



John F. Kennedy CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Kennedy Family-

We believe that school uniforms keep the focus on learning. In that spirit, there are a few changes to our dress code to the **Upper Campus**, beginning the 2018-19 school year (Please consult the changes for Lower Campus if your student is in grades K-5).

- Students wear red, white, or navy blue official Kennedy polo (long or short sleeve).
- In cold weather, students are permitted to wear **solid color** red, white, or navy blue sweaters over their polo, or the Kennedy half zip pullover fleece available in the Eagle's nest.
- All students may wear khaki colored chino pants. (**No navy blue pants at Upper Campus**). Pants with belt loops are required to have a belt worn with them. Female students have the option to wear a Land's End skirt in "Classic Navy Large Plaid". There are several styles available.
- **Shorts season is extended** through October 31 and will resume on April 1. Shorts must be solid khaki color and reach mid-thigh or longer. No cargo/carpenter shorts.
- **Mass days will not require a special uniform.** Students are not permitted to use dress down passes or wear senior hoodies on Mass days. Mass days will be denoted on the school calendar, available on our website.
- Shoes: Tennis shoes or dress shoes are permitted. Shoes with laces must be tied. Socks should be worn at all times. Slip-on shoes must have hard rubber soles.
 - **NOT permitted:** sandals, flip-flops, open-toed shoes, slides, slippers, backless shoes, Crocs, boots, heels.
- Blue Pride days are every Friday, or Thursday when school is not scheduled on Friday (exception: Mass is scheduled for Thursday, e.g. Holy Week or Friday). Students wear their regulation uniform bottom and any Kennedy t-shirt, long-sleeve shirt, or sweatshirt/hoodie. Athletes may wear their jerseys on Blue Pride days **in-season**. Cheerleaders are permitted to wear their full cheer uniform on Blue Pride days **during Football and Basketball season**.
 - Each team is permitted one "spirit" day to wear their uniform top on a day that is not a Blue Pride day. **Coaches must submit the date and roster to administration to have the day approved.** Teams advancing in the playoffs will also be permitted to wear their uniform or team shirts on game days.
- Other regulations:
 - No visible tattoos. Includes co-curricular, extra-curricular, and school-sponsored athletic events.
 - No hair color that cannot be grown naturally.

- No body piercings. Males may not have any piercings. Females may have pierced earlobes only.
- Excessive jewelry is not appropriate.
- Male student specific:
 - Must be clean-shaven.
 - Hair must be neat and clean; off the eyes and collar. Faddish styles/trends are not acceptable (e.g. man-buns, ponytails, long sideburns, mohawks/faux hawks, etc)
- Female student specific:
 - Junior high girls may not wear makeup. High school girls should keep makeup to a minimum.
 - Hair must be neat and clean. Faddish styles/trends are not acceptable.

Dress down days: Occasionally students will have the opportunity for dress down days. Sometimes these days are school-wide; other times, students may earn or purchase a “pass” to use at their discretion. **Reminder that dress down passes may NOT be used on Mass days or field trips unless specifically instructed.**

- Shirts must have appropriate writing/logos/images. No references to alcohol, drugs, violence, etc.
- No yoga pants, spandex, leggings.
- No tank tops, midriffs, low-cut shirts, sleeveless shirts, or “cold-shoulder” tops.
- Jeans: may be distressed from the mid-thigh down. **No skin may show through the jeans above the knee.** Holes below the knee should be a “slit” and not a gaping hole.

Dress professional days: Occasionally students will be required to dress professionally for a class presentation or event (e.g. National Honor Society induction, History Day presentations).

- Males: White oxford shirt with tie. Jacket may or may not be required depending on the event. Dress pants, dress shoes, belt.
- Females: Dresses/skirts should reach mid-thigh or longer and not skin-tight. Heels should be of appropriate height and easily maneuver stairs. Dress pants are also allowable. Shoulders must be covered during a Mass celebration.

Formal dances:

- Males: dress pants, dress shirt, tie and sport coat or full suit or tuxedo, along with dress socks and dress shoes.
- Females: dress that is formal, yet feel comfortable. The front should not be cut below the bust line and the back should not be lower than the waistline. The length, including any slits, should be appropriate for a formal school event.
- No sunglasses may be worn to inside events.

As always, administration has the final judgment on appropriate dress. Thanks for your cooperation.