

Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School Dress Code for the 2021-2022 SY

DRESS CODE

To promote discipline and to foster pride in being a student at Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School, and wearing a uniform does indeed achieve that purpose, students are expected to follow the dress code. Adherence to a uniform dress code serves two purposes: students appear neat and well-groomed and distractions from school work and activities are minimized. Students grades PreK-8 are required to wear the approved uniform. On special occasions, students are not required to wear the uniform; these days will be announced. Untidy or unkempt clothes are never permitted, nor are clothes with inappropriate logos. Boy Scout and American Heritage Girl uniforms may be worn on meeting days. There is a special uniform (Grades 5-8) for Physical Education (P.E.) classes which is included in this section.

All uniform regulations and guidelines are subject to the discretion of the Principal.

Uniform components (pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, blouses, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, ties, fleece jackets and accessories) may be purchased at:

Dennis Uniform
3058 Leeman Ferry Rd. SW #F
Huntsville, AL 35801
Phone: 256-883-7887
School Code: **BAHSHA**

Or order online at www.dennisuniform.com, use the above school code when ordering. **Dennis will also custom order items if they are not found in the store.** All students must be in uniform every day. There will be out-of-uniform days which will be announced during the course of the 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. Every effort is made to make sure Dennis Uniform is kept up to date on all policy revisions. This handbook supersedes the store.

The following are definitions that will apply to all dress codes:

- *Crew socks* - Crew length socks are defined as socks 3” above the ankle.
- *Sport socks* - Sport socks are defined as the “no show/ankle” socks.
- *Jumper/Skirt/Skort/Short length* - Must be an appropriate length of no more than 2 inches above the knee measured when the child is standing. All plaid and khaki jumper/skorts/skirts/shorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform.
- *Plaid* –All plaid jumper/skirts/skorts/shorts must be #310 plaid and purchased from Dennis Uniform.
- *Shirts* – **All** must be purchased from Dennis Uniform with the Holy Spirit logo.
- *Sweaters and sweatshirts* – Must be purchased from Dennis Uniform.
- *Pants/Shorts* - Pants and shorts must be purchased from Dennis and must stay at the “natural” waist, no sagging. Pants must be without holes and neat and clean in appearance. At no time may undergarments be visible.
- *Shoes* - Tennis (no high top/basketball style) shoes must be predominantly one color either white, black, gray or dark navy. One **small** accent color on tennis shoes is permitted. Laces must match the dominant shoe color unless the shoe is all one color in which the laces may be white. Shoes with mesh may not have different color material underneath. Shoes with lights, sounds, characters, beads, wheels, etc. are not allowed. Other permitted shoes must be solid black, brown, white or dark navy only. Boots, sandals, open back shoes, ballet slippers etc. are not

allowed. Dress shoes must be solid in color. Oxford style, saddle shoes, loafers and top-siders (not two-toned) are acceptable. Only non-scuff soles may be worn for P.E. Footwear must be kept securely fastened at all times. Shoes with laces must be tied at all times. For special occasions or out-of-uniform days, girls may not wear a shoe with a heel over 1 inch for grades PreK-6 and 2 inches for grades 7-8 (heel height is measured from the back exterior of the shoe).

- *Footwear* - Sandals and flip-flops are defined as open-toed footwear and boots as footwear that rises above the ankle. We define open back shoes as clogs (i.e. Crocs) and slip on shoes. If the teacher deems the footwear inappropriate for any particular time or place, he/she will ask the student to change into their P.E. shoes.
- *Watches* – Watches with a beeping device/timer/alarm should be silenced during the school day.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE PROPERLY SIZED, CLEAN AND FREE OF HOLES. SHIRT TAILS MUST BE TUCKED IN WHILE ON CAMPUS.

BOYS UNIFORM

PANTS/SHORTS – PreK must wear khaki color only. PreK may also wear pull-on shorts and pants and do not require a belt. Kindergarten may wear navy, pull-on shorts and pants which do not require a belt. Grades K-4 must wear navy color only. Grades 5-8 may wear either navy or khaki color.

SHIRTS – PreK-8 must wear red or white knit shirts (long or short sleeve) with collars; white oxford button down shirts are allowed.

