

## SEMI-FORMAL EVENT DRESS CODE

*The following guidelines are set forth for all Opelousas Catholic School events that require a semi-formal dress code (i.e. Homecoming dance, Graduation, award ceremonies, recognition ceremonies, special Masses). While the administration of Opelousas Catholic works to remain as objective as possible when establishing standards for appropriate attire often, standards involve many judgment calls. And no matter how delicately it is handled, it is extremely difficult to address modesty at an event without embarrassment to the student in question. For a Catholic school event, a family wedding is a better reflection of expectations than a “night on the town.” School administrators will do their best to enforce reasonable standards within these guidelines.*

### 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
- Dresses must be free-flowing, hang naturally (no body-hugging styles)—this means that you must not be able to pull the dress up and have it stay up.
- Appropriate undergarments, including slips if needed, must be worn
- All dresses must be of moderate and appropriate taste. Any student in attire that is deemed excessive or inappropriate will not be allowed to enter the event.

### Boys:

- Dress shirt, tie, pants, and dress shoes are required
- Must be clean shaven
- No earrings, gages, or piercings are allowed
- Must adhere to Handbook policy regarding length of hair (must be above the collar and not touch the eyebrows)

Please note: Dress Code rules apply to all Opelousas Catholic students and their guests, even if the guest does not attend Opelousas Catholic.