



# Holy Cross School

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## School Uniform Policy

**Policy Name:**  
*School Uniform Policy*

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### 1.0 Philosophy Statement

Holy Cross School believes that wearing a school uniform fosters a sense of community and the development of a safe and disciplined learning environment. Requiring students to wear a school uniform minimizes the distinction between “those who have and those who do not have” and places more importance on celebrating each person as a unique and valued gift from God endowed with inherent dignity and worthy of infinite respect, as outlined in the school’s mission statement.

### 2.0 Policy

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 are required to be in full school uniform (as described in section 2.1 below) each school day from the first day of school in September to the last week in June. Students may be required to wear their full uniform when they are away from the school and are acting as representatives of the school.

Students are required to wear uniform items that are clean and in a state of good repair--torn, faded or discoloured items are not acceptable and must be replaced. New uniforms may be purchased from the Top Marks website [www.topmarks.ca](http://www.topmarks.ca) (school code: **HOL01**) throughout the year as necessary.

On all days when students are required to wear the school uniform, the collar of the school golf shirt/oxford shirt **MUST** be seen at the neck. Only a plain white SHORT SLEEVE t-shirt or undershirt may be worn under the uniform golf/oxford shirt. (Layering not permitted.)

Students are required to have Oxford shirts tucked in at the waist at all times. All golf shirts must meet the bottoms at the waist when both arms are raised above the head. Skirts and kilts must fall to the knee. **Socks and tights must be plain/solid colour: navy blue, black, or white.**

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 are permitted to wear their school clothing to all gym classes.

Students in Grades 5 to Grade 8 must wear the gym t-shirt bearing the school crest and navy gym shorts with white HCS lettering or jogging pants with HCS lettering to all gym classes and to all athletic activities in which they represent the school.

Students are permitted to wear ear, neck, hand and/or arm jewelry that is appropriate for a school setting. Students are not permitted to wear nose, face or other body jewelry. Students are not permitted to wear metal chain belts. Unnatural hair colours (pink, green, blue, purple, orange, etc.) are not permitted.

As weather permits, students may wear navy blue Bermuda walking shorts or navy cargo shorts (gym shorts are not acceptable). In June, students may wear blue dress shorts, gym shorts, or skirts with the school polo top.

## 2.1 Detailed Listing of School Uniform Clothing

**ALL UNIFORM ITEMS LISTED BELOW MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH TOP MARKS.** Students will not be allowed to wear uniform items that have been purchased elsewhere, even if the garments come close to matching the school uniforms. Otherwise, the fairness of the school uniform policy is jeopardized.

### **Required Uniform Clothing**

- White or Medium Blue Golf Shirt crested with the Holy Cross School logo, OR
- White Long Sleeve Oxford Shirt crested with the Holy Cross School logo
- Navy Twill Pants

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- White or Medium Blue Golf Shirt crested with the Holy Cross School logo, OR
- White Long Sleeve Oxford Shirt crested with the Holy Cross School logo, OR
- White Short Sleeve Blouse crested with the Holy Cross School Logo.
- Navy Twill Bottoms (pants, skirt, skort or kilt), OR
- Navy V-Front Jumper crested with the Holy Cross School logo
- Leggings/tights should be plain/solid in colour, black, navy or white – may be purchased from other stores.

### **Optional Uniform Clothing**

- Navy Topper (micro polar fleece jacket, vest, button front cardigan or hooded sweatshirt, with zipper) crested with the Holy Cross School logo
- Navy Twill Bermuda Walking Shorts or Navy Twill Cargo Shorts
- Plain Navy Blue Tie

### **Phys Ed Uniform (Gr. 5 to Gr. 8)**

- Grey Gym T-Shirt crested with the Holy Cross School logo
- Navy Gym Shorts with HCS lettering.

### **Non-Uniform Days**

Throughout the year students enjoy several casual days when they're not required to wear the uniform. Clothing graphics must be appropriate, and must not contain any obscene language or advertise such products as alcohol or cigarettes.

- Tops must have fronts, backs and be long enough to tuck into bottoms. No exposed midriff is permitted.
- Tops that are transparent clothing, have spaghetti straps or are cropped, halter, tube, tank or muscle shirts are not permitted.
- Short shorts, and miniskirts, volleyball shorts are not permitted
- Bottoms must be clean, hemmed and not torn, ripped or cut offs
- Pyjamas and other sleepwear are not permitted
- Other items are left to the discretion of the principal.

## 2.2 Responsibilities of Teachers & Principal

The teachers and principal are to be fully aware of all aspects of the uniform policy.

They must implement the procedures outlined in the uniform policy daily.

They will communicate to families concerns related to the uniform policy as quickly as possible.

## 2.3 Procedures & Guidelines

On the first occasion, when a student is not dressed according to the uniform policy, the family will be notified of the situation and receive notice of consequences for future violations.

On the second occasion, when a student is not dressed according to the requirements, the family will be required to make arrangements to have the required clothing brought to the school.

On the third and subsequent occasions, the parents will be asked to pick up their child from school. The student may return to the school when they are dressed in proper uniform, or an order has been placed with Top Marks.