

## Dress Code for School Dances

### Gentlemen

**Our goal is for our gentlemen to present a polished, well-groomed image in attire that is suitable for semi-formal and formal events.**

School grooming standards, according to our handbook, apply to all these events.

For *Homecoming* and *Casino Night*:

- Either slacks or jeans with a button-down shirt and tie are required. Jacket is optional.

For *Prom*:

- A suit with tie and jacket or a tuxedo is required. Dress shoes are required.

### Ladies

**Our goal is for our ladies to dress for our semi-formal and formal events in a way that is modest and celebrates the beauty of their whole person.**

For *Homecoming*, *Casino Night*, and *Prom* the chosen attire should follow these guidelines:

- For *Homecoming* and *Casino Night*, real jeans (not leggings, capris, or shorts) may be worn with a top that fits the guidelines below; for *Prom* no jeans are allowed - a dress, pantsuit, or a top with skirt or slacks are required.
- No strapless dresses / pantsuits / tops allowed for *Homecoming* and *Casino Night*. Strapless dresses / pantsuits are allowed for *Prom*.
- The front neckline should not plunge below the line from one underarm to the other across the chest. Also, no visible cleavage.
- For the front and sides, no bare skin, see-through or skin-tone material, or cut-outs below the neckline (this includes no bare midriffs for two-piece outfits, even when arms are raised).
- For the back, no bare skin, see-through or skin-tone material, or cut-outs below the bra line.
- Dresses, pantsuits, and skirts may be fitted to the hip, but cannot be tight fitting below the hip.
- Dresses, pantsuits, and skirts (including any slits and see-through or skin-tone material) must not go above a modest length. At or near the top of the knee (up to one hand-width above) is the guideline for what is considered *of modest length*.

**Participation in the event constitutes an agreement by the student and parent to abide by the decisions of the faculty chaperones regarding appropriateness of grooming and attire. Students in violation of the dress code will receive from 2 to 4 conduct referrals and/or Saturday School, or could be sent home, depending on the severity of the violation and the ability of the student to successfully correct the issue. Parents and students are encouraged to seek answers to any question they have regarding dress or grooming standards prior to the event. Any questions about dress for gentlemen may be directed to Mr. Iliff ([ailiff@johnpaul2chs.org](mailto:ailiff@johnpaul2chs.org)) or Mr. McCabe ([emccabe@johnpaul2chs.org](mailto:emccabe@johnpaul2chs.org)), and any questions about dress for ladies may be directed to Mrs. Thomson ([athomson@johnpaul2chs.org](mailto:athomson@johnpaul2chs.org)).**