

Dress Code and General Appearance

Since our individual clothing reflects on our entire community, all students will be expected to dress appropriately for the situation. In the classroom, the teacher determines and communicates what is appropriate dress according to the guidelines provided below.

Attire for a typical school-day should be neat, business-casual attire. Clothing must match reasonably well and should be kept in a good state of repair. Clothing must be of the correct size and proper fit. Torn or frayed clothing is not permitted.

A student who is neatly attired and dresses tastefully projects a positive image to peers, faculty members, and visitors to the school. The Form Masters will be the final interpreters of the dress code guidelines.

Daily Dress Guidelines

Shirts: Button-down collared dress shirts, polo shirts, and turtlenecks are acceptable. There must be no lettering or excessive logo located on the shirt.

Pants: Dress slacks, corduroys, casual slacks, cargo pants and Dockers-type pants are acceptable. Slacks must have belt loops and be secured with a belt. Painters pants, green fatigue pants, military camouflage pants, and blue jeans are not acceptable. Pants must not be frayed or torn in any way.

Shoes: Shoes may be dress shoes, oxfords, loafers, topsiders, athletic shoes with muted colors, or hiking boots. Unacceptable footwear includes flip-flops, slippers, open-toed shoes, and brightly colored athletic shoes. Socks are required.

Outdoors garments: Fleece, warm-up jackets, and Priory-logoed sweatshirts may be worn in the classroom. Priory hoodies and hoodies without lettering or excessive logos are also permitted.

Accessories: Sunglasses and hats are not to be worn in the school buildings. Students may not wear large chained necklaces (with the exception of religious medals), excessive jewelry, spiked or studded bracelets or belts. Nose rings or piercings other than earrings (one at the lobe with a small hoop or stud) are not allowed. Tattoos are prohibited.

Hair: Hair must be kept clean, well-groomed. Extreme hairstyles/coloring are prohibited. Students are to be clean-shaven; Seniors may petition the Headmaster otherwise.

Senior hoodie/sweatshirt exemption: Once a Senior has accepted entrance into his future college, he may wear sweatshirts logoed with that college's emblem.

Athletics exemption: On athletic contest days, Varsity athletes may wear jerseys in place of the normal shirt. If jerseys are sleeveless, students must wear a short- or long-sleeved shirt under the jersey. Coat and tie are still expected for Mass; students may change into athletic jerseys after Mass.

Semi-Formal Attire

Semi-formal attire includes: a suit coat or sport coat, dress slacks, button-down collared dress shirt, tie, belt, dress shoes, and socks. Hoodies or other sweatshirts that cover the necktie are not permitted to be worn under the sport coat.

Semi-formal attire should be worn for the following special occasions:

- School Masses
- Guest Speaker Presentations (when appropriate)
- Picture Day

Although the special occasion may be brief, the semi-formal attire should be worn for the duration of the school day. Certain exceptions would be the following:

- Within the classroom the sport coat may be removed at the teacher's discretion.
- While eating lunch the sport coat may be removed to avoid food stains.

August/September Dress Code

Summer dress includes a collared shirt, plain khaki or seersucker shorts with a belt (no athletic, gym, cargo, jean, or mesh shorts); athletic shoes with socks or closed toe shoes without socks.

Dress Code Violations

Students who are out of dress code will be referred to their Form Master and may be required to wear semi-formal attire on the following school day. Repeated offenders will face more serious consequences as determined by the Form Master.