

# Catholic High School 2024 Homecoming Dance Policies

Catholic High School

strives to provide a safe, respectable, and enjoyable Homecoming Dance experience. These policies are meant to ensure that the values and beliefs of Catholic High are lived not only in the classroom but also in the social activities on campus. It is the school's responsibility to ensure that the conduct of its students/guests reflects responsibility, modesty, and dignity. All regulations outlined below will be enforced.

## **Attire**

### Female Guidelines

- Homecoming dresses may be formal (to the floor) or semi-formal (midi-length) in style. Dresses promoted as "mini" are too short for most high school students. **Dresses should be no shorter than knee-length.**
- Attire should reflect modesty and self-respect. Attire that is overly revealing, excessively sheer, low cut, or excessively tight is NOT acceptable. Dresses will be approved in advance by a committee of CHS admin/faculty/staff and enforced by the chaperones and administrator on duty at the dance.
- Slits on formal dresses should NOT be higher than 3 inches from the middle of the kneecap. Semi-formal dresses should NOT have slits, except for a small vent or kick pleat in the back of the dress.
- The cut of the dress in the back must not fall below the middle of the back. Any opening below this must be covered with a solid fabric. Backless dress styles are not allowed.
- Deep V or deep sweetheart necklines that reveal and highlight cleavage are NOT permitted.
- The bodice of the dress must not have any fabric cutouts in the front or sides of the dress below the neckline – two-piece dresses are not permitted.
- Formal/semi-formal jumpsuits that meet the applicable guidelines indicated above are permissible.
- No visible tattoos or body piercings are permitted.
- Dress shoes are required and should be worn all night.

All high school girls must submit their dresses for approval via a grade-level Google Classroom. Each girl must share front and back photos of herself in the dress she wishes to wear. Dress Approval committee members and the Dean of Students will be "teachers" of the Google Classroom.

If there are questions about the photos of the dress presented in the Google Classroom, students will be asked to submit their dress for approval in person. In-person approval appointments will be set in the three to four weeks before the Homecoming Dance.

### Male guidelines

- Males must wear dressy slacks, with or without a sports coat or suit/tux jacket. Khakis and chino pants are too casual for this dance.
- Males must wear dress socks and shoes. **Requests to wear nontraditional dress shoes may be made to the Dean of Students.**
- Males must wear long or short-sleeved button-down shirts. Polo-style shirts or T-shirts are not dressy enough and are not permitted.
- Males must wear either a tie or a bow tie. Requests to wear a turtle neck under a suit jacket can be made to the Dean of Students.
- No earrings, body jewelry, piercings, or visible tattoos are permitted. Hats are not allowed.
- Males must be clean-shaven.

**Note: Students/guests not properly attired will not be allowed to enter and their parents will be notified. No refunds will be given.**

## **Guests**

The Homecoming Dance is for CHS students in grades 9-12. CHS students in grades 9-12 may invite guests of the opposite gender from other high schools. Guests must be a minimum of 14 years old OR in 9th grade. Guests may be at most two years out of high school and no older than 20 years old. Students wishing to bring a guest from another school must complete a guest form and submit it by the published deadline. CHS juniors and seniors who invite a CHS graduate from the class of 2023 or 2024 need not complete a guest form.

## **Conduct**

**Breathalyzers** – All students and guests will undergo a breathalyzer test for alcohol before being admitted to the dance. Students/ guests who test positive will be denied entrance to the dance. Parents will be notified immediately and will be expected to pick up their child. No refunds will be given to students whose tests are positive. Students will face disciplinary consequences at school.

**Vaping/Controlled Substances** - School rules regarding nicotine and other controlled substances are in effect for school dances.

**Dance** – All attendees will refrain from lewd, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive or violence-oriented dancing. Students may NOT pick up other students. Dance chaperones will determine what constitutes inappropriate dancing. Students dancing inappropriately will be given one warning. On the second offense, parents will be notified and students/guests will be asked to leave the dance. No refunds will be given.

**Miscellaneous** – Catholic High School students are responsible for their guests at all times and may be disciplined for the actions of their guests. There will be no admittance to the dance past 8:45 p.m. Information about the Father-Senior Daughter Dance will be shared at a later date. Students attending the dance will not be allowed to leave the dance until 10:00.

**Note: Students/guests who violate any dance regulations will be asked to leave, parents will be called, and students may face disciplinary consequences at school**