Cardinal Attire Reminders….

Please review once again the BDHS required dress attire for students. Faculty and Staff rely on you, the parent, to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the school day.

Commercial logos are defined as any shirt identifying a company brand. Commercial logos (even a credit card size logo) are not acceptable. Shirts with 1) the BDHS logo and 2) the name of a college/university are acceptable.

Each layer counts! We all have our favorite shirt; however that shirt might not meet the school’s dress code policy. Wearing a “sweatshirt” over that favorite “non-approved” shirt still is not acceptable, knowing the student will remove the sweatshirt during the school day.

We have a Cardinal Closet filled with many styles of school color shirts for both young men and women to wear, if needed. And of course, available, for those mornings when someone just can’t find the proper shirt, students may ask to borrow a shirt for the day. We appreciate seeing a student take the initiative to be in proper attire at the beginning of the school day!

And remember the Cardinal Store has a variety of amazing BDHS shirts to purchase. To view many styles of BD sweatshirts and shirts there are apparel samples located in the foyer of the front office.

THE SPIRIT OF CARDINAL ATTIRE AND APPEARANCE – PSH pages 35-36
While considerable freedom is allowed with respect to appearance, we form young adults who respect and recognize that standards of appearance exist among communities and how one carries oneself within that community matters. As student members of the Cardinal family, all are expected to exhibit Christian modesty honoring the Bishop community and maintaining an appearance consistent with the expectations of a Catholic college preparatory school. The Dean
of Students and Head of School have discretion in determining what is inappropriate per the Spirit of the Cardinal Attire and Appearance guidelines.

**Professional Dress for Young Men**

On days which the School determines are special occasions, such as Mass Days, the entire school community is required to dress in professional dress. On these occasions, the acceptable dress for young men is:

1. Dress pants and belt
2. Dress shirt and tie
3. Dress shoes appropriate to the school event

**Cardinal Dress for Young Men**

In accordance with the principles and values of the School, all clothing should exhibit Christian modesty, be neat and clean. All clothing should always fit properly. On regular school days, the acceptable dress apparel for young men is:

1. Shirts, sweaters, collared polo shirts, and sweatshirts (zip or pullover) are acceptable. The only approved logos for all attire include BDHS or College/University. Style must represent a modest fit; no commercial logos.
2. BDHS sponsored apparel
3. Jeans or slacks
4. Shorts (Acceptable Shorts: Cargo, Pleated, Denim, Flat Front Shorts)
   * Mesh, Nylon style shorts (this includes Lululemon) style are NOT ACCEPTABLE
5. Any type of conventional footwear with a backing
6. Hats are permitted during the school day, but may not be worn indoors. Sweatshirts with hoods must be removed when in class, including Beanie hats.

**Appearance for Young Men**

1. Hair should be combed and trimmed in a reasonably neat style. Hair must remain a natural color.
2. Young men must be clean-shaven. If needed, a disposable razor may be provided.
3. One earring may be worn on the lobe of each ear. Other body piercing jewelry may not be visible. Tattoos, permanent or temporary, may not be visible.
4. Any mode of dress or excessive ornamentation (e.g., heavy jewelry, chain wallets, long key chains extending outside of pants or shorts, etc.) that is deemed inappropriate in the judgment of the Dean of Students will be prohibited.

**Professional Dress for Young Women**

On days which the School determines are special occasions, the entire school community is required to dress in accordance with the principles of Christian modesty and values of the School. On these occasions, the acceptable dress for women is:

1. Dresses or skirts of modest fit, length and coverage
2. Slacks with dress top of modest fit, length and coverage
3. Dress shoes appropriate to the school event

**Cardinal Dress for Young Women**

All clothing should exhibit Christian modesty, be neat and clean. All clothing should always fit properly. On regular school days, the acceptable dress apparel for young women is:

1. Blouses, sweaters, collared polo shirts, shirts, and sweatshirts (zip or pullover) are acceptable. The only approved logos for all attire include BDHS or College/University. Style must represent a modest fit; no commercial logos.
2. BDHS sponsored apparel
3. Jeans or slacks
4. Shorts (Acceptable Shorts: Cargo, Pleated, Denim, Flat Front Shorts)
   * Mesh, Nylon style shorts (includes Lululemon) style are NOT ACCEPTABLE)
5. Any type of conventional footwear with a backing
6. Hats are permitted during the school day, but may not be worn indoors. Sweatshirts with hoods must be removed when in class, including Beanie hats.

**Appearance for Young Women**

1. Hair must be neat in appearance, appropriately styled, and a natural color (natural highlights are acceptable).
2. Young women are permitted to wear modest make-up, bearing in mind Christian modesty and decorum.
3. A maximum of three earrings may be worn on the lobe of each ear. Tattoos, permanent or temporary, may not be visible. Other body piercing jewelry may not be visible.
4. Any hairstyle, mode of dress, or excessive ornamentation (e.g., heavy jewelry, chain wallets, long key chains extending outside of pants or shorts, etc.) that is deemed inappropriate in the judgment of the Dean of Students will be prohibited.

_Everybody likes each other until things get tough._

_Then you find out what kind of team you have._

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