

2025 Homecoming Dress Code

Sacred Heart Catholic High School dances reflect our school's philosophy and the teachings of the Catholic Church. **Modesty is a virtue of our faith.** Adherence to Church teachings regarding **modesty is among our most important considerations.** The following dress guidelines apply to our students and students from other schools who may be attending as the date of one of our students.

Boys' Attire

Homecoming

- Young men are expected to wear a collared shirt, dress pants, or dark jeans (no holes, frays, etc). A sports coat or tie is optional.
- Cowboy hats are acceptable. Baseball caps are not acceptable.
- Shoes should be dress boots or dress shoes. Not sport/running shoes.

Girls' Attire

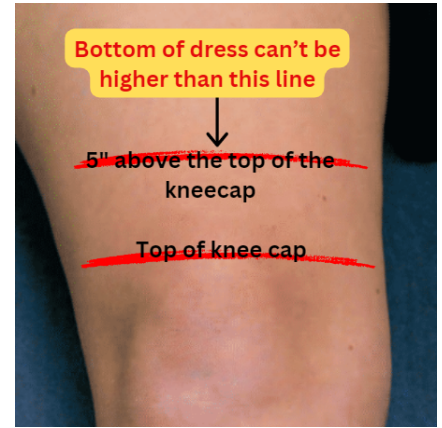
Necklines/Bodices

- The neckline of a dress, top, or gown must be cut modestly without showing cleavage. Spaghetti straps and one-shoulder necklines are allowed.
- No strapless dresses allowed.
- Small cut-out areas can't be flesh-tone material. They must be the color of the dress. See examples.
- When trying on dresses, if you continually feel like you must pull the dress up, it's probably not the right one for you.
- The cut of a dress in the back should not be lower than the middle of your back. As the back approaches your waistline, it can't pucker or be loose.

Length

- Dress shouldn't be shorter than 5" above the top of the kneecap.
- Finger-tip length is NOT acceptable. Please use the measurement guidelines listed below.

- **Helpful tip:** Before shopping, kneel down on the floor and make a line at the top of your kneecap with a pen or marker. Measure up NO MORE than 5 inches and then make a mark. Your dress can't be higher than that line.
- NO deep slits. Some dresses may have a small V slit built into the bottom hem of the dress. ***The V slit can't go higher than the 5" above the kneecap rule.***



Miscellaneous

- Two-piece dresses are NOT allowed.
- Dresses should not be excessively tight.
- If you shop online and look for the word “cocktail dresses” you might find dresses more easily. If you just search for Homecoming dresses, you will face difficulties. We want the young ladies to look classy!

Additional Notes

Admittance to the dance, with consideration of attire, will be left to the discretion of the faculty/administration present that evening. Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes if the student is dressed inappropriately; otherwise, the student will be asked to leave after parent phone call. If a student is in doubt as to the expected modesty of his or her chosen attire, he or she should consult with the administration before the dance to avoid the embarrassment of being turned away. These rules apply to dates from other schools, too.

Questions

If you have questions or would like someone to approve the dress ahead of time, contact **Jill Etzler**, jill.etzler@shschool.org.