DRESS CODE

Providence Catholic High School places importance on the appearance and grooming habits of students. We believe that the appearance of students reflects their preparation for learning, their focus in study, and their desire to prepare themselves for adult life by conforming to a standard of dress and appearance which reflects the seriousness with which they take education. A student's appearance should reflect confidence, modesty, self-respect, and respect for others. Appearance and dress contribute toward establishing a positive learning environment.

POLO SHIRTS, FLEECES, SWEATSHIRTS AND SWEATERS

Only long and short sleeve polo shirts, full and one-quarter zip type fleece, one-quarter zip type sweatshirt, and V-neck sweaters purchased from **Midwest Promotional Group** may be worn in school. **A polo shirt with the Augustinian logo must always be worn Monday-Thursday**. These articles of clothing may be purchased on the Internet or a very small inventory is available in the Bookstore. **No hoodies, even Providence hoodies, may ever be worn during the school day**.

You may not wear long sleeved shirts under short sleeve polos. **Team apparel not purchased at Midwest Promotional Group may be worn only on last day of the week.** All tops must be loose fitting. All polo shirts must be of the length that allows them to remain tucked in at all times. Any shirt that does not fit in accordance to Providence policy will not be allowed to be worn. Shirts that do not fit properly will be covered with an oversized loaner shirt and the student will surrender their ID (until the end of the next day when the loaner shirt is returned clean) and receive a detention.

PANTS, SLACKS & DRESS SHORTS

Students may wear solid color pants or slacks that are Docker or similar brands. All pants/slacks must do the following things: 1) Come to the waist and be worn there. 2) Have a waistband and belt loops. 3) Be worn with a leather or cloth belt inserted through belt loops. 4) cuffed or hemmed leg (no elastic). 5) no yoga pants, leggings or jeggings may be worn. 6) Not have any cargo pockets.

Dress shorts must meet all rules mentioned above; except, dress shorts may be any solid color and the length of the **shorts may not be longer than the bend in the knee or shorter than 4 inches above the knee.** Dress shorts may be worn in August, September, and May.

SHOES

Students must wear black or brown leather or suede dress shoes. No shoe with an athletic logo is allowed. Shoes must be tied at all times. Socks must be worn at all times. No fleece or wool can be on the outside of the shoe.

HAIR & FACIAL HAIR

Students' hair must have only **natural colors** and should be neat and clean. **No student may have hair that is 2 or more distinct colors (for example, an entire section of hair is one color and another section is a different color). Girls choosing to dye their hair red must remember that is must be a NATURAL COLOR RED**.

Neither boys nor girls may shave their heads, nor wear their hair in any type of Mohawk style, or any style, shade, or manner which is unacceptable and inappropriate in the judgment

of the Dean of Students. No hairstyle should seek to draw inappropriate attention to oneself.

Boys' hair must be neatly combed. Boys' hair from the top of the head must be above the eyebrows, showing the forehead, and above the top of the ears. Hair must be tapered on the back of the head, from the top of the head to the neck, and along the neck. Hair may not extend below the top of the collar. Boys' hair must not be bushy, hooked behind the ears, unkempt or have spikes. It must not have multiple lines, designs, tails or braids. Boys must be clean-shaven at all times and sideburns may not be below the earlobes or with a flare at the bottom.

Girls' hair must not be bushy, unkempt or have spikes. It may not have multiple lines or tails. Girls may not wear excessive beads or barrettes in their hair.

HATS & JEWELRY

Hats must be removed upon entering the school building and must remain off the entire school day until leaving the building. Hemp jewelry may not be worn by anyone. Chains from belts to pockets are not allowed, i.e., attached to keys or wallet. Climbing hooks attached to belts, belt loops or pockets are not allowed. **boys may not wear any type of earrings or have any other piercings on their face or tongue in school or at a school function. Girls may not have any piercings on their face or tongue, or wear any earring that will alter the shape of their ear or ear lobe, or have an excessive amount of earrings in school or at a school function**. Girls may not wear excessive decorations in their hair.

BACCALAUREATE MASS & GRADUATION

For these special events, senior boys are required to wear long pants, shirts and ties underneath their graduation gowns. Senior girls are required to wear dresses or skirts which come down to the knee. Dress shoes are required.

SPIRIT DAYS & DRESS DOWN DAYS

A student who participates in "Spirit Days" may be out of dress code if he or she is wearing **a top** that has "Providence" or "Celtics" on it. The "spirit clothing" cannot be homemade (i.e., "Celtics" spray painted on a T–shirt). The clothing must be worn, not tied on, and showing, not underneath another article of clothing. Items purchased at school athletic competitions that are not hosted by Providence are not acceptable. Hats are not allowed. Athletic shoes may be worn, but flip flops and slides are not allowed. Toes must be covered at all times.

Clothing may not be torn or have holes. Shirts must have sleeves, may not be low cut, worn off the shoulder, or expose the midriff. No yoga pants or excessively tight pants may be worn. Shorts may not be shorter than the tip of your fingers in length. No drug or alcohol references on the clothing is allowed.

During Harvest Drive, shirts may only be purchased from Providence or be homemade! If there is a themed dress down day, any student not dressed in the theme must be in **spirit wear.**