

APPENDIX A

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DRESS CODE

MUST BE NEAT, WRINKLE-FREE AND CLEAN

A student's general appearance can contribute much to, or detract from, the learning atmosphere and attitude in a school. Neatness and cleanliness will help ensure the health and safety of each child. Above all, students should dress MODESTLY as befits an elementary school child in a Catholic school. Our dress code is for students in grades Kindergarten through 8. Preschoolers do not need to follow the K-8th Grade dress code; however, they should dress appropriately for a Catholic school environment according to the Preschool Handbook, the weather, and their activities.

Due to the extensive variations of dress code options, inventory shortages with school suppliers, and the need to simplify the dress code, an effort to streamline dress code options and provide parents with one preferred supplier for all uniform needs will be communicated in 2027-28. Students will be able to wear the uniform as outlined below for the 2026-27 school year. Per Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.665, at least six month's notice will be given to families about the chosen dress code for 2027-28 school year. A survey will be sent out to families beforehand so that you may offer feedback with regard to uniform preferences. The dress code that is selected will reflect what the majority of families select and will incorporate fewer options of the existing color schemes and uniform items.

FORMAL UNIFORM (To be worn on all Mass Days and for Field Trips by students in grades K-8)

Girls: White button-down oxford shirt or blouse with a navy cross or floppy tie. Navy skirt, jumper or pants. Navy cardigan or sweater vest, or v-neck sweater permitted.

Boys: White button-down oxford shirt with a navy or navy and white neck/bow tie. Navy or khaki pants are permitted. Navy fleece, or sweater vest, or v-neck sweater permitted.

All other components of the Formal Uniform will follow the Regular Uniform, such as pants or skirts, socks, and shoes.

REGULAR UNIFORM (To be worn Monday through Thursday on Non-Mass Days)

SHIRTS

Girls and Boys— Plain, solid-colored white, light blue, or navy blue shirts that are the correct size for the student are expected. Shirts may be long or short-sleeved. They are to be button-up oxford shirts with a collar or knit polo shirts with a collar. T-shirts worn under a dress shirt must be white with no printing of any kind on it. Sweaters can only be worn over a dress code top and can be no longer than waist length. **No sweatshirts other than Holy Trinity Catholic School sweatshirts are allowed. No hooded sweatshirts or sweaters may be worn as part of the uniform dress code. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times. Regular uniforms are required to be worn in extended day.**

PANTS AND SLACKS

Girls and Boys– Plain, solid-colored navy blue or khaki dress cotton pants are to be worn. Pants may not have double stitching on the seams or rivets. Pants must be worn up around the waist. Belts are required for Boys in grades 2-8.

Items not permitted – Cargo pants, leggings (unless worn under skirts), stirrup pants, flared or bell bottoms, stretch or knit pants, denim, joggers, tie waist band, rivets or painter's loops on pants.

SKIRTS

Navy, khaki, or Lands End plaid (only the plaid is available through Lands End's school shop under Holy Trinity) skirts, skorts, and jumpers that fit appropriately are acceptable. **Skirts**

and skorts cannot be more than 3-5 inches above the knee. Only navy leggings or modesty shorts may be worn underneath a skirt or skorts.

SHORTS

Dress cotton shorts in navy or khaki are allowed until October 1 and after May 1. This timeframe may change depending on the weather and will be announced during announcements if there is a change. The shorts may not be cargo, denim, rivets, or knit. Shorts must fit loosely and be approximately knee length. Belts (brown or black) must be worn with pants/shorts at all times in grades 2 through 8.

SOCKS

Plain white, gray, navy, or black socks or tights are to be worn. Socks are to be crew, ankle, or knee length. No-show socks or footies are not permitted.

