

# Holy Cross Catholic School 2023-2024 School Uniform and Dress Code Policy

- The Holy Cross Catholic School uniform policy was designed to be workable for parents, enforceable by the school, and to help students focus on learning and not on what other students are wearing. All faculty and administrators have the right to judge what is and what is not appropriate regarding student dress code, and to enforce consequences for inappropriate dress.
- Uniform items may be purchased through such retailers as Dennis Uniform, JC Penney, & Target. We ask that you make your purchases using school scrip whenever possible. The school also maintains a Uniform Closet of donated, gently-used clothing, which is available to all families at no charge. An order for our official school sweatshirt will be placed in the fall.
- **Violation of the Uniform and Dress Code Policy will result in the student not being allowed to participate in the next Free Dress Theme Day.**

## SHIRTS:

**Plain** white or navy polo, long or short sleeves,  
no logos

Plain white or navy turtleneck, no logos

Must fit the wearer: must not be oversized  
or tight-fitting

No skin may be visible between waistband  
of pants and hem of shirt when arms  
are raised above the head

Girls may wear **plain** white cotton blouses  
with collars and sleeves

No colored undershirts or T-shirts worn  
under polo shirt

## SWEATSHIRTS/SWEATERS:

Sweatshirts are considered “outerwear”, and a  
collared shirt must be worn underneath

Navy Holy Cross Catholic School sweatshirts

First and/or last names only on sweatshirts, no  
nicknames

Plain navy or white cardigan sweaters

Plain navy sweatshirt jackets (no designs or logos)

**No** sweatshirts with logos other than Holy Cross  
School are to be worn in the classrooms

Jackets and coats cannot be worn in the classrooms

## PANTS:

Solid navy or khaki (Dennis Uniform or French Toast  
color), twill or corduroy

No low-rise, baggy, or tight-fitting slacks

**Leggings may not be worn as pants**

Middle school students must wear a belt

Capri pants must be hemmed

No cargo or carpenter pants, or pants that convert  
to shorts

No sweatpants

## WALKING SHORTS:

Solid navy or khaki (Dennis Uniform or French Toast  
color), twill only

Fitted at the waist

Hem must be an appropriate length (no higher than 3”  
above the knee)

Functional pockets only

## SKIRTS, SKORTS, JUMPERS, & ONE-PIECE DRESSES:

Any item in the **Marymount Plaid**

Solid navy or khaki (Dennis Uniform or French Toast  
color)

Solid navy or khaki one-piece dresses

Jumpers only (sleeveless and collarless), no one-piece  
dresses

Hem must be an appropriate length (no higher than 3”  
above the knee)

It is highly recommended that shorts be worn under  
skirts and jumpers

## SHOES & SOCKS:

Tennis shoes or rubber-soled shoes that are fully laced  
and/or otherwise fully fastened. **Velcro shoes  
for all students unless they can tie their own  
shoes independently.**

Girls may wear closed-toe flats

Socks must be worn at all times

**Tights and leggings must be solid color:** white,  
black, or navy only. Leggings can be worn  
under skirts or jumpers.

**NO** open back shoes, sandals, flip-flops, clogs,  
Crocs, heels, or platform shoes

## MAKE-UP & NAIL POLISH:

Light make-up may be worn only by middle school  
girls

No distracting nail polish colors or designs

**NO** acrylic (fake) fingernails

## JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES:

**Small stud or small hoop earrings ONLY**

**NO** smart watches

No distracting headbands

No piercings other than earlobes

No tattoos

No bandanas may be worn, as headbands or otherwise

## HAIR:

Hair must be kept clean, neat, & styled in such a  
way as to not be a distraction to learning

No distracting hair colors or hair styles

A student who is inappropriately dressed at any time will be sent to the principal's office. The student will be taken to the Uniform Closet to change into approved attire. Parents will be notified. If no uniforms are available in the student's size, parents may be asked to take the student home to change clothes

### **FREE DRESS and THEME DAYS:**

**Other than uniform clothing, dress code policy (shoes, jewelry, etc.) still applies.**

Jeans must be fitted at the waist and must not be tight-fitting or baggy. No jeans with holes or rips.

Pants must be fitted at the waist. No low-rise, baggy, or tight-fitting pants.

Skirts and shorts must be an appropriate length (no higher than 3" above the knee). It is highly recommended that shorts be worn under skirts.

Shorts must have functional pockets.

Tights cannot be worn as pants.

Leggings or yoga pants may be worn as pants as long as they are thick enough that they are entirely opaque (not see-through).

No crop tops. All shirts must be hip length, or long enough to tuck into the waist of the bottoms worn with them.

Necklines of shirts must reach armpit height at the lowest.

No tank tops. T-shirts or sweatshirts may have logos, sayings, etc. as long as they are appropriate for wear at a Catholic grade school.