Cardinal Newman HIGH SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

The goal of the dress code is to readily identify our students for safety purposes. Students must wear Cardinal Newman High School polo and outerwear at all times.

Another important goal of a dress code is to teach our students that in the larger arena of life, different types of dress codes are appropriate for different settings. As representatives of CNHS, student appearance reflects upon the image and good name of the school. To that end, students in this academic setting are expected to be clean and neat in their personal appearance, observing standards of modesty and moderation. Ever-changing styles of clothing and grooming, the different values of parents, students, and individual interpretations of what is acceptable school dress make judgment in such matters subjective. The school reserves the right to regulate against fads or fashions. Parents who choose the CNHS experience for their young men and women accept the judgment of the Administration as final in matters of school policies including dress code for a high school college preparatory environment.

Students are to be in dress code in all areas of the campus throughout the day. Students will also be in dress code away from school when in conjunction with their Senior Service project, community service, and field trips. Regular dress code checks will be conducted during the school day.

Respect for oneself and others is also shown through personal appearance and neatness. All students are expected to reflect pride in themselves and in the school by following the dress code policy. All clothing must be neat, clean, and free from tears, rips, cuts, and holes. Clothing should be modest, avoiding excessively tight or revealing items.

Tops: Shirts and Outerwear

- Shirts must be a CN-logo polo. A CN Polo (purchased through the Bird Cage) is required
- Senior students can wear any college sweatshirt after Easter Break
- Outerwear (windbreakers, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirt): All outerwear is considered part of the CNHS dress code. The only sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets worn during the school day must have a CN Logo

Bottoms: Pants, Shorts, and Skorts

- **Pants**:
  - Students must wear solid-colored pants in grey, black, or tan/khaki; fabric material may be denim material (not blue denim) but may not be ripped or distressed. Blue denim is permitted **ONLY** on Friday.
  - Camouflage pants or fatigues are not allowed.
  - Pants should be appropriately sized, fitting comfortably without being excessively tight, baggy, or oversized.
  - Pants with holes, distressing, or frayed bottoms are not allowed.

    - Sweatpants, leggings (including flared or straight styles), jeggings, and athletic warm-ups are prohibited.
- **Shorts**:
    - Students may wear solid-colored shorts in grey, black, or tan/khaki.
    - Shorts must have a minimum 7-inch inseam and/or reach at least mid-thigh.
    - Athletic shorts are not permitted.
    - Shorts are not allowed on liturgy dress days.
- **Skorts** (for female students):
    - Skorts should be mid-thigh or longer in solid colors of grey, black, or tan/khaki and purchased through Land's End ONLY
    - Skorts must be appropriately sized and fit comfortably without being excessively tight or baggy.
    - Leggings or tights are permitted under appropriate skorts. Leggings or tights must be solid neutral colors in black, cream, white, or gray.

Friday Dress Code

On Fridays (except Formal/Mass days), students may wear the CNHS logo-wear t-shirts This includes well-fitted denim blue jeans.

Liturgy Dress Code

- Young Women must wear:
    - Well-fitted, non-ripped tan khaki pants.
    - White button-down shirt with a collar.
    - Students are to wear dress code approved shoes. There are no “Uggs” style shoes or slippers of any kind allowed on Liturgy days.
- Young Men must wear:
    - Well-fitted, non-ripped tan khaki pants.
    - Button-down white dress shirt with a tie.
    - Students are to wear dress code approved shoes.

General Guidelines

- **Tattoos**: It is illegal in the state of California to obtain a tattoo before 18 years of age. There is no provision in the law that states a parent/guardian can consent for the minor. In accordance with the law, tattoos are discouraged. Any student having a tattoo that the administration considers to be offensive or a distraction will be directed to cover the tattoo during school hours and while participating in school events.
- **Hair**: Dyeing, bleaching, or tinting hair to unnatural colors (e.g., blue, pink, green, silver, or neon shades) is prohibited. Hair must be naturally colored and well-groomed. Facial hair is not permitted; individuals must be clean-shaven.
- **Shoes**: Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times. Laces must be tied, and straps must be appropriately worn. Students are not to wear Crocs, Ugg slippers, or Ugg-Tasman. This also applies to modified dress days unless the Dean has given specific permission.

- **Hats**: Hats are not an approved part of the dress code. Sweatshirt hoods are not to be worn in class. Hoods may be worn outside.
- **Sunglasses**: Sunglasses may not be worn indoors.
- **Piercings**: Only ear and nose piercings are permitted. Nose piercings are limited to a stud no larger than 2mm. Students may have up to three ear piercings per ear.
- **Jewelry**: Jewelry should be limited and in good taste. The administration has the final decision regarding the appropriateness of jewelry worn. Earring studs are limited to 5 mm in size.
- **Makeup and Nails**: The use of makeup is discouraged. Any makeup and fingernail styles should be modest, limited, and in good taste. The administration has the final decision regarding the appropriateness of makeup and nail styles.

Any student or parent with questions about the dress code is invited to visit the Dean of Students' office to clarify details or to show the office an outfit or hairstyle for approval.

Modified Dress Days

There are occasional “Modified Dress Days” during spirit week, retreats, and special fundraisers.

Prohibited Attire

- Pajamas, sweatpants, yoga pants, leggings, or jeggings (as pants), except as specified on theme-dress days.
- Shorts that are shorter than mid-thigh
- No cut-offs
- Tank tops or sleeveless shirts.
- Crop tops or tube tops.
- Clothing that is excessively tight. Clothing must fit properly.
- Clothing that sags, bags, or is low-cut, exposing undergarments or excessive skin.
- Clothing with references to politics, alcohol, sex, drugs, racist or sexist sayings.
- Clothing containing objectionable references, symbols, words, advertising, or propaganda is against Cardinal Newman's philosophy.