



August 30, 2017

Dear Parents,

Homecoming week is approaching quickly. Students are looking forward to the many fun activities planned and all the memories they will share. Parents are preparing their credit cards for all the trips to the outlets and the malls to buy the necessary clothes and accessories to ensure their child looks just right each day.

As a father of a son and daughter, I know the time to go “suit jacket shopping” or “dress shopping” for the homecoming dance is very soon. I have included the dress code requirements for both the young men and ladies below. While this may seem obvious to many, we usually have a few people who try to slip through the side entrance or wear a big jacket, only to be discouraged when we find them and ask them to go home and change. To avoid such frustrations, we are asking parents to be our first level of support in helping your children choose clothes which are respectable and flattering, without being too revealing or flamboyant.

Girls:

- Dresses must not be any shorter than 3” above the knee— Because we recognize that this may be a challenge for some of the taller girls, an alternate measurement of at least 3” below fingertip length will be considered for those students
- Dresses may be halter or strapless, as long as the neckline is modest; no excessive cleavage is allowed
- Backs may not be any lower than the elbow when elbows are bent at the side
- Midriffs must be covered
- Dresses may not have cut-outs
- Dresses may not be excessively tight in appearance—please keep this in mind when selecting the fabric of the dress
- No two-piece dresses
- Appropriate undergarments, including slips if needed, must be worn

- All dresses must be of moderate and appropriate taste. Any student in attire deemed excessive or inappropriate may not be allowed to enter the dance.

Boys:

- Dress shirt, tie, pants, and dress shoes are required
- Must be clean shaven
- No earrings/gages are allowed
- Must adhere to Handbook policy regarding length of hair (No Headbands)

Please note: Dress Code rules apply to all Bishop Verot students and their dates, even if the date does not attend Bishop Verot.

If you or your daughter has any questions regarding whether a dress is appropriate for a school dance, please send a picture of the dress (front and back) to either Mrs. Suzie O'Grady, Mrs. Deanna Breen, or Mrs. Shannon Larrea. Their emails are [suzie.ogrady@bvhs.org](mailto:suzie.ogrady@bvhs.org), [deanna.breen@bvhs.org](mailto:deanna.breen@bvhs.org), and [shannon.larrea@bvhs.org](mailto:shannon.larrea@bvhs.org), respectively. If you or your son is looking at anything you are unsure will be appropriate, please email Mr. David Nelson, Mr. Jorge Fleitas, or Mr. John Nolan. Their emails are [david.nelson@bvhs.org](mailto:david.nelson@bvhs.org), [jorge.fleitas@bvhs.org](mailto:jorge.fleitas@bvhs.org), and [john.nolan@bvhs.org](mailto:john.nolan@bvhs.org), respectively.

The main reason for my communication is to partner with you before the event so there are no misunderstandings on expectations. Working together we can ensure your child experiences the homecoming dance with zero stress and endless fun. **Students will NOT be permitted in the dance if their outfit does not meet dress code standards**, so we appreciate any questions being clarified before your child arrives at the event. Please help us make this homecoming dance one full of fond memories and beautiful pictures. And thank you for allowing us to put our faith in you when making clothing choices like you put your faith in us while your child is in our care.

His Blessings,

*Denny Denison*

Principal