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Dear NDP Parents and Students,

Our ***Night on the Red Carpet*** Homecoming dance is quickly approaching. We look forward to a night of glamour, beauty, and fun. We do ask that all students observe the guidelines that keep us true to who we are and what we believe.

“We are told by St. John Paul II that the opposite of love is, in fact, not hate, but use. It is our responsibility not to encourage the *use* of our own body as a mere object. To do so is to treat ourselves, and others, with less dignity than is our right.”

As a Catholic high school, we are about strengthening minds, bodies, and souls - the values of modesty and dignity are important to us. As such, we have specific dress standards for both male and female students for these special events. We have detailed these standards on the attached pages.

As a member of our community you always represent Notre Dame Preparatory and are a reflection of God’s will to all you encounter. Thank you for respecting yourself and our school. If you have any questions please contact our Deans, Brie Dragonetti or Tom White.

God Bless and thank you,

Brie Dragonetti and Tom White

NDP Deans of Students

## For Our Young Women

“Modesty does not mean that you have to be boring or ugly in the way you present yourself, it means that you understand the value of your body and you want to protect your dignity.” April on A Blog about Faithful Women

### What is acceptable to wear:

\*Modest necklines



\*Dresses no more than 3” above the knee:



\*Dresses that do not show bare midriffs:



“The value of our bodies does not come from ourselves or from others. The value of our bodies comes from our creator, in whose own image we are made.”

**What is NOT acceptable to wear:**

\*Plunging necklines; cleavage showing



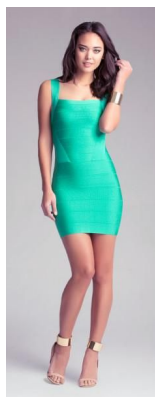
\*Dresses MORE than 3” above the knee:



\*Two-piece dresses



\*Bandage/Tube –type dresses



\*Dresses with any cutout that wraps to the front of the dress



## For Our Young Men

“Modesty isn’t just for women; men are also called to practice modesty. It’s also not reserved solely for the way you dress... modesty should be practiced in the way you speak, act, and dance as well.” From What Men Really think about Modesty

### What is acceptable to wear:

Dress Pants

Collared Dress Shirts

Ties & Belts must be worn

Casual dress shoes (soft-soled; clean; no holes)



### What is NOT acceptable to wear:

Jeans, Casual pants or Shorts

Polo Shirts or T-shirts

Baseball hats or visors

Old, worn, dirty tennis shoes



No jeans!

## **Semi-Formal Dress Policy**

### **Girls**

- Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap. (If the dress is shorter, the student may not be allowed to enter the dance.)
- A dress with straps or a strapless dress is appropriate, provided there is a modest neckline, and no cleavage is showing.
- No bandage or tube dresses or skirts, or any skin-tight skirt/dress that rides up may be worn.
- No bare midriffs or low-cut bodices or backs are permitted.
- No two-piece dresses allowed.
- No see-through dresses.
- Comfortable shoes to dance in are recommended. Girls do not need to wear dress shoes into the dance. No flip-flops, please.

### **Boys**

- A dress shirt (short- or long-sleeved) with buttons and a collar must be worn with a tie and full-length dress pants. No polo shirts or t-shirts; no jeans or casual pants.
- Nice casual shoes and socks must be worn. Shoes with a soft sole are recommended for comfort. All shoes must be clean and free from holes.
- No hats may be worn.
- Belts must be worn.

### **Note for all students and guests in attendance:**

- Visible tattoos and body piercings are not permitted at school events.
- Students arriving at the dance who are inappropriately dressed may be asked to change before being admitted to the dance.
- An extreme violation of this policy will result in the student not being permitted to enter the dance.
- The Administration reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of attire.

**“What we wear is an outward expression of what we believe about our dignity as a person. Our choice of clothing reflects not only our personality, but also the substance of our character.”**

**-Jason Evert**