DRESS CODE/UNIFORM POLICY

The school dress code at Immaculate Heart of Mary School is designed to promote an atmosphere on campus that is appropriate for a school setting. The type of clothing, hairstyle, and the way the students present themselves has a bearing on their conduct and attitude. These uniform regulations are intended to reduce distractions and to allow students to focus on their academic responsibilities in a manner demonstrating that we are all one community. To be just and fair to each individual, every student must follow the dress code. For the good of the school and the uniform policy, students are expected to wear the school uniform and gym uniform correctly, and parents are expected to support these regulations. We appreciate working together as parents and faculty when enforcing this dress code policy.

Uniform Suppliers for Immaculate Heart of Mary School are exclusively:

- Lands' End School Uniforms www.landsend.com
- Kids Kloset www.kidsklosetuniforms.net
- Schoolbelles www.schoolbelles.com

Our IHM PAG sponsors Used Uniform events several times a year, usually in late Spring and early Fall. Please contact the school office for more information on the events and also how to donate your gently used uniforms.

ALL PIECES OF THE UNIFORM SHOULD BE LABELED CLEARLY WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME

GIRLS:

• **Shirts:** White or dark green (monogramed IHM) drop waist banded polo shirt – long or short sleeved. These shirts do not need to be tucked in.

White or dark green polo style long or short sleeved shirts. Must be tucked in.

White, collared blouses. May be worn with a uniform jumper.

• **Sweatshirt:** Navy blue sweatshirt with monogrammed IHM logo.

Collared shirt/polo must be worn underneath.

No oversized sweatshirts or hooded sweatshirts.

Grades 7-8 may wear Jr. High sweatshirt.

- Sweater: Solid white or navy blue cardigan.
- <u>Jumper, Skort, Skirt</u>: IHM uniform plaid. Length <u>must</u> be within 2 inches of the knee in front and back.
- Pants: School plaid, khaki, or fade resistant navy.

Must be uniform style dress pants with a tailored look and a modest, loose fit.

No flares, low rise, cargo pants, jean-style, jeggings, skinny pants, or elastic at the ankle. No length below shoe/heel-line.

• **Shorts:** Uniform plaid, khaki or navy.

Shorts need to fit properly, mid-thigh or longer in length. May be worn 1st and 4th quarter.

• <u>Socks/Tights/Leggings</u>: Solid navy blue, black, or white, knee high or ankle – turn-cuff. Must cover the ankle.

(a minimal sports logo is acceptable.)

Solid leggings may be worn under a skirt, skort, or jumper only.

• <u>Shoes</u>: All students must wear flat, sturdy, mostly solid dress or loafer style shoes (black, navy, blue, white, tan, or gray.) Must be tied at all times. All shoes must have a closed back and an enclosed toe.

NOTE: No high tops, boots, Crocs, Hey Dudes, slippers, moccasins, slides/mules, high heels, open-toe, sandals, lights/light-up, wheels, or noises are permitted.

- Proper undergarments must be worn.
- <u>Cosmetics</u>: No make-up.
- **<u>Hair</u>**: Must be clean, neatly styled, and not restricting vision.
 - Unusual, drastic, or fad hairstyles are not permitted.
 - No part of the hair or eyebrows may be shaved.
 - No symbols may be cut into the hair or eyebrows.
 - Hair accessories are to be functional and appropriately sized and match the uniform colors.
 - Natural colored highlights are permitted. Highlights must match the natural (uncolored) color of the hair.

NOTE: 72 hours will be given to correct any inappropriate hair color/style. School policy will be followed regarding the appropriate consequence.

• Accessories:

- Limit of two bracelets in total may be worn.
- Limit of one ring in total may be worn.
- Stud/post (no dangle) earrings, no more than two earrings per ear.
- A simple necklace may be worn.
- Any type of tattoo or "body art" is not permitted.
- Artificial nails, tips, and dips are not permitted. Clear nail polish is permitted.
- No watches or devices that are linked to Wi-Fi or internet are permitted.
- Equipping a backpack with solid (not aerosol) deodorant is encouraged.

BOYS:

• <u>Shirts</u>: White or dark green (monogrammed IHM) drop waist banded polo shirt – long or short sleeved. These shirts do not need to be tucked in.

White or dark green polo style long or short sleeved shirts. Must be tucked in.

• Sweatshirt: Navy blue sweatshirt with monogramed IHM logo.

Collared shirt/polo must be worn underneath.

No oversized sweatshirts or hooded sweatshirts.

