UNIFORMS AND DRESS CODE

Uniforms are required at Santa Cruz Catholic School as part of the dress code. The dress code exists because:

- Uniforms are more cost effective for parents, and help to avoid student comparison and competition in apparel.
- A dress code provides help in focusing on a professional attitude toward education;
- A dress code helps in enforcing Christian standards of modesty.

All students in all grades are required to wear the school uniform as described below. Santa Cruz School uniforms are purchased through the school office.

- **Red polo shirt with school logo.**
  Shirts must be without any extra ornamentation. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. If a t-shirt is worn under the uniform shirt, it may only be visible at the neck and must be white.

- **Navy blue bottoms:**
  - **Girls** - slacks, pleated skirts, walking shorts, capri pants or skorts. (jumpers are allowed for PreK & K) Skorts must follow the skirt length regulation. Belts must be worn if pants have belt loops.
  - **Boys** – navy blue slacks or walking shorts. Belts must be worn if pants have belt loops.

- **Indoor cool weather tops:** Santa Cruz logo navy blue sweatshirts. Sweatshirts may be pullover or zippered, but must be without hoods. The school administration reserves the right to ask students to remove the sweatshirts in warm weather.

- **Outdoor cool weather wear:** Only navy blue jackets or sweaters will be allowed outdoors. Jackets do not need to have the school logo. However, an order for logo fleece jackets from Garment Graphics will take place in the fall.

- **Socks** – solid white, black, or navy blue. Socks must be visible above the top of the shoe.

- **Vests** – pullover navy blue logo vests may be worn by boys or girls, over the polo shirt. Shirts must be tucked in and not be visible under the vest at the waist.

- **Shoes** - Students are required to wear athletic shoes/sneakers that are closed-toe, fully heeled, with laces or velcro, or traditional dress shoes. Boots, sandals, shoes with wheels, slip on shoes, any shoe with more than a 1 1/2" sole/heel, shoes with lights, and shoes that lace up between the ankle and knee are not permitted.
  - The administration reserves the right to prohibit certain shoes.

**PE Uniforms**

- Students in Grades K-8 are required to wear the Santa Cruz PE uniform: black, gray or red shorts and plain red t-shirt. Athletic shoes must be worn for PE class.
- Failure to wear the PE uniform is considered a uniform violation.

**Mass Attire**

- **Girls:** Uniform skirts or jumpers. (No shorts, jeans or PE clothes).
- **Boys:** Uniform slacks (No shorts, jeans or PE clothes).
**DRESS CODE**

**THE FOLLOWING DRESS CODE IS IN EFFECT ON UNIFORM DAYS AS WELL AS FREE DRESS DAYS.**

Modesty and safety issues are important considerations.

- Shorts, skorts and skirts must be knee length.
- Slacks and shorts must be worn on the waist. Waistbands and belts must be visible with shirts tucked in.
- Belts must be a solid, dark color, with no colored ornamentation and must be visible below the tucked in shirt.
- Tight clothing is not allowed including “skinny” or tapered pants.
- Solid colored socks must be worn, visible above the shoe tops.
- If a shirt is so long that it can be sat on, it must be tucked in.
- Caps are not to be worn inside and never backwards.
- Professional sports logos and other professional logos are not allowed on clothing.
- Jewelry is limited to one pair small stud earrings for girls, one small religious chain or necklace and watches for both boys and girls. Rosaries are not considered jewelry and should not be worn around the neck.
  - No hoop earrings, rings or bracelets, anything on the wrists (except a watch).
  - Students, who fail to exercise personal responsibility and cooperation regarding the wearing of jewelry, will be asked to remove the jewelry. The jewelry will be kept in the office until a parent/guardian or responsible adult picks it up. Repeated offenses will result in the jewelry being kept until the end of the school year.
  - The school is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged jewelry.
- No tattoos, body piercing or other body art.
- Hair should be well groomed. For boys, it should be no longer than the top of the shirt collar. For all students, it must be above the eyebrows in length. Dyed, extreme or faddish hair is not permitted.
- No make-up, fingernail polish or artificial fingernails. This includes colored or glossy lip balms.
- Sturdy shoes must be worn. High heels and sandals are not permitted.
- No spandex or stretch attire for outerwear.
- No garment may be worn that is cut-off, ragged, or torn.

**Free Dress**

On announced days during the school year, the students will be allowed to wear other designated clothing and accessories. Failure to follow the designated dress or dress code on these days will result in a uniform violation and may result in the student losing the privilege of free dress in the future. The following clothing is not allowed:

- halter tops or crop tops, tank tops or muscle shirts, attire that may be perceived as being gang attire or gang related, shirts with inappropriate depictions or sayings, drug, alcohol or tobacco advertisements, any clothing deemed immodest or too revealing in any way.

The school reserves the right to regulate exaggerated or faddish styles which tend to draw unfavorable attention to the wearer or disrupt the learning process in any way.

Once a week, on the day designated as “t-shirt day,” students may wear a Notre Dame ACE Academies t-shirt, the style purchased in the school office. On these days, the t-shirt must be worn with the uniform bottom, that is, with navy pants, skirts, skorts, capris or shorts. Jeans are not allowed. These t-shirts must be tucked in if they fall below the hips.