P.E. UNIFORM - Grades 5-8 are required to wear a P.E. uniform consisting of a gray shirt with HS logo and mesh or jersey navy blue shorts. Both items must be purchased from Dennis Uniform.

WEDNESDAY ATTIRE: Students are permitted to wear school sponsored t-shirts with regular uniform bottoms. Wednesday Spirit Wear can be worn on Wednesday only.

Students do not attend Mass on Wednesdays. This allows Wednesday to be a more casual day for our uniform. This is an option to the regular dress code; there is no requirement to purchase or wear these shirts. The school t-shirt is an every Wednesday option unless specified by the Principal. Wednesday Spirit wear t-shirts include the royal blue School shirt, gray STREAM, navy Athletics, Falcon Middle School Athletics and Holy Spirit Athletics.

FRIDAY MASS ATTIRE: Boys: 7th/8th grade boys will wear a Mass uniform on Fridays consisting of a white, long sleeve, oxford shirt with school logo, a long, navy necktie (no bow ties) and khaki pants (no shorts) with a belt. Ties must be solid navy and purchased from Dennis Uniform. Shirts should be ironed and neat in appearance and worn to school on Fridays only. This shirt is to be worn all day, but sleeves may be rolled up and ties removed AFTER Mass.

SWEATERS – Navy cardigans, V-neck or pullover sweaters or sweater vests may be worn. The Holy Spirit logo is required.

SWEATSHIRTS – Sweatshirts and quarter-zip sweatshirts must have the Holy Spirit logo. They may be gray or navy. Sweatshirts must be worn over a collared shirt.

JACKETS – Only fleece jackets (with logo) and navy sport wick full-zip jackets (with logo) from Dennis Uniform are allowed to be worn in the classroom.

SOCKS – Socks are mandatory and must be solid white, navy or black in crew length only, without emblems or brand names. Sport socks are not permitted.

BELTS – Belts are mandatory for pants and shorts and must be either stretched with magnetic closure (black or navy K-8 and khaki for PreK). Leather belts must be solid black, brown or dark navy. Suspenders are not allowed.

GROOMING – Boys are to be well groomed. Haircuts should be neat, above the eyebrows, trimmed around the ears, not distracting and may not touch the shirt collar. No coloring, tint, tails, spikes, high front lifts, Mohawks, fade cuts or styles such as these are permitted. There may not be more than an inch difference in hair length. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings. Boys are not permitted to have facial hair and therefore, if applicable, must be clean shaven.

GIRLS UNIFORM

JUMPERS/SHIFTS –PreK-4 may wear jumpers/shifts. The School prefers Peter Pan blouses to be worn under jumpers.

SKORTS – PreK-8 may wear plaid skorts; PreK and grades 5-8 may also wear khaki skorts. Skirts/skorts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee.

SKIRTS – May only be worn in grades 5-8; these may be khaki or plaid.

PANTS/SHORTS – PreK must wear khaki color only. PreK may also wear pull-on shorts and pants and do not require a belt. Kindergarten may wear navy, pull-on shorts and pants which do not require a belt. Grades K-4 must wear navy color only. Grades 5-8 may wear either navy or khaki color.

SHIRTS – Red or white knit shirts (long or short sleeve) with logo and collars, white oxford button down blouses and round collar (Peter Pan) blouses are allowed.

P.E. UNIFORM - Grades 5-8 are required to wear a PE uniform consisting of a gray shirt with HS logo and mesh or jersey navy blue shorts. Both items must be purchased from Dennis Uniform.

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FRIDAY MASS ATTIRE: Girls: 7th/8th grade girls will wear a Mass uniform on Fridays consisting of a white, long sleeve, oxford shirt with school logo, a long, plaid necktie (no bow ties) and khaki pants (no shorts) with a belt, skorts or a plaid skirt. Ties must be our school plaid and

purchased from Dennis Uniform. Shirts should be ironed and neat in appearance and worn to school on Fridays only. This shirt is to be worn all day, but sleeves may be rolled up and ties removed AFTER Mass.

SWEATERS – Navy cardigans, V-neck or pullover sweaters or sweater vests may be worn. The Holy Spirit logo is required.

