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UNIFORM POLICY – Effective May 11, 2021

NOTE – Uniform Revisions

- **Choir uniform update**
- **Addition of school scarf and crew neck sweater**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the ACSS Uniform Policy is to ensure appropriate dress that is in keeping with the school’s mission and values. It is our belief that appropriate dress by parents, teachers and students fosters:

- A sense of belonging and pride in the school.
- A safe and respectful learning and teaching environment
- A confident, positive sense of self and respect for the dignity and welfare of others

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of both students and parents to commit to understanding and following the ACSS Uniform Policy.

Governance

The ACSS Regional Education Committee is responsible for the ACSS Uniform Policy.

2. STUDENT POLICY

All students must dress within the policy guidelines as outlined below. Students must wear the school uniform each school day throughout the year, and at specified extra-curricular activities, with the exception of non-uniform days as designated by the principal.

3. UNIFORM

All items must be purchased from **Neat Uniforms** through the school, except as noted with an **asterisk (*)** below.

3.1 GENERAL UNIFORM

BOYS	GIRLS
Golf shirt - white, long, or short sleeved or Dress shirt - white or oxford blue	Golf shirt - white, long, or short sleeved or Blouse - white
Carney tie (optional) - worn with dress shirt	Carney tie (optional) - worn with blouse
Carney scarf (optional)	Carney scarf (optional)
Pullover, Cardigan or Vest (optional) - navy with school crest (arm stripe on cardigan)	Pullover, Cardigan or Vest (optional) - navy with school crest (arm stripe on cardigan)
Crew neck sweater – navy with school lettering*	Crew neck sweater – navy with school lettering*

School pant - black Belt* (optional) plain navy or black dress belt School Shorts - navy (optional)	Kilt - worn with navy or black shorties with kilt pinned or School pant - black Belt* (optional) plain navy or black dress belt School Shorts* - navy (optional)
Undershirt* (optional) - all white, plain, no logos or writing.	Undershirt / camisole* - all white, plain, no logos or writing.
Socks* - white, navy, or black	Socks* - white, navy, or black Tights or Nylons* - navy or black, non-patterned, footed
Shoes* Shoes must be all black in colour including rim of sole with a closed heel and toe. Canvas shoes are not acceptable. Black dress or casual shoes are acceptable.	Shoes* Shoes must be all black in colour including rim of sole with a closed heel and toe. Canvas shoes are not acceptable. Black dress or casual shoes are acceptable.
P.E. Strip Navy shorts Grey t-shirt or any shirt obtained as a member of a Carney team or club* Carney sweatpants and hoodies (optional). White athletic socks* Athletic shoes* with non-marking sole - no board shoes or fashion runners.	P.E. Strip Navy shorts Grey t-shirt or any shirt obtained as a member of a Carney team or club* Carney sweatpants and hoodies(optional). White athletic socks* Athletic shoes* with non-marking sole -no board shoes or fashion runners.
Grade 12: Golf shirt - dark navy, long or short sleeved with Grad year logo on sleeve Crew neck sweater - with Grad logo on sleeve*	Grade 12: Golf shirt - dark navy, long or short sleeved with Grad year logo on sleeve Crew neck sweater - with Grad logo on sleeve*

3.2 MUSIC DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE UNIFORMS

BOYS	GIRLS
Band Uniform School pant - black Dress shirt - white Pullover - navy with crest Carney tie, or tie provided by Music department* Socks black* Shoes Dress, all black, closed toes*	Band Uniform School pant - black Blouse - white Pullover - navy with crest Carney tie, or tie provided by Music department* Socks black* Shoes Dress, all black, closed toes*
Concert Choir Uniform School pant -black Dress shirt - white Carney tie, or tie provided by Music department* Socks black* Dress Shoes, all black, closed toes*	Concert Choir Uniform School pant - black Blouse - white Carney tie, or tie provided by Music department* Socks black* Dress Shoes, all black, closed toes*
Liturgy Choir School pant - black Dress shirt - white Pullover - navy with crest Carney tie, or tie provided by Music department* Socks black* Dress Shoes, all black, closed toes*	Liturgy Choir School pant - black Blouse - white Pullover - navy with crest Carney tie, or tie provided by Music department* Socks black* Dress Shoes, all black, closed toes*

