

Dress Code

The school and the parents establish and support the dress code in a spirit of mutual cooperation. It is the right and duty of parents to be sure their children are dressed according to code and it is the right and duty of the school to further support that by monitoring the dress code. Uniforms are to be worn from the first through the last day of school unless directed otherwise by school officials. “Dress down”, “dress up”, and “Spirit Wear” days are announced ahead of time.

****Please label all students clothing with first and last name of your child.****

SUMMER UNIFORM

The last day the summer uniform may be worn is October 13, and the first day the summer uniform may be worn is April 16.

CONDITION OF UNIFORM

The school uniform must always be worn in a manner that is appropriate for a school environment. All parts of the uniform need to be in good condition. Frayed cuffs, split seams, writing, markings, and holes in the uniform are unacceptable.

STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5

GIRLS

Jumpers: Plaid (multiple styles available) – skirt length just above the knee.

Skirts: (5th Grade only option in addition to 6th-8th grades)
Plaid (multiple styles available) – skirt length just above the knee.
Skirts should have a non-rolled waistband.

Slacks: Girls in Grades K-5 may wear **navy**, solid slacks. The slacks must be a “classic cut”. No baggy, skinny, oversized, cargo style, yoga, corduroy, or bell bottoms. Students must wear a belt if there are belt loops present and it must be visible.

Knit Shirts: White, light blue, or red knit, polo style shirt. Shirts must be tucked in at all times or have an elastic waistband. Company logos or motifs are not permitted.

Blouses: White or light blue button down shirt (long or short sleeved, round or pointed collar).

Sweaters: Solid white, navy, black or red sweaters are permitted in cardigan, pullover, vest, or quarter-zip styles.

Sweatshirt: The only acceptable sweatshirt allowed to be worn over the uniform is the Corpus Christi Academy gym sweatshirt. (NO HOODIES ALLOWED)

- During the winter months, students may wear plain, white turtlenecks under their shirts. If a t-shirt is worn underneath, it must be plain white with no visible lettering.
- From April 16 through October 13, students are permitted to wear walking shorts. Grades K-5 may wear solid **navy** walking shorts. The length for shorts should be just above the knee.

BOYS

- Slacks:** Slacks should be solid **navy** dress trousers. The slacks must be a “classic cut”. No baggy, skinny, oversized, cargo style, corduroy, or bell bottoms. **Students must wear a belt if there are belt loops and it must be visible.**
- Knit Shirts:** White, light blue, or red knit, polo style shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Company logos or motifs are not permitted.
- Shirts:** White or light blue, button-down dress shirts. **Shirts must be tucked in at all times.** Boys in Grades K-5 are not required to wear a tie.
- Sweaters:** Solid white, navy, black, or red sweaters are permitted in cardigan, pullover, vests, or quarter-zip styles. Company logos or motifs are not permitted.
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STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8:

GIRLS

- Skirts:** Plaid (multiple styles available) – skirt length just above the knee. Skirts should have a non-rolled waistband.
- Knit Shirts:** White, light blue, or red knit, polo style shirt. Shirts must be tucked in at all times (not bloused) or have an elastic waistband. Company logos or motifs are not permitted.
- Sweaters:** Solid white, navy, black, or red sweaters are permitted in cardigan, pullover, vest, or quarter-zip styles. Company logos or motifs are not permitted.
- Sweatshirt:** The only acceptable sweatshirt allowed to be worn over the uniform is the Corpus Christi Academy gym sweatshirt. (NO HOODIES ALLOWED)
- Slacks:** Girls in Grades 6-8 may wear **khaki**, solid slacks. The slacks must be a “classic cut”. No baggy, skinny, oversized, cargo style, yoga, corduroy, or bell bottoms. Students must wear a belt.
- During the winter months, students may wear plain, white turtlenecks under their shirts. If a t-shirt is worn underneath, it must be plain white with no visible lettering.
 - From April 16 through October 13, students are permitted to wear walking shorts. Grades 6-8 may wear solid **khaki** walking shorts. Short length should be just above the knee.

