



BCS DRESS CODE & UNIFORM POLICY

The standards for dress at BCS are in keeping with Christian ideals. The BCS dress code/uniform policy is intended to foster a Christ-centered academic environment.

Currently we do not have a uniform expectation for our elementary school*. Students in Grades 7-9 have a “casual uniform”. All shirts, hoodies, and zippies are to be purchased at BCS through A Budget Promotion and must have a BCS Logo on them. The tan or navy “docker-style” pants, shorts, or capri’s may be purchased at a retailer of your choice.

The casual uniform for grades 10-12 is the same as that for the Junior high students. The formal uniform (pieces of which need to be obtained at Halpern’s) will be required on Wednesday chapel and special occasion days. Dress shirts and dress pants may be purchased at the retailer of your choice.

Secondary students are expected to be in full uniform at all times while at school and on all formal occasions. The uniform should be worn so that all parts of it are clean, neat and tidy. This includes having shoelaces tied and shirts properly tucked in. On non-formal dress days, any combination of the uniform may be worn.

GRADES 7-12 UNIFORM POLICY

At BCS, we believe that a uniform encourages students to recognize each other for who they are and not for whom they appear to be. The uniform also allows the community at large to recognize our students as a group of young people who share a common educational goal. It is our desire that the BCS uniform should contribute to a sense of pride in the school and reflect the school’s purpose as a place of learning and a place of work.

BCS has both a casual uniform and a formal uniform. The casual uniform is to be worn by Junior High students Monday – Friday. The casual uniform is to be worn by Senior High students Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The formal uniform is to be worn by Senior High students on Wednesdays and other special occasions. All parts of the uniform should be clean, neat and tidy.

- i. **CLOTHING FOR GRADES JUNIOR K – 6** - Students should dress appropriately for a Christian school with a clear emphasis on neatness, modesty and cleanliness (see inappropriate clothing below). Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year all Elementary students will be required to wear a BCS uniform.
- ii. **GYM STRIP (GRADES 7-10)** - Students are expected to wear BCS Grizzlies white t-shirts for gym class with any colored shorts and shoes. T-shirts may be purchased directly at BCS.

III. UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

- a. **Casual Uniform— Grades 7-12 - Girls & Boys – purchased at BCS through Budget Promotions**
 - i. Navy Blue or White BCS Crested T-Shirt (long or short-sleeved)
 - ii. Navy Blue or White BCS Crested Golf Shirt
 - iii. Navy Blue BCS Crested Hoodie or Zippie
 - iv. Tan or Navy “Docker” style Pants, Shorts or Capris (No cargo pants or jeans)



b. Formal Uniform—Grades 10-12 Girls (WEDNESDAY)

- i. White Long or Short Sleeved Collared Dress Shirt
- ii. School Tie (HALPERN'S)
- iii. BCS Crested Navy Cardigan or BCS Crested Vest (HALPERN'S)
- iv. Plaid Skirt (must be hemmed no shorter than 2" above the knee) (HALPERN'S)
- v. Navy Tights or Navy Knee Socks
- vi. Solid Black Shoes or Black Runners (No Flip Flops)

c. Formal Uniform—Grades 10-12 Boys (WEDNESDAY)

- i. White Long or Short Sleeved Collared Dress Shirt
- ii. School Tie (HALPERN'S)
- iii. BCS Crested Vest (HALPERN'S)
- iv. Tan or Navy "Docker" Style Pants or Shorts (No cargo pants or jeans)
- v. Solid Black Shoes or Black Runners

IV. SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT THE BCS UNIFORM:

- a. All tops must be "BCS" crested (purchased at BCS).
- b. BCS crested shirts must be worn under BCS crested cardigans, zippies, vests and hoodies.
- c. Additional clothing worn under the BCS-crested shirts must be white, navy blue or tan only.
- d. Cargo pants are defined as having pockets on sides of the thighs.
- e. Gym shirts or BCS sports team jerseys are not part of the school uniform.
- f. Please ensure all articles of clothing have name tag labels inside.

V. UNIFORM SUPPLIERS

- The formal school uniform may be obtained from our uniform supplier, Halpern's, who have a store in southeast Calgary (#205 5911-3rd Street, SE – 252-9342). BCS crested Cardigans, BCS crested vests, ties and kilts must be purchased from Halpern's.
- Casual school uniform pieces (BCS-crested shirts, zippies, hoodies) may be ordered through "A Budget Promotion" (see Secondary Uniform Order Form). Parents will be notified of fitting and ordering dates in the Wednesday Memo. Casual Uniforms will arrive three weeks after an order is placed.

VI. CASUAL DAYS

- Once per month, students are given a "Casual Day", where students may wear their regular clothes. All students are expected to dress appropriately— both for an academic and Christian atmosphere.

VII. INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

- Clothing that advertises anything contrary to a Christian lifestyle
- Short shorts or skirts (must be worn no shorter than 2" above the knee)
- Bare midriff and/or bare feet
- Spaghetti straps (must be 1" wide)
- Shirts that show cleavage
- Tight or torn clothing
- Hats
- Leggings must have shirts or sweaters worn no shorter than 2" above knee



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****PLEASE NOTE: BCS is currently considering introducing a casual uniform for Elementary students beginning in the 2011-2012 school year and a Formal Uniform on Wednesdays for Junior High students beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.***