

## **DRESS AT SCHOOL**

The Pius X uniform dress code emphasizes self-esteem along with respect for others and for the learning process, which is our shared responsibility. In accord with our educational goals, Pius requires that students take reasonable care of their daily appearance which helps develop good attitudes and habits toward work and the social environment.

### ***Uniform Dress Code Policy***

The purpose of a uniform dress code in a school is to help the students feel good about themselves and their environment. School is a place for learning, and we expect students to come to school dressed for the business of learning. We hope that being neatly dressed will help our students gain confidence in themselves and their ability. All clothing in the Pius X Uniform must be purchased from the Pius X clothing company.

### ***General Appearance***

We are “temples of the Holy Spirit, God dwelling within.” Our appearance should reflect this conviction.

- All clothing should be neat and clean.
- All students should be neatly groomed.
- Boys MUST BE clean-shaven.
- Hair on boys should not reach below the collar or the sides extend below the middle of the ear. Sideburns may not extend below the middle of the ear.
- Judgment on any extreme or faddish hair styles are at the discretion of the Administration.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Excessive jewelry, make-up, visible writing on the body or body piercing is not permitted.
- Nose, tongue, eyebrow rings, etc. are not acceptable. Band-Aids cannot be used to cover up these types of rings.
- Earrings or earring plugs (gauges) on boys are not acceptable.
- Wallet chains are unacceptable.
- All shorts must be no higher than the fingertips when standing erect and hand and arm are fully extended.

### ***Shirts***

Polo-Banded bottom only (white, navy, forest green). Any long sleeved shirts worn under the polo can be any color as long as they are one solid color and free of lettering or advertisements. Shirts worn under the polo must not stick out below the banded bottom. Embroidered Pius X logos are acceptable.

Oxford - ecru

Denim - Long sleeve

Sweaters - off-white crew neck and v-neck

Sweatshirt - only sweatshirts sold at the Pius X uniform shop are allowed.

### ***Skirts and Skorts***

Only the approved Dennis Uniform khaki calf-length skirt and skorts are allowed and must be purchased through the Pius X uniform store. Shorts and skirts may not be rolled up.

### ***Shorts and Slacks***

- A belt must be worn at all times
- Cutting or slitting the side hem is not acceptable

- Frayed bottoms are not acceptable

### ***Footwear***

- Sandals must be dress-style only. No sports sandals, thongs or flip-flops are allowed.
- Socks must be worn at all times.

### ***Jackets/Coats/Hats***

Jackets, coats, hooded sweatshirts, non-uniform sweatshirts and hats are not to be worn in the classroom/building. Students may purchase an embroidered black fleece from the Pius uniform shop that can be worn throughout the day. A uniform polo must be worn underneath the fleece jacket.

Violations of the dress code may result in demerits, loss of privileges, detentions, and/or behavior contracting. At the discretion of the administration, students who are not in compliance may also be required to remain in the office until the problem can be rectified.

### ***Uniform Violation Procedures***

The following are options for a student that has been sent to the office for a uniform violation:

1. The student may contact someone to bring appropriate clothing, or a parent may give permission to a school official for the student to drive home to fix the infraction.
2. The student may borrow appropriate clothing from another student without interrupting a class (during passing period). If this occurs during a passing period, the student must return to the office prior to going to the next class.
3. At that moment, students will not be able to purchase appropriate clothing from the uniform shop during school. Allowing this puts an undue burden on families who do not have as much financial means as others.

\*\*\* Our goal is to return the student to class as quickly as possible; however, the time that is missed cannot be made up. We feel that it is a conscious decision for a student to be in uniform. By choosing to not be in uniform, the student has consciously decided to not be able to be in class.