

# DRESS CODE

At Seton Catholic, we seek to maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to the highest quality of academic pursuit. Since the appearance of students contributes greatly to their attitude in school and the respect they earn in public, all students are expected to follow the dress code. The intent of our dress code is to lend dignity to both the individual and the school, and to enhance the learning environment. The school makes every attempt to address modesty and individual dignity within our dress code. Clothing is to be in good taste—not distracting or provocative. Undergarments must not be visible. The dress code is in effect on all school days (including exam days) until the student leaves campus. The dress code is in effect when students are representing Seton Catholic at any school- sponsored events on or off campus unless noted otherwise for theme events and/or dances. Every year we review our dress code and expectations with our students. We ask that you take time to talk with your son/daughter with regards to the dress code policy.

## *GENERAL DRESS CODE*

### A. Shirts and Tops:

- Must come to the clavicle (collarbone) and/or show no cleavage. Neckline should come no lower than the collarbone. Cleavage must not be visible.
- Must be of a length that can be tucked in. Midriffs must be fully covered at all times.
- Must have sleeves. No sleeveless shirts or tank tops are allowed.
- Shirts may not be sheer or see-through unless an undershirt is worn with a neckline that comes to the collarbone and shows no cleavage. (the undershirt may be a tank top as long as the strap is no less than one inch wide and covers bra straps)
- Shirts may not refer to alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs or anything in poor taste as determined by the Vice-Principal using professional judgment.

### B. Skirts, dresses, and shorts

- Skirts and dresses must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Slits cannot be more than 5 inches above the knee. Hems on skirts and dresses may not be frayed.
- Shorts must not be more than 3 inches above the knee and must have front fly with zipper/button/snap and belt loops - athletic shorts, swim trunks, and cutoffs are unacceptable.
- Cannot be see-through, sheer, or revealing.

#### C. Pants

- Must be in good condition, hemmed and without rips, holes or tears.
- Pants must be loose fitting and not body tight. - *Yoga pants are unacceptable*
- Pants cannot sag below the waist, and underwear must not be visible.
- Leggings and tights are not allowed unless covered by an appropriate length skirt or shorts.
- Sweats, pajamas, and warm-up style pants are unacceptable unless given special permission for a spirit or theme day.

#### D. Shoes:

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Shoes must promote student safety and for that reason, flip-flops, sliders, slippers, and extremely high heels are not appropriate for school.
- Open-toed professional shoes are allowed.

#### E. Hair:

- Hair (including sideburns) must be clean, neatly combed, and must not interfere with eyesight.
  - Hair color must be within the range of natural hair colors only. – *this includes streaks or patches*
  - Students may not wear fad hairstyles such as punk, spiked, Mohawk, and the like.
  - Students may not carve symbols or initials into their hair.
- F. Piercing, Tattoos and Jewelry: Visible, pierced body parts other than ears are prohibited. Visible tattoos are prohibited. Chains on pants are prohibited. The administration reserves the right to determine when piercing or other jewelry are excessive, distracting, or in conflict with the school dress code. Students who are referred to the Vice Principal will be asked to remove the jewelry.
- G. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building at any time.
- H. Head coverings are not to be worn during the school day unless given special permission for a spirit or theme day. This includes hats, hoods, headbands, etc..
- I. Students who represent the school for a school related activity might be required to meet additional dress and grooming standards.

## **LITURGY DAYS**

Students are expected to “dress-up” for all liturgies and certain other occasions indicated on the calendar and in notices in the parent and student bulletins. Students dress in this manner as an expression of respect and support for the values of the school community. Students should arrive at school already dressed for the liturgy or special occasion and remain in Liturgy Dress for the entire day. Seton Catholic is preparing young men and women for life after high school. Liturgy dress should be professional/business attire.

## *Liturgy Days*

### Boys

- Requires dress slacks, a tucked in buttoned up dress shirt with collar, polo shirt and/or sweater. The shirt must remain tucked in at all times.
- No jeans, t-shirts, or sweatshirts. **Shorts are not allowed on Liturgy Days.**

### Girls

- Requires a modest dress, or a dress blouse/top with a skirt or dress slacks.
- No jeans, t-shirts, or sweatshirts on Liturgy Days. **Shorts are not allowed on Liturgy Days. *If at anytime the administration finds something to be inappropriate or feels as if someone's attire is hindering the learning environment of the rest of the school, then this may also be considered to be a dress code violation.***

**Consequences for Dress Code Violations** All faculty, staff and administration will monitor student appearance. Students in violation of the dress code may face the following consequences:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** required to change/warning

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** required to change/email home/detention

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** required to change/phone call home/detention

**Subsequent Offenses:** parent meeting with vice principal and a dress code contract