SHOES

Girls and Boys– Dress and athletic shoes may be worn but need to be conservative in color (white or black). Shoes should not be a distraction in the classroom. Shoe heels should be no taller than one inch. Shoes must be closed all the way around the foot and tied at all times. Boots, work boots, Crocs, sandals, flip-flops, high heels, etc., are not allowed. **Students may not wear shoes with wheels, lights, glitter, or sounds of any kind.**

OUTERWEAR PROTOCOL WHEN ATTENDING MASS OR ADORATION

When students attend Mass or Adoration many wear jackets and hoodies when going from school to the church. When we enter St. Joseph Commons at Holy Trinity, or any church we may be at, it is required for students to be in the proper uniform. Hoodies and jackets are required to be taken off. When leaving church, they can be put on for the walk back to school, then must be taken off and stored in their lockers during the school day

LUNCH/RECESS

When heading to lunch, students should carry jackets or hoodies with them to the lunchroom. When finished eating lunch and their area is clean, students may then put on their hoodies or jackets. Students may wear their jackets and hoodies while at recess, but they must be removed upon re-entering the school building.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE

For classes that change clothes for physical education, students must have a change of clothes for physical education class. The required clothing for P.E. is shorts, Holy Trinity t-shirts, athletic shoes, and socks. Shorts must be loose enough to permit movement, but may not be biker, boxer, jean, baggy shorts, or short shorts. **Shorts cannot be too short or too tight, and have at least a five-inch inseam.** Athletic Pants that are loose-fitting may be worn (sweat pants), but no yoga pants, leggings, spandex pants, joggers, etc. are permitted. Shirts may not be mesh or sleeveless and may not be so short that the midriff is bare. Shirts and shorts must be clean and neat with no holes or tears. Shoes must be regulation athletic shoes.

***Navy mesh shorts and gray PE shirts will be required for PE in 2027-28.**

DRESS DOWN DAY ATTIRE

The dress code for these days will follow these requirements: jeans/loose-fitting sweat pants must be clean without any holes, tears, or words written on them, no joggers, leggings, etc. are allowed; tops/t-shirts/shirts may not have any offensive language or pictures, and must be appropriate for Holy Trinity Catholic School.

Shoes on dress-down day must still comply with the regulations for every day. Shoes must be closed all the way around the foot. Sandals, flip-flops, heels, etc., are not allowed.

Special dress-down days will be announced prior to those days. For example, Catholic Schools Week, special days celebrated at Holy Trinity Catholic School, CYO Sports days, etc.

JEWELRY, HAIR, AND MAKEUP

We are a Catholic Elementary School. Jewelry, hair, and makeup should be not distracting or unusual. **Hair adornments should be not distracting, and are limited to simple**

headbands, bows, barrettes, and ponytail holders that match the student's hair color and/or uniform. Jewelry is limited to 1 bracelet, 1 small religious necklace, and 1 small pair of earrings. Only girls are allowed to wear earrings. Light make-up can only be worn by girls in grades 7 & 8. The principal, pastor, or their designee will determine what is appropriate and not distracting.

FIELD TRIP DRESS CODE

On field trips, students will still be allowed to wear Holy Trinity sweatshirts with their uniform, unless the field trip requires students to be in Formal Uniform. Jackets, coats, sweaters, etc., will still be allowed on field trips. The exception is if a teacher gives the option to dress down for a field trip, for example, Ag Fest, the principal or designee will have the discretion of how students may dress.

8th GRADE DRESS UP

As a privilege, only the eighth grade may dress up on Wednesdays. It is understood that dressing up means semi-formal attire, and the length of dresses or skirts is at the appropriate length of 3-5 inches above the knee. In addition, tucked-in shirts and neckties are encouraged. Remember, this is a privilege and may be removed with poor behavior and academic work.

IF A STUDENT IS NOT IN DRESS CODE

If a student is not in the proper dress code for school or properly dressed for a dress-down day, the student and parents will be notified. Inappropriate dress that requires an immediate attention will result in parents being contacted to bring a change of clothes.

If there are three or more dress code violations, a student will be given a lunch detention and parents/guardians may be called to bring the proper attire to school.

Excessive dress code infractions may result in an after-school detention and a meeting with the student, his/her parents, and the principal to review expectations for partnering with the school.