

7.6 Dress Code

Student attire should reflect Christian modesty, humility, and respect for self and others at all times, reflecting positively on the Bishop Verot community. The administration will set parameters for dress code on special occasions. Final determination in all questions regarding the Dress Code will be made by the Dean of Students.

7.6.1 **Daily Dress Code.** Unless otherwise permitted by explicit announcement from the administration, the following is expected of all students during school hours. If a student is out of dress code during school hours for any reason, the student will be given a detention.

A. General Expectations

- 1) Official Bishop Verot shirts with the "BV" emblem must be worn during the school day unless permission has otherwise been granted. Non-uniform Bishop Verot apparel (i.e. team shirts, NHS polos, team jerseys, etc.) are not permitted to be worn unless specific permission has been granted by the administration. All requests for team/club dress days must be made by the coach/moderator in advance. **Renegades Sportswear** is the authorized supplier of official BV shirts and maintains a supply of colors and styles approved by the school. Any shirt purchased from another supplier that does not have approved colors, styles, or emblems will be unacceptable. Renegades Sportswear is located at 17051 Jean Street, Unit 10 in Fort Myers (phone 239-275-6720, www.renegadesfl.com). The approved colors for the 2013-2014 school year are: black, white, gold, coral, light blue and turquoise. Shirts of any other color, even if previously approved, are not permitted.
- 2) Approved Bishop Verot sweatshirts and jackets (available in the Bookstore or through Bishop Verot teams or clubs) may be worn during cold weather, always with an official BV shirt worn underneath. Non-Verot winter apparel can only be worn with specific permission during unusually cold weather.
- 3) No extremely tight-fitting or otherwise immodest clothing is permitted for either boys or girls and may result in a student being sent home in addition to receiving a detention.
- 4) Hats are not to be worn or carried during the school day. Violation of this rule will result in confiscation of the hat and possible detention.
- 5) Any clothing that is ripped, torn or frayed in any manner is unacceptable.
- 6) With the exception of girls' earrings, body piercing jewelry is not acceptable. Covering earrings with band-aids or tape or using fishing line or other plugs in place of earrings to maintain holes is not acceptable.
- 7) Tattoos are not allowed to be visible during the school day, co curricular or athletic events, or while attending school events or functions.

B. Dress Code for Young Men

- 1) **Shirts:** School approved golf shirts and oxford cloth shirts bearing the Verot emblem will be the only acceptable shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- 2) **Shorts:** Relaxed-fit, solid colored (Khaki tan, black, navy blue, gray or brown ONLY) shorts in both flat and pleated fronts may be worn. Shorts must fit properly. Excessively baggy pants, tight fitting slacks, or slacks with drawstring waists are not acceptable. Cargo pants, corduroys, pants with patch pockets, jeans, and jeans-like material are NOT acceptable. Pockets cannot have zippers. Belt loops and a belt are required for all shorts. White shorts are not permitted.
- 3) **Slacks:** Solid color (Khaki tan, black, navy blue, gray or brown ONLY) dress slacks are the only acceptable slacks. Up to four pockets are acceptable. Excessively baggy pants, tight fitting slacks, or slacks with drawstring waists are not acceptable. Cargo pants, corduroys, pants with patch pockets, jeans, and jeans-like material are NOT acceptable. Belt loops and a belt are required for all slacks. White slacks are not permitted
- 4) **Shoes:** Dress shoes, leather deck shoes, leather loafers, or athletic shoes are acceptable. Sandals, boots, Crocs, moccasins or slippers of any kind are unacceptable.
- 5) **Piercings:** Young men are not permitted to wear piercings of any kind during the school day. Covering piercings with band-aids or tape, or using fishing line or other plugs to maintain holes is not acceptable.
- 6) **Hair** should be clean, groomed, well trimmed and moderate in style. No extremes in hairstyles, length or color are acceptable. Hair, when pulled straight, should not touch the student's eyebrows and must not extend below the top of the shirt collar. Boys are not to wear ponytails. Appropriate cultural hairstyles may be permitted as long as they do not violate the policy as it relates to length.
- 7) **Shaving:** Boys are to be clean-shaven each day. **Sideburns** should extend no lower than the earlobe.

