

Excerpt from the 2018-2019 Family Handbook

Dress Code

Philosophy

Our school uniform identifies our students as members of True Cross Catholic School. Adherence to the dress code goes beyond the actual items of apparel to the proper wearing and respect for the school uniform. The proper school uniform is to be worn at all times in the specified manner to and from school. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in the pants/skirts/shorts so that the belt is visible. The principal or his designee will be the final interpreter of the dress code.

All students are expected to be in uniform during the school day and in the P.E. uniform during physical education classes. Only students in grades 6-8 change clothes for P.E. classes. **The full dress uniform is to be worn for all field trips, unless specifically stated otherwise, competitions, performances, all school liturgies, and any other time as indicated by the school.**

Dress and Daily Uniforms

Girls PK 3 – 5th:

Full Dress Uniform: A plaid jumper; blouse-white short or long sleeve oxford shirt with or without red trim. Jumpers should fit properly and be no shorter than 1" above the knees. Navy knit privacy shorts are to be worn under the jumper. White or navy **crew socks or knee socks are to be clearly visible above the shoe**. Students will be permitted to wear white or navy tights on cold weather days. White, black, navy leather or suede dress shoes are required when in full dress uniform. Full dress uniform is required on every Wednesday and any other day as indicated by the school.

Optional Daily Uniform: Navy culottes, navy or plaid shorts, or pleated slacks with a short or long sleeved red knit shirt. A belt must be worn with all pants. White or navy **crew socks or knee socks are to be clearly visible above the shoe**. Students will be permitted to wear white or navy tights on cold weather days.

Girls 6th – 8th:

Full Dress Uniform: A plaid pleated skirt with a 3/4 sleeve white oxford blouse and vest. Skirts should fit properly and should be no shorter than 1" above the knee. Navy knit privacy shorts are to be worn under the skirt. White or navy crew socks or knee socks are to be clearly visible above the shoe. Students will be permitted to wear white or navy tights on cold weather days. Leather or suede dress shoes are required when in full dress uniform. Full dress uniform is required on every Wednesday and any other day as indicated by the school.

Optional Daily Uniform: Khaki pleated skirt, shorts or slacks with a short or long sleeved navy knit shirt. A belt must be worn with all pants. White or navy **crew socks or knee socks are to be clearly visible above the shoe**.

Boys PK 3 – 5th:

Full Dress Uniform: Navy pleated pants, white short or long sleeved oxford shirt, navy vest, a solid belt and striped school tie, with navy/black or white crew socks. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times and ties are to be worn properly. Leather or suede dress shoes are required when in full dress uniform. Full dress uniform is required on every Wednesday and any other day as indicated by the school.

Optional Daily Uniform: Navy shorts or pleated pants and short or long sleeved red knit shirt. A belt must be worn with all pants. Socks are to be white, navy or black crew socks.

PK3, PK4 and Kindergarten are not required to wear a belt if the pants/shorts have an elastic waistband with no belt loops

Boys 6th – 8th:

Full Dress Uniform: Khaki pleated pants, white short or long-sleeved oxford shirt, navy vest, solid belt and plaid school tie, with **white, navy or black crew socks**. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times and ties are to be worn properly. Leather or suede dress shoes are required when in full dress uniform. Full dress uniform is required on every Wednesday and any other day as indicated by the school.

Daily Uniform: Khaki shorts or pleated pants and short or long sleeved navy knit shirt. A belt must be worn with all pants. Socks are to be white or navy/black and clearly visible above the shoe.

Shoes

Daily shoes must be white, black, brown, or navy. They may have a secondary color (must be one of the previous 4 colors). On Mass days, students must wear dress shoes that are navy, black, or brown (girls may wear white). **No tennis shoes or top-siders are allowed on Mass Days.** To ensure safety, students should bring athletic shoes to wear on the playground on days when dress shoes are worn. Shoelaces should be white or match the primary shoe color. No boots, open toe, open back, high heel, platform shoes, slippers, or shoes with wheels are allowed

Belts

In grades 1 – 8 students must wear a solid black, brown, or navy belt

Sweaters and Jackets

Uniform sweaters (navy cardigan) may be purchased at Risse Brothers Uniform. No jackets may be worn inside the buildings during school hours. School sweaters and sweatshirts may be worn during school hours as weather dictates. All outerwear must be removed during school Masses

Free Dress Day

On some occasions, students will have the opportunity to wear “free dress”. For free dress days, all clothing must be modest and appropriate for wear in the Catholic school setting. Tank tops, halter tops, off the shoulder tops, midriff shirts, short shorts, jeans falling below the natural waist, or any garments exposing an inappropriate amount of a student’s body are not permitted at any school event. Skin tight jeans or leggings are not allowed. Shirts must cover the midriff, even when the student bends over. No advertisements, offensive or inappropriate language, graphics, or symbols may be worn. Hats/caps are not indoor wear and are not allowed in the classroom. Appropriate shoes must be worn. These days will be at the discretion of the Principal and will be announced accordingly. For students who wear inappropriate dress, parents will be called to bring approved apparel to the school.

After School Events

For these events, all clothing must be modest and appropriate for wear in the Catholic School setting. Tank tops, halter tops, midriff shirts, short shorts, jeans falling below the natural waist, or any garments exposing an inappropriate amount of a student’s body are not permitted at any school event including the Fall Festival. All shorts and skirts must be knee length. Shirts must cover the midriff, even when the student bends over. No advertisements, offensive or inappropriate language, graphics, or symbols may be worn. Hats/caps are not indoor wear and are not allowed. For more formal events, such as graduations, awards ceremonies,

banquets, concerts, etc., boys should be dressed in slacks and a long or short sleeved dress shirt and dress shoes. Girls should be in modest, knee length dresses or dressy and appropriate fitting slacks. No see through material is allowed. Skirts and dresses must be knee length. No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or strapless dresses or tops are allowed. Only flat dress shoes are permitted. Heels or platform shoes are not allowed.

Failure to adhere to this dress code will result in the student not being allowed to participate in the event. Please remember that we are a Catholic school and the students' attire during special events should reflect that.

Personal Grooming

Only natural hair color is acceptable for all students. Extremes in hair style (i.e. dying, bleaching or spiking) and hair length (hair should be above the collar, cut above the ears and brow for boys), are not permitted. Hair should not hang in the eyes. Headbands should be plain and hair bows must not be larger than 1" wide or distracting. Only one pin may be worn and must be religious or patriotic. Flowers and other objects are not allowed.

Jewelry should be limited to one watch, one ring per hand, one bracelet, and one set of earrings. Earrings are to be no larger than a dime. Girls are not permitted to wear long, dangling earrings or multiple earrings. No earrings are to be worn for boys.

Necklaces with a religious symbol ONLY may be worn.

No makeup or tattoos are to be worn by students. Only clear nail polish is permissible

P.E. Dress

Students in grades 6-8 wear a P.E. uniform. The students must wear the required P.E. uniform. Students will be permitted to wear black or navy sweatpants on cold weather days. Tennis shoes worn for P.E. must be lace-up. Slip-on shoes are *NOT* allowed.

Lost and Found

Please, label ALL articles of clothing, lunch boxes, and backpacks with the first and last name of the student at the beginning of the school year. All "lost and found" items will be kept in a central location. Items not claimed at year's end will be donated to a local charity.