

# Cardinal O'Hara

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HIGH SCHOOL

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## STUDENT DRESS FOR SUCCESS GUIDELINES FOR 2023-23

<b>Monday</b> –	Regular Dress Code (opportunity for Charity Dress Down Day)
<b>Tuesday</b> -	Regular Dress Code
<b>Wednesday</b> –	Regular Dress Code
<b>Thursday</b> –	Regular Dress Code
<b>Friday</b> -	O'Hara Pride Day / Bills Pride Day @ Principal's discretion
<b>Liturgy/Mass</b> -	“Dress to Impress” (shirt, tie for young men, polo shirts, skorts, pants for ladies)

The purpose of the student “Dress for Success” policy is to help promote neatness, professionalism, discipline, a sense of school identity, and an atmosphere of learning free from emphasis on clothing.

Enforcement of the dress for success code is a joint responsibility of parents, students, teachers, and administrators. Parents must see that children leave the house properly attired. Teachers and administrators must see that the students follow the uniform policy. Students may use their discretion in wearing sweaters (if cold), cardigans, or polos/shorts (if warm), or ¼ zips. Women may wear plain black leggings under skorts.

Failure to follow the uniform policy will result in violations and detentions. On certain occasions, the student will not be permitted to attend class until the dress for success infraction is corrected. Since this handbook cannot make provisions for the continual changing of fads in dress, the school administration reserves the right to decide what is acceptable and appropriate.

### New to 2023-2024 include:

- **No tight-fitting or revealing/accentuated clothing. Hoods/headgear must be down at all times.**
- **Warm-up athletic jackets, representing an O'Hara team, may be worn through the year;**
- **No blankets nor jackets worn or carried in halls/into the classrooms after the 1st period bell--on cool or colder days, dress accordingly. Teacher discretion with jackets on extremely cold days.**
- **School dress code *in effect* through June for local and Regents exams. Arrive in uniform.**

### Regular Dress for Success – Men

*Worn Monday-Thursday*

- ✓ **Warm Weather Attire:** Shorts—khaki or black, polo, neutral-colored sneakers may be worn during the months of **September, late April, May, and June.**
- ