

SCC families:

I want to start off by saying that we are working hard to determine a suitable dress code for all students. Our goal is to make changes that make the students look and feel neat, modest and uniform while also being affordable \& easier to enforce from our faculty perspective. A school uniform helps keep students focused on what matters at a Catholic school, God and an excellent education.

The committee have come across many opinions on skirt length and what is considered "appropriate". It has been a topic of concern for teachers, parents and students. The goal of a modest dress code for young men and women is to respect oneself and others. The Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity are virtues we should all look to emulate for eternal salvation. I hope to have provided examples below of appropriate length of skirt that will be easier for our students to follow and our staff to enforce.

I want to thank the uniform dress code committee for coming together. I understand that we will never have $100 \%$ approval on this but listening to everyone's input is an important part of this process \& the feedback was taken into consideration. I do realize that some people may not be completely in favor of these changes.

Above all, I know I have the support from parents. One way you can do this is by ensuring your student is in dress code everyday before they leave for school when possible.

Most importantly, I firmly believe that if there is a rule in place and if it is not enforced there is a breakdown in respect on all sides. This dress code will be enforced as are any rules at SCC.

A proposed dress code is outlined below. We ask that if you have any questions or feedback regarding the clarity of this dress code, please feel free to send me an email at pmonachino@syrdiocese.org

Thank you!

## Young men: grades 7-12

Bottoms: khaki or black pants, warmer months (September, October, May and June) khaki or black knee length dress shorts (no gym shorts). All may be purchased at any store or online retailer.

Tops: hunter green, white or black polo shirt or white dress shirt with a tie. Students may also wear the "House Rugbys" that can be purchased during the school year. All, with exception of "House Rugbys" may be purchased at any store or online retailer.

Outerwear: green or black v-neck or round neck sweater, cardigan, fleece zip up, or quarter-zip. During colder months (November-March) students may wear gray, green, or black sweatshirts purchased through the various athletic or school sales throughout the year. Uniform shirts must be worn under outwear.

Shoes: sneakers or comfortable/safe dress shoes; no crocs, sandals, boots, or open toe shoes are acceptable. Students should wear socks at all times.

Outward Appearance: Hair should be of a natural color. Earrings are only permitted in the ears. Facial piercing of any kind is prohibited.

## Young women grades 7-12

Bottoms: black or khaki pants (no leggings), Green Plaid Skirt, khaki or black skort/skirt may be worn at an acceptable length. Please see below for examples of acceptable length. All may be purchased at any store or online retailer


Tops: green, white or black polo shirt or white blouse. Students may also wear "House Rugbys" that can be purchased throughout the school year. All with the exception of the "House Rugbys" can be purchased at any store or online retailer.

Outerwear: green or black v-neck or round neck sweater, cardigan, fleece zip up, or quarter-zip. During colder months (November-March) students may wear gray, green, or black sweatshirts purchased through the various athletic or school sales throughout the year. Uniform shirts must be worn under outwear.

Shoes: sneakers or comfortable/safe dress shoes; no crocs, sandals, boots, or open toe shoes are acceptable. Students should wear socks at all times.

Outward Appearance: Hair should be of a natural color. Highlights must also be of a natural color. Makeup should be limited \& modest. Earrings are only permitted in the ears. Facial piercing of any kid is prohibited.

Reminder: School administrators have final discretion on whether a student is in dress code and has the ability to change dress code rules at any point.

