

# **HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

## **SCHOOL DRESS CODE AND UNIFORM POLICY**

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Holy Cross School Council is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is safe, inclusive and respectful of the well-being of all individuals. We believe that school uniforms can provide a sense of belonging, a sense of inclusion and can help minimize or eliminate competition with dress.

Wearing a school uniform provides a visible sign of pride in our school and our faith.

It is policy of the Holy Cross School Council that student uniforms are worn at Holy Cross School.

The Uniform Committee, with parent and school administration representation, will determine what those uniforms will be.

The Holy Cross School Council is also committed to ensuring that significant financial need is not a barrier to compliance with this policy. The Uniform Angel Program is designed to help families meet this policy. Application for assistance is made through school administration.

### **UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS**

Holy Cross School has a uniform dress code. All students will wear only approved school uniform items while in attendance at school or for any school functions, except as permitted by the School Administration. All required and approved clothing items are found in the Approved Clothing List, "APPENDIX A", of this policy.

There are three (3) levels of school dress;

- the Dress Uniform
- Every Day School Uniforms
- PE / Athletic Wear

The Dress Uniform should always be properly fitting, clean and free from wear and tear.

Students not dressed appropriately for required Dress Uniform days may not be permitted to participate in such events.

Any families that may require assistance to meet the Dress Uniform requirements are asked to speak to the School Administration (Uniform Angel Program) as soon as possible.

## **MAINTAINING A MODEST APPEARANCE**

The Approved Uniform Clothing List, "APPENDIX A", was created to provide students and families with an abundance of choice while maintaining consistency in the dress code. Parents and students are reminded that each student's appearance should model modesty and school pride.

Some additional expectations:

- 1- Patterned or colored socks, leggings or tights are not permitted
- 2- When not wearing tights or leggings, girls are required to wear the approved bike shorts under their skirts and jumpers
- 3- All skirts and jumpers must be no more the 2 inches above the knee or 1 inch below the knee
- 4- Indoor shoes will be solid black. Slippers, high heels, boots, flip flops or Crocs are not permitted. Students are only to wear outside shoes to and from school and outside during recess and lunch so that their black shoes remain clean
- 5- Students must have proper, non-marking, running shoes for PE (any color is allowed)
- 6- All undergarments and underwear must not be visible through clothing nor hanging outside of other garments
- 7- Jewelry must be minimal (stud or small hoop earrings) and should not distract or interfere with learning. All loose jewelry must be removed for PE
- 8- Hats may only be worn outdoors and removed upon entrance to the school
- 9- Students need to be prepared for outdoor play. Appropriate, seasonal outer wear is required, including rain boots as when necessary

## **UNIFORM SUPPLIER**

Parents will use our approved uniform supplier, LANSEND.

A specialized website allows you to shop within Holy Cross School's own dress code store.

Visit

<http://www.landsend.com/shop/school-uniforms/-/N-g54>

and simply click on "FIND YOUR SCHOOL" to get started.

**Holy Cross School ID # 900182106**

We recommend all families to register with Landsend and request the "Sales Notifications" to be emailed to you as there are regular opportunities to receive up to 30% off entire orders.

## **PERSONALIZED LABELING OF UNIFORMS**

Managing a Lost & Found is always a significant issue in the school setting. When all students are in uniform, returning lost items to their owners is a particular challenge. Parents are requested to ensure that all articles of clothing worn at school or any school function be labeled or identified with a student name. This will assist in returning found items to their owner.

All articles of found clothing that are not claimed within a reasonable time period, will be washed and then sold in the "Gently Used" Uniform Sales events that will be held periodically throughout the year. Proceeds from these sales will be used by the Uniform Angel Program.

## **UNIFORM NON-COMPLIANCE**

Consistency of appearance is a key component of a school uniform policy. The school staff are committed to working with parents and students to ensure that every student is successful and this includes the implementation of required school dress code and uniform policy.

The School Administration will work with families to overcome any issues arising from this policy. Timely and open communication between the home and the school administration will address many of the concerns that may arise from time to time.

If a student is not dressed appropriately for school, the parents will be notified either by an immediate phone call or by a note at the end of the school day. Parents are asked to sign and return the note to school the next day.

Repeated instances of uniform non-compliance will require a meeting so that a plan can be developed to address any issues or on-going concerns.

The school will keep a limited supply of clean replacement clothing on hand. Students will be provided with the option of calling home for a change of clothing or borrowing a clothing item if a parent cannot be contacted. The borrowed item shall be returned, cleaned, the next day so that it is available for another student.

To prevent additional cost to the school, parents will be invoiced for the replacement cost of any item borrowed and not returned to the school.