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Prom Dress Revive!

2020 has been a whirlwind to say the least and the tragic events recently seem to be never ending. Obviously the big issue currently is the world fighting against a pandemic of a very new virus known as Covid-19. However the effects of this illness is trickling into more (but extremely less serious) unfortunate events for the class of 2020 seniors. Before the eye rolls come in, yes, these are definitely first world problems the senior class is complaining about but they do feel cheated out off and have the right to feel that way. The class of 2020 have watched the previous three classes get to work hard all through senior year and then be rewarded with the fun events everyone looks forward to like spring sports senior nights, decisions day, graduation, the all night grad party, and prom.

Prom is a favorite, especially among the girls, because it is the mother of all dances. Within prom season, a very fun holiday takes place known as 'Orange Friday'. This Friday before prom is a personal favorite day for me because it is when all the girls rush to the Issaquah Highlands on a Thursday night and wait in the Seattle Sun Tan lobby for their turn to be sprayed by the magic mist, to then wake up to the well oxidized, stinky soy sauce scented, bright orange spray tan which will be at its peak golden glowiness by prom on the following Saturday afternoon. Many girls spend weeks planning the extravagant event with nail, hair, and makeup appointments. Arguably one of the most important pieces to the prom puzzle however is the dress.

Senior girls do not mess around with the dress. In fact every year there is a Facebook group chat made to post (aka claim) your dress to ensure no one else will be sporting the same look. This year the class of 2020 broke the record for the earliest date the group chat was made with January 28th 2019! Some may say we got some karma for that one but the girls were just excited and eager to start the beloved dress shopping. By mid May, most every girl has purchased their dress and many have exceeded the return window so they are stuck looking at the dress and praying there is a chance prom can be revived this summer. However, on the more likely chance it is not, below are some ideas to get some use out of those gorgeous gowns for every mood you could be feeling about this unfortunate event.

Sentimental	Pass that dress along to your favorite junior girl and give her the “dance a little harder because I didn't get to :(” speech.
Broke	Download the app Poshmark and sell that darn thing to make some coin!
Crafty	Find a way to get some use out of whether it be cutting it shorter for a casual mini dress, using the fabric to make some scrunchies, or a fun cape for your younger siblings.
Anger	Take that dress, a pair of scissors, maybe a lighter (only if you are mentally sane) and go to town on that thing.
I don't care	Drive that dress on down to your local thrift shop!
Artsy	Put the gown on and do a little photoshoot in your backyard with fun dramatic poses. For an instagram caption idea you can quote the song “Crying In My Prom Dress” by Mxmtoon.



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