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- Shirts:** White or light blue, button-down dress shirts. **Shirts must be tucked in at all times and not bloused.** Students must wear the red and navy striped tie, which shall be purchased from Schoolbelles. Company logos or motifs are not permitted.
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

P.E. uniforms must be purchased through Corpus Christi Academy. The mandatory P.E. uniform consists of the P.E. t-shirt and short set (warm weather months) and sweatpants (cold weather months). Students wear their PE uniform to and from school on their designated P.E. days. The P.E. uniform must be worn for every gym class. Gym shorts must be an appropriate length. Tennis shoes must be worn.

PE uniforms must be worn to school on designated gym days. Both the t-shirt and short set (warm weather months) and sweat outfits (cold weather months) are mandatory. Students wear the PE uniform to and from school. PE uniforms must be worn neatly.

SWEATPANTS MUST BE WORN TO AND FROM SCHOOL FROM OCTOBER 14-APRIL 15. The P.E. shorts may be worn (but not necessary) under the sweatpants from October 14-April 15 if students want to participate in gym class in their shorts.

***Nike and other brand named sweatpants/shirts/etc. are not permitted.**

***Compression pants/tights should be black, white, red, or navy blue if worn under the shorts.**

NOTE: In extreme necessity, an excuse from a parent/guardian must be presented to the physical education teacher when it is necessary to be out of uniform.

Please see the Code of Conduct section of this handbook for student consequences of uniform violations.

SOCKS

Solid black, red, navy, or white socks, which complement the uniform, may be worn. Students may wear navy, red, black, or white tights during the winter months. Students must wear socks or tights for **all** occasions, including dress-up or dress-down days. Socks must be at the ankle or above (even if wearing a boat-type shoe).

SHOES

Black, brown, tan, or navy dress, low top and low heel (less than one inch) dress shoes should be worn. Tennis shoes must be worn for gym class. No high top, black tennis shoes, or gym shoes unless it is gym day. Sperry shoes are permitted. No sandals, open toe, or backless shoes. No hosiery. **This applies to all school days including dress down.**

BOOTS

Boots must be worn outside during the winter months and shoes need to be brought to school for walking in the classrooms and building.

MAKE-UP

Make-up will not be permitted in school. No cosmetic or grooming supplies will be permitted in school (i.e. hairspray, curling iron, perfumes). A hairbrush and comb are permitted. **Clear nail polish only is permitted for grades K-5. Girls in grades 6-8 may wear non-distracting colors of red, pink, or blue.**

HAIRCUT/STYLES (Girls)

Students shall have a traditional, conservative haircut. It should be neat and becoming. Girls' hairclips, bows, headbands, etc. may be solid navy, white, or red only. They may also be the school plaid if purchased from Schoolbelles. No bleaching/highlighting is permitted.

HAIRCUT/STYLES (Boys)

Students shall have a traditional, conservative haircut. It should be neat and becoming. Shaven areas, **shaved-in designs**, stripes, tails, Mohawks and "extreme" hair styles are not permitted. Boys hair must be no longer than the collar, above eyebrows, and not covering the ears. Boys hair should be no higher than 3 inches above the scalp. No bleaching or highlighting is permitted (natural color is to be maintained).

Students not in compliance will be notified and given 5 days to correct the problem. After 5 days, students will be suspended until able to comply.

JEWELRY

A simple watch will be permitted. Girls may wear one small earring no longer than the ear lobe. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. No other body parts may be pierced. One appropriate ring is permitted. One appropriate religious symbol on a necklace or bracelet is permitted.

