Student Dress Code

High standards in dress and personal grooming are important in creating an environment conducive to student learning and a favorable image of the school and its student body. To this end, all students at Holy Cross Catholic Academy are expected to be familiar with and to comply with the following dress code. Ignorance of the dress code is not an excuse for non-compliance. Failure to comply with the dress code will result in appropriate disciplinary action to be determined by the associate head of school or head of school.

A student is to have neat, clean, properly combed hair of modest, proportionate length, style and appropriate natural color. Hair may not hang over the eyes or fall in the face. Hair may not be sculptured or decorated. The hair of male students may not extend beyond the top of the shirt collar. The face of male students must be clean shaven and sideburns must be neatly trimmed and groomed (no longer than the earlobe).

Tattoos, body piercings or other forms of body art are not permitted. Female students may wear a single pair of stud-type earrings in the earlobe only. Male students may not wear earrings or studs.

On regular uniform days, students must wear:

- an approved red polo shirt with the school logo (short or long sleeved) or a plain white polo shirt (short or long sleeved) or a plain white oxford-style button-down shirt/blouse (short or long sleeved). If a student wishes to wear the school logo on a white polo shirt or oxford-style button-down shirt, s/he must obtain prior approval from the head of school. No brand logos may appear on shirts. A plain white t-shirt (without logos or writing) may be worn under the red or white shirt.
- khaki slacks (pleated or plain front) or knee-length skirts (pleated or plain front). Khaki colors must not be either too light (i.e., stone) or too dark (i.e., olive/brown). Slacks must be worn at the waist with a black, brown or cordovan (burgundy) leather belt.
- white, black, gray or tan/beige colored socks or hose.
- topsiders, loafers, Oxford-style shoes, flats, ankle boots or sneakers/athletic shoes. No sandals, heels, crocs, house shoes or flip-flops are permitted. All footwear must be in good condition and the color must blend well with the other uniform articles.

On cool or cold weather days, students may wear over their uniform shirts:

- a grey (non-hoodie) sweatshirt with the approved Holy Cross logo over a red or white shirt.
- a plain red or navy blue cardigan or crew-neck sweater over a white shirt.

No coats or jackets may be worn in the hallways or classrooms during the school day.

On casual uniform days, students may wear:

- any of the regular uniform articles.
- blue jeans that are modestly fitting, full-length and in good condition, with belt.
- khaki knee-length walking shorts (with belt), cargo shorts (with belt) or skorts. No jean shorts are permitted.
- approved HCCA “spirit” t-shirt.

On non-uniform days, students may wear:

- any of the regular uniform or casual uniform articles.

- any appropriate and modestly fitting shirt/blouse (without any inappropriate words, phrases, images, etc.) of any color or pattern.
- any modestly fitting knee-length shorts (with belt) or skirts of any color or pattern. Athletic shorts are not permitted.
- any modestly fitting jeans or slacks of any color or pattern, with belt. Sweatpants are not permitted.
- any sweater or sweatshirt (without any inappropriate words, phrases, images, etc.) of any color or pattern.

"Knee-length" is defined as falling just above, at or just below the knee.

All articles of clothing and footwear must be worn as they were designed to be worn.

A good dress code "rule of thumb" – If in doubt, don't wear it!

The school administrators are the final arbiters with respect to whether or not a particular item or article of clothing is in keeping with dress code standards.

Red polo shirts with the school logo are available from AllSport Xpress and may be purchased through the school office.

PE Uniform

All students enrolled in physical education classes are required to wear the school's PE uniform, which consists of a grey athletic t-shirt with the school logo, red gym shorts with the school logo and grey athletic sweatpants with the school logo. These items are available from AllSport Xpress and may be purchased through the school office.