SWEATSHIRTS – Sweatshirts and quarter-zip sweatshirts must have the Holy Spirit logo. They may be gray or navy. Sweatshirts must be worn over a collared shirt.

JACKETS – Only fleece jackets (with logo) and navy sport wick full-zip jackets (with logo) from Dennis Uniform are allowed to be worn in the classroom.

SOCKS – Socks are mandatory and must be solid white, navy or black, without emblems, lace or brand names. Crew length, knee high socks and tights (white, navy or black) are permitted. Laces, ribbons, pantyhose and sport socks are not permitted.

BELTS – Belts are mandatory for pants and shorts and must be either stretched with magnetic closure (black or navy K-8 and khaki for PreK). Leather belts must be solid in color solid black, brown or dark navy. Suspenders are not allowed.

GROOMING – Hair must be neat, may not be distracting, and must remain out of the eyes. Extreme hair color or bleaching with non-natural colors and/or patterns is not permitted. Tails, spikes, high front lifts, Mohawks, fade cuts or styles such as these are not permitted. No hair accessories are permitted except school approved items available at Dennis Uniform. Girls may also wear solid colored (red, navy, white or black) hair bows. Thin sport headbands are permitted and must be solid in color (red, navy, black, brown, gray and white). Plain clips and bobby pins are permitted to hold hair back. Hair bows must be of reasonable size and not distracting. Nail polish, if worn, may only be clear. Only stud earrings are allowed; no double piercing. Minimal and modest jewelry is permitted. Make-up of any kind is not allowed in grades PreK-7. A modest amount of makeup is permitted for 8th grade (foundation, powder and mascara **ONLY**)

ADDITIONAL UNIFORM INFORMATION

In an effort to promote school spirit in middle school athletic programs at St. John Paul II Catholic High School, student athletes may wear their Falcon Middle School jersey or sport uniform top to school on game day with their regular HS uniform bottom. If the athletic uniform is a tank top, students must wear a shirt with sleeves under it. The only exception is Friday; the Mass uniform must still be worn all day on Fridays.

Exceptions or substitutions to the school **DRESS CODE** must be approved, in advance, by the Principal.

The very purpose of our school uniform policy is to achieve quality and consistency among our students in their style of dress. It takes the combined effort of students, parents and school personnel to see to it that every child comes to school in proper uniform.

For major dress code violations, the child's parent will be called to bring the item necessary to complete the uniform. After three documented uniform infractions, the student will be ineligible for out-of-uniform days for the remainder of the semester. A conference with the Principal, parent and student will be the result of continued dress code violations.

Please print your child's name on all articles of clothing worn to school and regularly check the lost and found shelving located in the cafeteria for missing articles. Articles not claimed are periodically given to those in need.

OUT OF UNIFORM (OOU) DRESS CODE

A good rule to follow: if you think you shouldn't wear it, you shouldn't.

BOYS

SHIRTS – Shirts must have sleeves. T-shirts may be plain or have positive messages.

PANTS – Length, style and condition must be consistent with regular uniform policy.

SHORTS - Shorts must be middle fingertip length or longer. This is defined as when a child stands up straight, with hands extended downward by their side and material must touch the middle finger tip or below. Athletic shorts (such as Nike running/tempo shorts) are permitted with compression-style shorts underneath, and must meet the fingertip length requirement. At no time may undergarments be visible.

SHOES – Sandals, flip-flops, boots and open back shoes are not allowed. If a student chooses not to wear tennis shoes on out-of-uniform days, it is their responsibility to bring appropriate tennis shoes for P.E. Tennis shoes, on these days, are not restricted.

SOCKS – Socks must be worn with tennis shoes.

JEWELRY – Earrings are not allowed.

GIRLS

SHIRTS – Shirts must have sleeves. No tops such as tank tops, halters or mesh “see-through” shirts allowed. No bare midriffs or exposed shoulders are permitted. T-shirts may be plain or have positive messages.

SKIRTS/DRESSES – Skirts/dresses must meet the length requirement of the regular uniform. It is recommended that girls wear shorts under their skirts/dresses even on out-of-uniform days.