WRISTBAND POLICY

Many students have been wearing the wristbands more as a fashion statement, rather than for what they were intended, to bring about awareness for certain causes. As a result, students may continue to wear 1 (one) per day; however, the wristband must represent a cause at the discretion of the administration. Brand names or fashion wristbands are not acceptable. No Silly Bands will be permitted.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

1. Dress down days should not occur on Mass days.
2. No flip-flops, sandals, open-toed or backless shoes. Socks must be worn.
3. Shorts may not be worn from October 14 - April 15.
4. Girls – Skirts/shorts must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. (NO RUNNING SHORTS OR YOGA PANTS)
5. Girls – Heels not to exceed 1 inch in height.
6. Girls – Shirts, blouses, or crew style tee-shirts with sleeves may be worn. No tank tops or tops with spaghetti straps. Bare midriffs and cleavage are not permitted. No writing across “backside” of pants.
7. Girls – Make-up may not be worn including lipstick, mascara and eyeliner. If worn it will be removed at school. All girls are permitted to wear nail-polish on dress down days.
8. No hoodies or hats are permitted.

DRESS UP DAYS

1. No tennis shoes, flip-flops or backless shoes. Socks must be worn.
2. No Jeans.
3. Girls – Skirt must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
4. Girls – No excessively high heels. Heels must be no more than 1 inch in height.
5. Girls – Make-up may not be worn including lipstick, mascara and eyeliner. If worn it will be removed at school. All girls are permitted to wear nail-polish on dress up days.
6. No hoodies or hats are permitted.

SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

1. Spirit wear days will be announced and published by the school.
2. Students are expected to wear their uniform bottoms, gym sweatpants or gym shorts (on gym days) or jeans.
3. Students can wear any Spirit Wear shirt (no hoodies) or their gym shirt.
4. Please see the appropriate length of shorts and pants that are included in this policy uniform policy.

CYO UNIFORMS

Student-athletes may wear their **Corpus Christi Academy** sports uniforms (or team shirt) on Fridays during their respective seasons. Students will also be permitted to wear their CYO uniform at the direction of the principal. These days would include a sports assembly/rally, major games, or other situations deemed appropriate by the administration.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

In order to celebrate the specialty of our God-given life, students have the privilege of dressing up or down on their birthday. If a student's birthday falls on a weekend, Mass day, or during vacation, he/she may pick either the day before or after as their special day. Students with summer birthdays must decide with their teacher which day to celebrate. No edible birthday treats are permitted. Students may bring small items (pencils, stickers, erasers, etc.) to distribute to their classmates. Birthday party invitations will NOT be distributed during the school day unless the entire class, or all boys or all girls are invited.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

Students should be dressed for recess outdoors as well as standing in the end-of-day car rider line. This includes a warm coat, hat, gloves, and boots. Students should wear boots during inclement weather. If the temperature or wind chill is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, students will be inside for recess.

DRESS CODE QUICK GUIDE: If there are any questions about the above dress code, please refer to the following statements:

1. Uniforms should be worn proudly and students should enter and leave the building attired in proper uniform. (Shirts/blouses tucked in at all times.) Skirts may not be rolled. Belts required if belt loops are present on the pants/shorts.
2. A parent note is required if it is necessary for a child to be out of proper uniform to avoid consequence.
3. School shoes are to be neat and clean. Athletic shoes are not permitted. No shoes with over 1 inch heels, sandals, clogs, crocs or boots of any kind may be worn as part of the uniform. Students should wear boots or an alternate pair of shoes for recess in inclement weather.
4. Hair decorations (clips, ribbons, headbands, etc.) must match a color in the uniform as stated above. Students may not wear any type of head covering in the school building including but not limited to hats, baseball caps, or bandanas.
5. Boys are to be clean-shaven.
6. Slacks are to be worn at the waist level. Colored T-shirts or T-shirts with writing are not to be worn under blouses or shirts. T-shirt sleeve length must not be longer than blouse or shirt-sleeve length.
7. No pajama bottoms, skinny jeans (jeggings), leggings, or yoga pants may be worn at any time during the school day including dress down, dress up, and spirit wear days. Pants may not be torn, ragged, or ripped.
8. No Tattoos of any kind. (Temporary tattoos should be removed before school).
9. No clothing may contain messages or themes inconsistent with the Gospel or traditions of the Catholic Church. Students are not permitted to wear any clothing containing advertisements or references to any tobacco, drug, or alcohol products.
10. It is assumed that all other rules inherent to a Dress Code will be followed.