2026 PROM & GRADUATION EVENTS DRESS CODE

If you are unsure about what's appropriate and/or acceptable, please email Dr. Otis (girls) or Mr. Hiller (boys) a photo of you in your outfit ahead of time. Please note that all outside dates must abide by the following dress code. The members of our Administration have the right to determine that an outfit is not appropriate for a Catholic school dance. Disciplinary consequences will be issued to students who do not adhere to the guidelines below.

PROM DRESS CODE

Ladies:

- All dresses should be tea-length (mid-calf) or floor length.
- Any slits must not be higher than the knee—Because we recognize this may be a challenge for some of the taller girls, an alternate measurement of at least 3" below fingertip length will be considered for those students. The slit should not go entirely across the front, unless it is tea-length, so not at the knee or higher.
- Ladies are required to wear dresses.
- Light colored dresses (white, cream, beige, etc.) must not be see-through.
- Dresses may be halter or strapless, as long as the neckline is modest.
- No excessive cleavage is allowed.
- If any part of the dress is of mesh, the color should match the color of the dress (not skin-toned or see-through).
- The tops and/or styles of dresses should not resemble bras, bralettes or lingerie.
- Dresses may not be excessively tight in appearance—please keep this in mind when selecting the fabric of the dress.
- Backs may not be any lower than the elbow when elbows are bent at the side.
- Midriffs must be covered.
- No tattoos may be visible.
- Only natural hair colors are permitted.
- No visible piercings outside of what is allowed in the BV handbook.
- Dresses must not have cut-outs.
- No two-piece dresses.
- Appropriate undergarments, including slips if needed, must be worn.
- All dresses must be of moderate and appropriate taste.
- Sunglasses indoors are not permitted.

Gentlemen:

- Dress shirt, tie, pants and dress shoes are required.
- No sneakers.
- Must be clean shaven.

- No earrings, gages, or visible piercings are allowed.
- No tattoos may be visible.
- No nail polish.
- Hair must be neatly groomed, well-trimmed, and moderate in style.
- No extremes in hairstyles or length will be permitted.
- Only natural hair colors are permitted.
- Ornamental hairstyles such as mohawks, mullets, shaved engraving/lines/messaging, etc. are not permitted.
- Boys are not to wear ball caps, ponytails or headbands, etc.
- Sunglasses indoors are not permitted.

GRADUATION PRACTICE DRESS CODE

All Students

• No inappropriate messages or symbols.

• No political references.

• Nothing referencing alcohol, tobacco or drugs.

• No visible tattoos.

• No piercings or hairstyles (cut, color, length) outside of what is allowed on a regular school day **for both boys and girls.**

• No see-through outfits.

• No excessive rips in jeans and must not be in high places (can't be above the knee).

Ladies

- No shorts, skirts, dresses or rompers.
- No midriff tops.
- You may wear leggings, joggers or sweatpants.
- The neckline of your top must be modest.

Gentlemen

- **Gentlemen who are not clean shaven will be required to shave at graduation practice.**
- No cut off sleeves.
- Shorts must be no more than three inches above your knee (underwear must not be visible).

BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATION DRESS CODE

Students who fail to meet dress code expectations may NOT participate in graduation activities.

- ★ **Baccalaureate (Gowns only over dress clothes with Cords, NO caps)**
- ★ **Graduation (Caps and Gowns over dress clothes: Don't forget your tassel and/or cords)**

All Students

• No visible tattoos.

• No piercings or hairstyles (cut, color, length) outside of what is allowed on a regular school day for **both boys and girls.**

• No see-through outfits.

Ladies

- Appropriate length dresses/skirts (at least 3" below fingertip length) or dress pants with blouses and dress shoes (flats or heels).
- Slits should not be higher than 3" above the knee.
- No midriffs showing.
- **No sneakers or flip flops.**
- If any part of the dress is of mesh, the color should match the color of the dress (not skin-toned or see-through).
- Dresses may be halter or strapless, as long as the neckline is modest.
- Dresses must not contain cut outs.
- Backs may not be any lower than the elbow when elbows are bent at the side.
- Dresses may not be excessively tight in appearance. Please keep this in mind when selecting the fabric of the dress.

Gentlemen

- Shirt and tie, dress pants, and dress shoes **(Sneakers are NOT allowed).**
- Your hair must be well groomed and you must be clean shaven. **Anyone who is not in compliance will be required to shave that morning.**
- As referenced above for all students, hair must follow regular school day guidelines.