

## **Holy Cross Catholic School Dress Code**

### **2019-20 School Year**

Uniforms are worn in all grades from K-8 and must be worn to and from school. The dress code is to be followed from the first day of the school year. Use the pictures attached to this brochure as your guide in selecting clothing styles.

#### **Girls' Uniform**

Navy or tan khaki jumper/skirt/skort  
Grades K-3: optional plaid\* jumper  
Grades 4-8: optional plaid\* skirt  
Navy or tan dress slacks or shorts  
White, light blue or navy blouse /  
polo / turtleneck / "Holy Cross" t-shirt  
Navy or white cardigan / pullover /  
vest  
Socks (navy, black or white)—crew or  
full length (calf length: may be cuffed)  
or knee high but must cover ankle  
bone; or tights  
Dress shoes—sturdy oxford / buckle /  
loafer in black, dark brown, navy, or  
black & white saddle (no high heels)  
Grades 4-8: belt with slacks or shorts

#### **Boys' Uniform**

Navy or tan khaki dress slacks  
or shorts  
White, light blue or navy shirt/  
polo / turtleneck / "Holy  
Cross" spiritwear t-shirt  
Navy or white cardigan /  
pullover / vest  
Socks (navy, black or white):  
full length or crew but must  
cover ankle bone  
Dress shoes—sturdy oxford /  
buckle / loafer in black,  
dark brown or navy  
Grades 4-8: belt with slacks /  
shorts

**Shirts** must be tucked in (both boys and girls); **belts** are to be made of leather (or be leather-like) and be white, dark brown or black in color.

**Shorts** may be worn from May 1 through September 30. The Principal may designate other days. The shorts must be navy blue or tan khaki, knee length, and be similar to the uniform pants.

**Jewelry** may be worn sparingly. A single necklace and bracelet may be worn. Small post or small hoop earrings are allowed for girls (one set only, one in each ear). Boys may not wear earrings. No other costume jewelry is permitted.

**Hair** should be neat, trimmed, styled, and kept out of the eyes. No extreme hair styles or colors will be allowed: no designs or stripes, skater cuts, or single strands of long hair. Boys' hair must be off the collar. Girls' hair must be neatly contained—plain barrettes may be worn if kept conservative. No bleaching, coloring, spiking, or other embellishment of hair is allowed; no extensions, feathers or beads are permitted.

In the end, if you are not sure of an article of clothing, bring it to school for the principal's review. Bring a change of clothes with you.

THE PRINCIPAL AND HIS/HER DESIGNEE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE DRESS CODE ACCORDING TO THEIR INTERPRETATION. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVED CLOTHING MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE PRINCIPAL.

\*plaid: see next page

- \*Plaid skirts and jumpers are available at Connie's Children's Shop in St. Clair Shores.
- Students in grades 4-8 are to wear belts with all slacks and dress shorts. Belts are to be made of leather (or leather-like material) and be solid white, dark brown or black in color.
- All shirts and blouses must be plain in style, with no trim or lace. All shirts and blouses must be tucked in.
- All skirts, jumpers, skorts and shorts must be between fingertip- and knee-length. Girls are encouraged to wear shorts under skirts or jumpers.
- "Cargo" pocketed pants are not acceptable as dress pants.
- Sweaters, when worn, must be worn with collared shirts. "Holy Cross" spiritwear sweatshirts (including "hoodie" style and fleecewear) may be worn as sweaters (but hoods may not be worn indoors).
- Properly-fitting (not form-fitting) turtleneck pullovers are approved as uniform clothing.
- Clothes are to be kept clean and in good repair and fit properly: i.e., not too tight or loose, not too short, and properly hemmed.
- For **gym class**: students in grades 5-8 are to wear comfortable, loose-fitting gym shorts (longer than fingertip length) and a T-shirt with no inappropriate writing or pictures. (Holy Cross spirit wear, if available, may be worn instead--contact the school office for ordering information.) All students need athletic shoes. **Non-marking soles are mandatory.** Sweatpants are **not** approved.
- Tattoos or simulated tattoos are unacceptable.
- Girls may wear clear nail or light colored, neutral nail polish.
- Junior high girls may wear light, natural make up.
- **NO athletic shoe is acceptable as a dress shoe.**
- The homeroom teacher has the authority and responsibility to ensure compliance with uniform regulations.
- Failure to be in complete uniform will earn the offender a referral slip and parents will be contacted to bring in the correct clothes.
- If there is an emergency, please send a note to school explaining why your child is out of uniform. Treat the day as a "dress up" day and be as much in compliance as possible under those circumstances.

## SPECIAL DRESS DAYS

### Mass days

Girls are required to wear skirts or jumpers with the uniform blouses to mass. However, girls may wear uniform pants with uniform blouses (not polo shirts), tucked in. to church during the months of October through April.

Boys are required to wear button-down, collared uniform shirts (tucked in) and solid or conservative ties (no polo shirts).

### "Dress Up" days (including "School Picture Day")

Occasionally days are designated "dress up"—often, if students are participating in a field trip to a concert or play. Clothing should be neat, conservative, and appropriate "Sunday best." Pants and dresses or skirts must be tailored and appropriate length (between fingertip- and knee-length for skirts). Blouses and shirts must be collared and have modest necklines. Dresses and tops must not be sleeveless (even if there is a jacket worn over them). Uniform shoes or a dress shoe that ties or buckles should be worn. Jeans, T-shirts or play clothes are not acceptable for "dress up" days; however, students' regular school clothing may be worn.

### Jeans or "Dress Down" days

A "dress down" day usually means "jeans" to the students. Sweat pants are **not** acceptable. Clothes should be neat and clean, with no holes, frays or patches. Sweatshirts and T-shirts with appropriate slogans and designs are permitted, as well as sweaters and turtlenecks. Girls' shirts must have modest necklines.

### "Dress Down Shorts" days

Shorts must be neat and clean, and fingertip- to knee-length. Ripped, torn, biker, spandex, or cut-off shorts are not allowed. Tank tops, midriff tops, or mesh shirts are not permitted. Shirts must have sleeves.

### Shoes

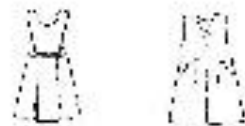
High heeled shoes, shoes with platforms and boots are not permitted to be worn in school (if boots are worn to school, the student must bring appropriate shoes to change into). Backless or opened toed shoes or sandals may not be worn in school. Sneakers should have non-marking soles. No wheeled shoes are permitted.

### Field Trip Dress Code

Dress code for field trips is regular school uniform unless teacher specifies otherwise (for such experiences as going to the zoo or a farm, or to the theater, for example) on the permission forms.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL  
APPROVED GIRLS' CLOTHING STYLES

Jumpers



Skirts / shorts



Pants / shorts



Blouses



Polo



Sweaters / pullovers

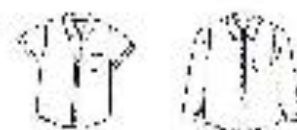


APPROVED BOYS' CLOTHING STYLES

Pants / shorts



Dress shirts



Polo



Sweaters / vests / pullovers

