

## **DRESS CODE 2023-2024**

At Briarcrest Christian School, it is our belief that the physical appearance of our students is an essential element in developing personal responsibility. All students at BCMS will be required to wear school uniforms each day unless a special dress day has been designated. ***Dress code applies to all school events unless indicated otherwise by the administration. No dress code is all-inclusive; therefore, clothing may be deemed inappropriate at the discretion of faculty and administration. The school reserves the right to identify styles or colors of clothing as disruptive to the educational setting.***

**General Guidelines:** *Students should ENTER AND EXIT the building each day in dress code compliance.*

- All uniforms must be purchased from DENNIS Uniform, and each will be marked with the BCS school logo.
- If any student is not in uniform, he/she will be asked to correct the offense or receive disciplinary action.
- Clothing must be neat, clean, modest, hemmed, free from excessive wear, and size/length appropriate.
- Any item of outerwear may be worn to school, but any outerwear entering the classroom or worn in the hallways must be from DENNIS Uniform, the BCS Bookstore (Saint Shop) or BCMS sponsored outerwear.
- Skirts for girls must be no shorter than the end of fingertips when arms are down by the side. Detentions will be given for students who violate the dress code. After the third detention, a Saturday School will be served. Girls may not add belts to their skirts.
- Shirts for boys must be tucked in; shirts must be long enough to be tucked in. Boys: belts must be worn and should be brown or black only and completely visible (no large buckles).
- A collared uniform shirt is required Monday –Thursday and must be worn under sweatshirts and hoodies on these days. Failure to wear collared uniform shirts will result in a detention. After the third detention, a Saturday School will be served.
- Undershirts must be short sleeved, solid (no writing), and white only. No other color undershirts may be worn. No long-sleeved shirts/undershirts may be worn except BCS uniform shirts, blouses or polos.
- Tights/leggings worn under skirts must be mid-calf or longer and must be navy blue, forest green, gray or black. Girl's socks must be solid white, navy, forest green, gray or black. Tights/leggings are not appropriate attire for Spirit Days.
- Visible solid socks are required for boys. Crew length socks must be worn on chapel days. Acceptable colors for socks: navy blue, black, white, forest green, gray or khaki.
- Shoes must be closed toe, closed heel and flat. They must be black or brown leather, suede, or athletic shoes. Boots must be worn with pants. No Ugg boots. No boots may be worn with skirts.
- Athletic shoes: The tennis shoe may not promote any messaging contrary to the mission of BCS (i.e., be free of political leanings, promotion of specific groups, etc.). Tennis shoes may not be high heeled. No light up tennis shoes will be permitted. Appropriateness is always at the discretion of the administration.
- All shoes must be properly worn, and shoes intended to have laces may not be worn without laces or untied. All shoes should be in good condition, clean, and free of writing.
- Shorts for boys and girls may be worn year -round. Shorts must not be shorter than the end of the fingertips when arms are down by the side.
- On chapel days, females will wear a plaid skirt with fitted blouse or Oxford button down blouse. Boys will wear khaki pants (no shorts) and oxford button down shirts with the school uniform tie. Tennis shoes are acceptable on chapel days. No hoodies may be worn in chapel.
- On Fridays, school approved BCS t-shirts may be worn.

**The following are not acceptable:**

- Writing on clothing, shoes, or body.
- Jewelry: No earrings or body piercings on males. Females: no body piercing other than the lower lobe of the ear.
- Hats/caps/scarves/bandanas or other headgear/ sunglasses inside the building.
- Extreme types of haircuts and/or colors are not permitted. Hair color must not deviate beyond the natural hair color range of the student. Male students' hair must not hang below the collar, touch the eyebrows, or extend below the middle of the ear or be excessively high on top. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Mohawks are not permitted. Male students are not permitted to have ponytails, man buns or beads in their hair. Shaved lines, carvings or artwork cut into the hair or eyebrows are not allowed. Male students' hair cannot be tucked behind the ears or held in place by pins, hairbands, or other devices. Sideburns should not extend below the base of the earlobe. The administration may require a student to get a haircut at any time, even if the hair

meets all listed parameters, if they consider the hair to be unruly or lacking a presentable appearance. A deadline of having a haircut will be given. Failure to meet the deadline will result in a detention. After the third detention, a Saturday School will be served.

- Facial hair (beards, mustaches, long sideburns). Male students must be clean-shaven each day.
- Clothing that is not properly sized. Form-fitting tops that reflect the imprint of undergarments are unacceptable. Pants/slacks and tops must overlap enough to avoid exposing the midriff when normal movement such as stooping, stretching, etc. occur.
- Stained, dirty and/or frayed clothing with holes or patches, regardless of design.
- Visible undergarments.
- Visible tattoos (temporary or permanent).

### **Boys Pants and Shorts Policy**

Boys Khaki or Navy Pants may be purchased at the following vendors: Wal-Mart, GAP, Lands End, Target and Dennis Uniform.

The pants or shorts must be medium khaki (not too light or too dark) or navy and be flat-front or pleated. They must be all-cotton classic styles **consistent with style and color purchased from Dennis Uniform**. NO cargo pants, corduroy, or jeans-style pants are to be worn. NO "skinny-style" pants are to be worn. No holes in pants or frayed hems are allowed. Boys shorts must not be shorter than the end of fingertips when arms are down by the side.

BCS reserves the right to determine the degree of consistency of the style and color of boys' pants in relation to the pants purchased from Dennis Uniform.

Note: All Saint Shop apparel is NOT necessarily approved for daily wear at BCS. Be certain to check regulations when making purchases.