Jazz Choir School pant - black Dress shirt - black* Tie provided by Music department* Socks black* Dress Shoes, all black, closed toes*	Jazz Choir School pant - black Dress shirt - black* Tie provided by Music department* Socks black * Dress Shoes, all black, closed toes*
Chamber Choir School pant - black Dress shirt - black, long sleeve* Royal blue tie (provided by the school) Socks black* Dress shoes, all black, closed toes*	Chamber Choir Black dress - knee length with rounded neckline* Natural coloured nylons* Dress shoes, all black, closed toes*
Spring Uniform School pant - black Royal blue golf shirt with crest Socks black* Dress shoes, all black, closed toes*	Spring Uniform School pant - black Royal blue golf shirt with crest Socks black* Dress shoes, all black, closed toes*

3.3 WEARING OF UNIFORM

- Dress Shirts: Must be tucked in and only the top 2 buttons may be left undone.
- Kilts: Students may wear kilt fitting not more than 8 cm above mid-knee. Kilt may not be rolled up.
- Pants: Must be worn appropriately at the waist.
- Shorts: Only the school shorts can be worn. To be worn from September through to Thanksgiving and to resume again after Spring Break.
- Undershirts/Camisoles: The sleeve of the undershirt cannot be longer than the sleeve of the uniform shirt or blouse, and the undershirt/camisole must be tucked in at all times.
- Ties: Only the school tie may be worn with the uniform, with the exception of special Music department ties.
- Extra Clothing: The school pullover, cardigan, crew neck, vest, or scarf may be worn. Other jackets, scarves, hats, and accessories are not permitted in class. Exceptions may be made, at the discretion of the principal, if cold weather affects classroom temperature.
- Miscellaneous: Accessories, make-up, jewellery, and hair: only modest styles are allowed, reflecting the values of Archbishop Carney School at all times.
Hair: Only human hair colours are allowed.

3.4 PURCHASING OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items as supplied by Neat Uniforms will be available from the School Uniform Shop at regularly scheduled hours throughout the year, online at neatuniforms.ca and at special uniform purchasing events. Neat Uniforms maintains a year-round inventory of stock items and orders custom or made-to-measure items for the hard to fit or special needs students.

3.5 UNIFORM EXCEPTIONS

The Principal and Education Committee may approve the conditional and short-term use of special optional uniform items by identified school groups such as Grads, REACH, Link Crew, and Athletic Teams.

3.6 NON-UNIFORM DAYS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

Neat, clean, and appropriate clothing reflecting the values of Archbishop Carney School is expected at all times and during all school related activities. The school administration and staff will determine if a student's dress is appropriate.

Therefore, these guidelines must be followed:

- Students will wear appropriate clothing on non-uniform days and events. Short shorts, low cut tops, exposed undergarments, tube tops, muscle shirts or tops that reveal the navel or stomach are not permissible.
- Females should exercise caution when choosing a neckline. Visible cleavage is not permitted.
- Torn clothing and clothing that includes drug and alcohol designs, sexually explicit or suggestive designs, profanity, threatening derogatory and discriminating language or symbols are not permitted.
- Hats and head coverings are not permitted inside the school building.
- Administration and faculty reserve the right to determine what is appropriate.

Procedure for Non-Compliance

1. Student will be informed that their attire does not meet the expectations outline in Non-Uniform Day dress code and given a uniform infraction.
2. Student will be asked to immediately change their clothing to be in line with the dress code.
3. If the student is not able to find appropriate clothing, an administrator will make the decision as to how to best deal with the situation. This may include sending the student home.

3.7 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

ACRSS will endeavour to assist families that experience financial hardship as a result of complying with the uniform policy. Families may contact the principal to apply for financial assistance. The principal will review the application with the Uniform Representative(s) of the Education Committee and will allocate funds accordingly.

3.8 GRANDFATHERING CLAUSE

Occasionally, uniform styles and colours are discontinued. To phase out these changes with due consideration to replacement costs, a two-year grace period will be allowed.

4. POLICY FOR UNIFORM INFRACTION

The following procedure will be used to deal with students whose dress is not in keeping with uniform policy.

First Infraction - A warning will be issued and recorded, and the student will be asked to correct the noted problem immediately.

Second Infraction – A warning will be issued and recorded, and the student will be asked to correct the noted problem immediately.

Third Infraction – While in the presence of an Administrator the student must phone and inform a parent that if they receive another uniform infraction they will be suspended. The student will be asked to correct the noted problem immediately.

Fourth Infraction – The student will be given an in-school suspension. The student must phone a parent in the presence of an Administrator and inform their parent that they have been given an in-school suspension. The student will be re-instated the next day if the student agrees to abide by the re-instatement conditions.

Fifth Infraction – The student will be suspended from school until a re-instatement meeting can be arranged between the parents and an administrator. The student will be re-instated after a one-day suspension if the student and the family agree to abide by the re-instatement conditions.