C. Dress Code for Young Women

- 1) **Shirts:** School approved golf shirts and oxford cloth blouses or shirts bearing the Verot emblem will be the only acceptable shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- 2) **Slacks:** Solid color (Khaki tan, black, navy blue, gray or brown ONLY) dress slack may be worn. Stretch pants, drawstring pants, jeans, jeans-like material, cargo pants, corduroys, excessively tight pants (including “skinny” style pants), and pants made of spandex are NOT acceptable. A belt is required for all slacks with belt loops.
- 3) **Capri Pants:** In addition to dress slacks, girls have the privilege of wearing Capri pants that are solid colored (Khaki tan, black, navy blue, gray or brown ONLY). Capris that are drawstring, stretchy, jeans, jeans-like material, cargo shorts, excessively tight (including “skinny” style pants), and pants made of spandex are NOT acceptable. A belt is required for all capris with belt loops.
- 4) **Skirts** are not permitted.
- 5) **Shorts** are not permitted.
- 6) **White Shorts or Capris** are not permitted.
- 7) **Shoes:** Leather flats, leather loafers, leather deck shoes and athletic shoes are acceptable. All shoes must have closed toes and a closed back. Sandals, boots, Crocs, moccasins or slippers of any kind are unacceptable.
- 8) **Bras:** Young women are required to wear bras.
- 9) **Yoga Pants and Short Shorts** are not permitted at any time for school events, athletic competitions, or functions, both on or off campus.

D. Exceptions. On occasion physical limitations due to injury may result in a student being unable to follow regular daily dress code. In instances such as this, the parent must contact the Dean of Students to request permission for the student to be out of dress code prior to the student reporting to school.

7.6.2 Clothing and other items prohibited at school-sponsored events and activities, including school approved dress out days:

- Clothing that advertises or depicts alcohol, drugs, obscene language, sexual innuendo, or anything else that is deemed offensive.
- Tops which leave midriff bare
- Pajama pants, leggings, yoga pants, lounge pants
- Skirts or dresses that are shorter than 3” above the knee or 3” below the fingertip
- Immodest tops (sheer, off-the-shoulder, immodest neckline)
- Low-rise jeans
- Short shorts (must be fingertip length)
- Modified t-shirts (i.e. no collar, sleeveless)
- Boys may not be shirtless, wear excessively baggy clothing or earrings

7.6.3 Jeans Days may be granted as a privilege or “sold” for worthy causes by student organizations. Jeans Days will always be confirmed by the administration and should never be assumed without proper notification. On Jeans Days students may wear jeans substituted for shorts or slacks. Jeans may not be frayed, torn, or have holes. Jeans shorts, jean bermudas or skirts are not permitted. Unless otherwise announced, all other daily dress code rules apply (BV outerwear, appropriate footwear, etc.).

7.6.4 Dress Out Days may be announced for special occasions, granted as a privilege, or “sold” for worthy causes by student organizations. Dress Out Days will always be confirmed by the administration and should never be assumed without proper notification. Parameters appropriate to the occasion will be determined and announced by the administration in advance. All shorts must be fingertip length and no yoga pants. Students who ignore stated parameters are subject to disciplinary action.

7.6.5 On Campus Before and After School Hours. Students are expected to be appropriately and modestly dressed at all times. Before and after school hours on campus, expectations remain in place for attire consistent with the spirit of the dress code, including the parking lots and athletic areas, and especially on property shared with St. Cecilia Church. Any clothing or attire deemed inappropriate, immodest, or offensive will be subject to disciplinary action, even outside of school hours or at school events on or off campus [[see Section 5.5.2](#)].

7.6.6 **Dress Code at School Sponsored Events/Activities.** All students are expected to dress in a neat, clean manner and conform to standards of modesty and decency in their dress while at all school events (both on and off campus). The final decision in determining appropriate dress shall rest with the Dean of Students. Failure to adhere to established dress expectations may result in disciplinary action and/or being sent home from the event.