Leaders  
Deadline to Apply: **Monday, January 31st, 2005.**

Applications available at your high school guidance office, Civic Centre and all other town facilities.

### After School & Teen Swims

Need something to do after school or on a Friday night? Gellert Community Centre has swimming times just for you! **After School Swims** on Mondays & Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 pm or **Teen Swims** every Friday night from 7 to 8:30 pm. Admission is \$2.50. Call 905-873-2601, ext. 2701 for more info.

### And lots more...!

Sign up for many of our other programs beginning in January 2005 including **Babysitting Certification, Youth Fitness, Girls' Night Out, Dancercise and Teen Learn to Swim.** Call 905-873-2601, ext. 2275 for more info!

## Employment & Volunteer Opportunities

### Reach for the Top!

Various Recreation & Parks volunteer positions are available in aquatics and recreation programs for persons 13 years or older. Volunteering develops self-esteem, confidence, and interpersonal skills for future employment opportunities. Our volunteers are supported and evaluated throughout their volunteer experience. All volunteers must attend a mandatory orientation program. Application deadline for our winter program opportunities is Friday, December 3. For more information about volunteering contact 905-873-2601 ext. 2259.

### Mayor's Youth Action Committee

Gain valuable leadership experience while having fun & meeting new people! You will have the opportunity to actively organize & plan special events across the town! We are currently working on events for International Youth Week in May 2005!

Call 905-873-2601 ext. 2276 for more information on how to join MYAC or the events being planned!

