



September 20, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing to you to ask for permission for your child to attend the I.M.P.A.C.T. (Intensive Measures: Police and Community Together) Program. Your child has been selected to participate in a mentoring program that involves the District School Board of Niagara, Brock University and the Niagara Regional Police Service. The goal of the program is to assist your child in making positive choices and decisions for their life. The program was designed as a project to get our local university athletes involved in the lives of teenagers in our high schools. The Brock students have developed a program to assist our teens. Your child will participate in activities that include:

- *Goal Setting*
- *Career Planning*
- *Teamwork Skills*
- *Recreation Skills*
- *Decision-making skills*

The program will run on ***Tuesday evenings*** and the dates and times are as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
October 4, 2011	St. Catharines Collegiate	7:00 – 8: 30 p.m.
October 18, 2011	St. Catharines Collegiate	7:00 – 8: 30 p.m.
November 1, 2011	St. Catharines Collegiate	7:00 – 8: 30 p.m.
November 3, 2011	Brock University IMPACT Fundraiser OPTIONAL \$5.00 donation to see the NRPS play the All-Stars from Niagara Region High Schools	7:00 p.m. Transportation provided for students who can meet a bus at St. Catharines Collegiate at 6:15 p.m.
November 15, 2011	St. Catharines Collegiate	7:00 – 8: 30 p.m.
November 29, 2011 <i>Holiday celebration</i>	Brock University (Optional Swimming and Gym Time)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
January 17, 2012	St. Catharines Collegiate	7:00 – 8: 30 p.m.
January 31, 2012	St. Catharines Collegiate	7:00 – 8: 30 p.m.
February 14, 2012	St. Catharines Collegiate	7:00 – 8: 30 p.m.
February 28, 2012	St. Catharines Collegiate	7:00 – 8: 30 p.m.
March 20, 2012	Brock University	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Most of the sessions will be held at St. Catharines Collegiate, 34 Catherine Street, St. Catharines. Once each term, we will take a bus/taxi to our activities at Brock University – Walker Complex.

The Impact Program is in its ninth year in the Niagara Region and last year 65 participants and 38 Brock students took part in the program. The program was featured on Cogeco Cable 10 as an excellent program for youth. The students from last year truly enjoyed their experience and many told me they wished it could continue year round. They looked forward to seeing their Brock mentor and doing the activities. Both schools and the Niagara Regional Police reported much more positive attitudes from program participants.

Students in St. Catharines are welcome to come every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be recreational activities and tutoring on the non-Brock nights.

Students must commit to all of the sessions. Students will be given a phone number on the first night to call, if they are ill and unable to make a session. On the last evening, all program participants will receive a certificate and the program will count for **30 hours of community service and 10 bonus hours if you attend the bonus nights to be scheduled.** The community service hours are a real bonus for all of our participants! This program is an exciting part of the evening time when teens have very few activities to do in our community. We will also provide a parent workshop in November to help parents understand how to deal with the adolescent years. This program can make a difference for teens and their families!

We look forward to seeing your child involved in this program. **Let's get our teenagers on the Road to Success! Please complete the permission form enclosed and return it to the student success teacher in your school by October 3, 2011.** We only have room for **60 participants this year and spaces will fill up quickly.** We will provide bus tickets and/or rides for students who need assistance. Please note the need for transportation and the type on your permission form. **If you have any questions, please call, Tracy Sacco, Principal, St. Catharines Collegiate at 905-687-7301, if you have any questions.** Thanks for assistance with this program is also extended to Mr. John Stainsby, Student Success Superintendent, District School Board of Niagara. His support combined with Brock University support helps fund the cost of the program. The District School Board of Niagara is committed to Student Success Initiatives!

Yours in Mentoring and Education,

The I.M.P.A.C.T. TEAM AT BROCK UNIVERSITY
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