

(Please note: the dress code is contained in the Parent Student Handbook, also available on this website.)

### **Dress Code Philosophy**

Sacred Heart Catholic School believes that a student's personal appearance has an impact on her/his attitude, as well as behavior, and therefore, the learning process. Respect for both the individual and the school is manifested by an attitude of "dressing up" for school. The Dress Code is designed to assist students in making decisions about appropriate dress, personal responsibility and self-discipline. ***Parents are expected to assume the responsibility of implementing the dress code for their own children.*** Being "in uniform" is expected to be a cooperative effort among parents, students and staff. The school has the responsibility for maintaining a serious educational environment. Students and parents share the responsibility for proper dress and grooming. Sacred Heart's Dress Code is based on modesty, neatness, cleanliness, good taste and is appropriate to a Catholic school academic environment at all school sponsored activities.

**Acceptable Dress:** The need and desire for neatness, cleanliness and modesty as part of the educational process establish the following as acceptable dress:

#### **BOYS and GIRLS:**

Shirts or Blouses – long or short sleeved, must have collars, no logos

Colors: navy blue, red or white

Styles: polo, turtleneck, oxford-style, plain collar, mock turtleneck, sailor collar for girls.

Layering shirts is acceptable, as long as only red, white, or navy show.

Sweatshirts, Sweaters or Vests (no logos)

Colors: navy blue, red or white (no contrasting trims)

\*Sweatshirts purchased through the school with Sacred Heart Catholic School logo

Colors: navy blue or red

**\*No team sweatshirts or team attire may be worn at school.**

#### **BOYS:**

Pants or walking shorts – no denim. Broadcloth – tweed/corduroy type fabric only are acceptable – no pockets on side of legs

Colors: navy blue

#### **GIRLS:**

Pants or walking shorts – no denim or knit stretch pants. Broadcloth – tweed/corduroy type fabric only are acceptable – no pockets on side of legs

Colors: navy blue, Hamilton plaid

Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts, Culottes (no denim)

Colors: navy blue, Hamilton plaid

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Hamilton Plaid items must be purchased through Dennis Uniform Company or through the Parents Club uniform exchange.

2. All navy blue, red or white items may be purchased at any retailer with "uniform style" clothing.

3. Shorts, Skirts, Jumpers, Skorts, and Culottes must be **NO HIGHER** than six inches (6") from the floor when kneeling.

4. Socks (which can be seen above the shoe) and footwear must be worn at all times. On Mass days (Fridays/Holy Days) students must wear either red, white, or blue socks/leggings.

5. Backless footwear is not allowed.

6. Girls may wear earrings in the ear lobe only. Boys may not wear earrings to school.

7. Hair for boys must not extend below the collar. Unnatural colored hair of any kind is not allowed. Hair styles for boys and girls may not be distracting; (i.e. Mohawks, designs shaved in hair, etc.)

8. All items must be clean, hemmed and in good repair.

9. Make-up may be worn by 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls only. The following kinds of make-up are allowed (during regular school hours and in activities where they shall be representing Sacred Heart Catholic School): foundation, blush and mascara. Eye liner is not allowed. The make-up shall be worn in a way which enhances the natural appearance of the girl. Nail polish may be worn by girls only, no artificial nails allowed.

10. Students may wear the school's auction apparel the 3 weeks preceding the Spring Fling Auction.

**Unacceptable Dress:**

- overalls
- oversized or baggy clothing combat boots and military fatigues/camouflage
- hats and caps
- denim, lycra or spandex clothing
- garments intended for wear as undergarments
- beach wear
- excessively loose or excessively tight clothing
- tank tops, sheer blouses and strapless attire
- sleeveless shirts, blouses or tops are not permitted
- sweat suits and/or sweatpants
- team sweatshirts or team attire

Extremes in clothing, make-up, jewelry and hairstyles are not acceptable. The final decision regarding such extremes will be at the discretion of the school administration. Clothing worn on non-uniform days may not contain suggestive comments, racial remarks, profanity, advertisements of controlled substances or other inappropriate designs in poor taste as determined by the administration.

**The dress code is important for the orderly running of our school, and the expectations are clearly delineated in the School Handbook. It is the responsibility of the students and their parents to arrive to school properly attired. *Students will not be allowed to attend class without complying with the dress code.* If a student arrives at school out of compliance with the dress code:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** The student will change into appropriate clothing from the uniform exchange, and a phone call/written notice will be made to the parent stating the nature of the violation.

**Further Offenses:** The parent will be called and asked either to bring the appropriate clothing or to retrieve their child from school for the day. While the student is waiting for his or her parent, he or she will remain in the school office.