

UNIFORM DRESS CODE

The Catholic High School community believes that a student's appearance influences academic performance, personal behavior, and self-image. A uniform with approved choices of color and style is required. Students are expected to maintain a neat, clean, modest and well-groomed appearance at all times and to dress according to the school's dress code guidelines. Parents are asked to reevaluate the fit and condition of the uniform as students mature and to replace uniform items as necessary.

For the past several years, a number of uniform items have been allowed under a grandfather period. As of June 2019, the grandfather period ends. Those items that were permitted under the grandfathered status are no longer allowed.

Students are able to choose from several approved uniform options, expressing their style and personality. The school's dress code is listed below and on our website, at www.chsvb.org. Students are expected to follow all rules regarding the dress code and to wear clothing to school from the list of approved options in shirts, blouses, pants, capris, skirts, shorts, sweaters, and quarter-zip and fleece pullovers.

- Every Friday is Spiritwear Day. School themed sweatshirts and Crusader team sweatshirts may be worn on Fridays.
- Official school team warm-up jackets are permitted to be worn by team members on regular school days as part of the uniform *as long as a school approved polo shirt is worn underneath the jacket*.
- One demerit will be issued for each dress code violation. An egregious violation will result in students not being allowed to attend class or to participate in school activities until they are properly dressed. The administration reserves the right to determine what is appropriate attire for school.

Boys

1. Must wear approved polo shirts or white oxford cloth dress shirts at all times including under approved V-neck sweater (evergreen, charcoal grey) and quarter-zip (hunter green, white, and charcoal grey) and fleece (hunter green) pull-overs. Approved polo colors are white, evergreen, maize (yellow), black, and grey and must have the school logo. White oxford cloth dress shirts may be purchased from any retailer and do not require a school logo.
2. Pants should be relaxed-fit, belted, worn at the waist, of appropriate size and length and not rolled. Approved pants and shorts colors are khaki, black, and navy. Pants are available for purchase through Lands' End however, they may also be purchased through any retailer provided they meet these requirements. *Pants with patch pockets and/or rivets are not considered dress pants and are not permitted. Jeans/Denim pants are not permitted.*
3. Hems must be neat.
4. All shirttails must be tucked in.
5. Young men are encouraged to be cleanly shaven. If students have facial hair, it should be neatly trimmed.
6. Hairstyles should not be distracting.
7. Hats and head coverings must be removed upon entering the school building.
8. No body piercings, other than on the earlobe, are allowed.
9. Inappropriate tattoos and those which are contrary to or disparaging of the Christian faith may never be displayed.
10. Athletic footwear is permissible if neat and clean. Flip flops, athletic slides/sandals, shower shoes, slippers (including moccasins), and "Crocs" are not permitted.

Girls

1. Must wear approved polo shirts or white oxford cloth dress shirts at all times including under approved cardigans (evergreen, charcoal grey, pewter grey), and quarter-zip (hunter green, white and charcoal grey) and fleece (hunter green) pull-overs. Approved polo colors are white, evergreen, maize (yellow), black, and grey and must have the school logo. White oxford cloth dress shirts may be purchased from any retailer and do not require a school logo.
2. Skirts must be purchased through the Lands' End website at www.landsend.com. On the website, "top of the knee" and "below the knee" skirts are available for purchase. **Please pay careful attention when ordering to ensure that, when properly worn at the waist, the skirt is no shorter than two inches above the top of the knee cap.**
3. Relaxed-fit dress pants and Bermuda shorts are available for purchase through Lands' End however, they may also be purchased through any retailer provided they meet these requirements. Approved colors are khaki, black, and navy for pants, capris, skirts, and shorts. *Pants with patch pockets and/or rivets and are not considered dress pants and are not permitted. Jeans/Denim pants are not permitted.*
4. Hems must be neat.
5. Shirts must come below the waistband of pants, capris, skirts, and shorts at all times.
6. Hairstyles should not be distracting.
7. Hats and head coverings must be removed while students are in the school building.
8. No body piercings, other than on the earlobe, are allowed.
9. Inappropriate tattoos and those which are contrary to or disparaging of the Christian faith may never be displayed while representing Catholic High School.
10. Shoes with heels no higher than two inches are permitted.
11. Athletic footwear is permissible if neat and clean. Students may wear sandals, but a strap is required around the heel. Platform shoes of any kind, flip flops, athletic slides/sandals, shower shoes, slippers (including moccasins), and "Crocs" are not permitted.

New this year is our "Professional Dress" requirement for Mass days and other special events. *

Professional Dress Boys

White oxford cloth dress shirt with a school themed tie or bow tie (available for sale in the bookstore), uniform dress pants and dress shoes.

Professional Dress Girls

White oxford dress shirt and uniform dress pants or uniform skirt and dress shoes.

**Official team warm-up jackets may not be worn on Professional Dress days.*

Warm Weather Attire

During the months of August, September, October, April, May, and June, relaxed fit Bermuda shorts are allowed. They may be worn in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Bermuda shorts will be no more than two inches above the knee and worn at the waist.
- Shorts may not be frayed, rolled, tattered or torn.
- Approved colors are khaki, black, and navy.
- Approved boys' polo shirts may be worn untucked with belted shorts but white oxford cloth dress shirts must be tucked in.