Grades 7-8 may wear Jr. High sweatshirt.

- **Sweater:** Long sleeved, navy blue.
- **Pants:** Khaki or fade resistant navy.

Must be uniform style dress pants with a tailored look and a modest, loose fit.

No flares, low rise, cargo pants, jean-style, skinny pants, or elastic at ankle.

No length below shoe/heel-line.

• **Shorts:** Khaki or navy.

Shorts need to fit properly, mid-thigh or longer in length. May be worn 1st and 4th quarter.

- Socks: Solid navy blue, black, or white ankle/crew.
 - (A minimal sports logo is acceptable.) Must cover the ankle.
- <u>Shoes</u>: All students must wear flat, sturdy, mostly solid dress or loafer-style shoes (black, navy blue, white, tan, or gray.) All shoes must have a closed back and an enclosed toe.

NOTE: No high tops, boots, Crocs, Hey Dudes, slippers, moccasins, slides/mules, high heels, open-toe, sandals, lights/light-up, wheels, or noises are permitted.

• Proper undergarments must be worn.

- <u>Hair</u>: Must be clean, neatly styled, and not restricting vision.
 - Length is to be above the shirt collar, eyebrows, and middle of the ear.
 - No tails, buzz designs, lines, steps, or fad haircut/styles.
 - Natural colored highlights are permitted.
 - No part of the hair or eyebrows may be shaved.
 - No symbols, signs, etc. may be cut into hair or eyebrows.
 - No headbands/hair accessories may be worn.

NOTE: 72 hours will be given to correct any inappropriate hair color/style. School policy will be followed regarding the appropriate consequence.

- Facial Hair: Must be clean-shaven. Long sideburns are not permitted.
- Accessories:
 - Limit of two bracelets in total may be worn.
 - Limit of one ring in total may be worn.
 - A simple necklace may be worn.
 - Earrings are not permitted.
 - Any type of tattoo or "body art" is not permitted.
 - Painted or artificial nails are not permitted.
 - No watches or devices that are linked to Wi-Fi or internet are permitted.
 - Equipping a backpack with solid (not aerosol) deodorant is encouraged.

GYM UNIFORM:

- Shirts: Green, yellow, or mixed green and yellow tie-dyed IHM t-shirt or gray IHM Athletics gym t-shirt
- **Sweatshirt:** Hunter green, monogrammed IHM logo on the top left side sweatshirt. Gym shirt must be worn underneath.
- **Shorts:** Hunter green micromesh gym shorts. Shorts need to fit properly, mid-thigh or longer in length, and no rolled waistbands. Gym shorts may be worn without athletic pants only in the 1st and 4th quarters.

Sweatpants/Trackpants: Hunter green gym pants or black trackpants. Athletic pants are to fit properly.

Must be purchased from an IHM uniform supplier.

No pants below shoe/heel line.

Gym pants must be worn during the 2nd and 3rd quarters.

- <u>Socks</u>: Solid white or black sport or crew socks. (A minimal sports logo is acceptable.) Must cover the ankle.
- **Shoes:** Clean, non-marking sole tennis, athletic, or running shoes, which must be fastened at all times. For safety reasons, platform shoes are not permitted.

Casual/Out of Uniform Days

Some "casual" days have a required theme, such as sports/patriotism. Students are to wear attire that reflects the Christian values of modesty, respect for the individual, and respect for our Catholic traditions, cleanliness, and neatness. Jeans are permitted, but they cannot be tattered or torn. Shorts may be worn during 1st and 4th quarter and must be at least mid-thigh in length and worn at the waist. Shirts must have sleeves (no spaghetti straps) and the torso length must be long enough to be tucked into the waistband. "Cold shoulder" tops are not permitted. Pictures or slogans on shirts must be appropriate and cannot promote sex, alcohol, drug use, violence, or political views, and should not conflict with our Catholic identity. Girls are permitted to wear leggings or snug jeans only with a shirt that completely covers the bottom at all times. Pants

should not display logos or slogans across the bottom. Tennis shoes are permitted. **NOTE:** No Crocs, slippers, moccasins, slides/mules, high heels, open-toe, sandals, lights/light-up, wheels or noises are permitted.

Picture Day

Picture Day is a "Dress Up" day. No jeans are to be worn on Picture Day.

ENFORCEMENT OF UNIFORM CODE

The school administration reserves the right to rule on final interpretation of any and all dress code categories, including special dress days.

If a student comes to school in violation of the dress code/uniform policy, the student will be issued a demerit.

Please note "Elastic Clause."