SHORTS – Shorts must be middle fingertip length or longer. This is defined when a child stands up straight with hands extended downward by their side; material must touch the middle finger tip or below. Athletic shorts (such as Nike running/tempo shorts) are permitted with compression-style shorts underneath, and must meet the fingertip length requirement. At no time may undergarments be visible.

PANTS – Length, style and condition must be consistent with regular uniform policy. Jeans must be modest in fit. No leggings/jeggings are allowed unless worn under a dress.

SHOES – Sandals, flip-flops, boots and open back shoes are not allowed. If a student chooses not to wear tennis shoes on out-of-uniform days, it is their responsibility to bring appropriate tennis shoes for P.E. Tennis shoes, on these days, are not restricted.

SOCKS – Socks must be worn with tennis shoes.

JEWELRY/GROOMING – Hair must be neat, may not be distracting, and must remain out of the eyes. Extreme hair color or bleaching with non-natural colors and/or patterns is not permitted. Only stud earrings are permitted; no double piercing. No make-up is permitted in grades PreK-7. A modest amount of makeup is permitted for 8th grade.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.) ATTIRE (Grades 5-8)

Students in grades 5-8 are required to dress-out in a school approved P.E. uniform. Because students are required to change their clothing, it is recommended that girls wear skirts with appropriate approved P.E. shorts underneath.

BOYS

SHIRT - Oxford gray performance t-shirt with logo purchased from Dennis Uniform is required.

SHORTS – Navy sport shorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform. Length of shorts must be fingertip length or longer and fit appropriately.

SHOES – Refer to Shoes under **DRESS CODE**.

SOCKS – Socks are mandatory and must be solid white, navy or black in crew length, without emblems or brand names. Sports socks are not permitted.

OTHER – Sweat suits are allowed on cold temperature days when P.E. is held outside. Sunglasses may be worn when P.E. is conducted outside and must be plastic.

GIRLS

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SHORTS – Navy sport shorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform. Shorts must be fingertip length or longer and fit appropriately.

SHOES – Refer to Shoes under **DRESS CODE**.

SOCKS – Socks are mandatory and must be solid white, navy or black in crew or knee length and without emblems, lace or brand names. Sport socks are not permitted.

OTHER – Sweat suits are allowed on cold temperature days when P.E. is held outside. Sunglasses may be worn when P.E. is conducted outside and must be plastic.

FIELD DAY ATTIRE

All out-of-uniform guidelines apply. The following exceptions are permitted on Field Day only.

ALL GRADES:

Girls: May wear a one-piece swimsuit under class t-shirts and shorts. Compression style shorts are required under all athletic/basketball type shorts. For those wearing 2 piece swimsuits, they must wear a shirt (worn at all times) to cover the stomach. Length requirements are the same, as stated in the Out-of-Uniform Dress Code. No tank tops, halters, mesh “see through” shirts, bare midribs or exposed shoulders are permitted. No crocs, sandals or flip flops are permitted. Tennis shoes with socks are required (ankle socks are permitted on field day).

Boys: May wear a class t-shirt and swim trunks, they are required to keep their t-shirts on. Compression style shorts are required under all athletic/basketball type shorts. Length requirements are the same, as stated in the Out-of-Uniform Dress Code. No tank tops, halters, mesh “see through” shirts, bare midribs or exposed shoulders are permitted. No crocs, sandals or flip flops are permitted. Tennis shoes with socks are required (ankle socks are permitted on field day).

Students need to bring a change of clothes and a towel for after the water events - they will be wet! Students need to apply sunscreen before school or bring it (labeled) to apply at school. Hats and sunglasses (plastic frames only) are acceptable outside only.

8th GRADE GRADUATION ATTIRE

The 8th grade graduation ceremony occurs at the end of a special Mass and the dress code is as follows:

Boys: Dress slacks, dress shirt and dress shoes are the minimum requirement. Suits/sport jackets and ties are encouraged.

Girls: Dresses and skirts are highly encouraged. They must be an appropriate length of no more than 2 inches above the knee while standing. No sleeveless or spaghetti strap tops/dresses are permitted without a sweater on at all times in the church. A modest amount of makeup is permitted.