

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Uniforms and Dress Code 2023-24

All students must be in uniform every day. There will be out-of-uniform days (Free Dress) which will be announced during the course of the school year (a dress code for such days is included in this section). If there is a time when the prescribed uniform cannot for some legitimate reason be worn, a note from the parent/guardian must be written to the Principal explaining this change. Students who are out of uniform without this excuse will be sent to the office and the parent will be called to bring the proper clothing.

## Uniform Guidelines

The purpose of the school dress code is to promote neatness, modesty, discipline, a sense of Catholic school identity, and to provide an atmosphere of learning free of emphasis on clothing. The enforcement of the dress code is a joint responsibility of the parents, students, teachers, and principal. Students are expected to dress appropriately for each occasion. Parents are expected to ensure their child is dressed according to the dress code, with the exception of special dress days as approved by the administration. The school reserves the right to call or send home any student whose dress is deemed inappropriate for school. The school also reserves the right to determine if an aspect of a student's dress is distracting to the learning environment, thereby inappropriate for school.

## Boys

- Navy blue uniform pants or shorts (no brand names visible, no extra pockets or loops, no outside stitching).
- Solid Navy, Brown, or Black uniform belts must be worn with belt loops.
- Long or short sleeve polo shirt in solid Red, White, Light Blue, or Gold (no trim color on shirts).
- All shirts must be tucked in.


## Girls

- Navy Blue uniform pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, or jumpers (no brand names visible, and fingertip length, no extra pockets or loops, no outside stitching).
- Solid Navy, Brown, or Black uniform belts must be worn with belt loops.
- Long or short sleeve polo shirt in solid Red, White, Light Blue, or Gold (no trim color on shirts).
- Solid White uniform blouse (no trim color).
- All shirts must be tucked in.
- Navy blue polo dresses are allowable.
- Navy leggings may be worn under skirts.


## Sweaters

- Solid Red, White, or Navy Blue(No light blue) vest, cardigan, v-neck, or crew neck
- No hoods extra trims or designs


## Sweatshirts

- Gold, Gray, or Royal Blue crewneck sweatshirts must be purchased from Chips, JD's, or Make Your Mark, with the official Holy Cross insignias or plain.
- No hoodies are allowed on regular dress days, only spirit wear dress days.


## Socks

- Solid White, Navy Blue, Red, or Black socks; All socks must be visibly seen above the ankle, no trim color.
- Insignias that are solid White, Navy Blue, or Black are acceptable as long as the insignia is not distracting.
- Girls may also wear solid White or Navy Blue tights or leggings under skirts or jumpers.


## Shoes

- All shoes must be secured with shoestrings or Velcro.
- Dress shoes should be one solid color- dark navy, black, or dark brown.
- No boots/uggs/platform shoes/sandals may be worn.


## Hair and Accessories

- All student hair should be clean and well-groomed at all times.
- Extreme hair coloring and bleaching is not permitted.
- No beads or scarves should be worn in the hair
- No extreme hairstyles are permitted, this includes but not limited to: mohawks, spiked, mullets, etc.
- Boys hair must not be touching the collar and be neat and trimmed around the ears.


## Spirit Wear

- Spirit wear sold by the Booster Club or basketball team, including t-shirts and sweatshirts, may be worn each Friday with uniform bottoms.


## Free Dress

Casual dress may be worn on the first Tuesday of each month. There are occasionally other free dress days throughout the year that will be communicated to parents at that time.

- Shoes must not be open toed or open heeled.
- Shorts should not be too short or any longer than uniform shorts and must fit at the waist.
- All shirts must have sleeves.
- Jeans, t-shirts, and sweatshirts may be worn.
- NO offensive or inappropriate wording or pictures allowed.
- NO hats, headbands, scarves, etc.
- No loungewear or pajama bottoms.
- NO leggings, yoga pants, or any other type of tight-fitting pants may be worn.
- No jeans with holes.

Good Rule: If you think you shouldn't wear it, you shouldn't.

## Earrings/Makeup/Jewelry

- No cosmetics, lip gloss, colored chapstick, nail polish, or artificial nails may be worn.
- No visible tattoos of any kind.
- No hologram contact lenses.
- No artificial eyelashes
- No body piercing except pierced ears for Girls.
- Girls may wear one pair of earrings (post or stud) not larger than a dime and without hoops.
- Boys may not wear earrings of any type.
- Jewelry should be limited to one watch and simple crosses or holy medals on a narrow silver or gold chain.
- No rubber band jewelry.


## Watches/Smart watches

- Watches with a beeping device/timer/or alarm should be disconnected during the school day.
- Watches that beep will be taken away and may be claimed at the end of the school day.
- Apple watches or any other smart watch may not be worn.

Students who repeatedly violate the uniform policy, will be denied participation in the next out-of-uniform day or will serve a detention.

## FAILURE TO FOLLOW DRESS CODE

All violations of the Dress Code will be reported to the office. Parents will be notified and may be telephoned and asked to bring proper Dress Code clothing to the child at school. This will be left to the discretion of the principal.

Two violations and infractions to the school dress code and "free dress" guidelines will constitute no participation in the next "free dress" day or a detention.

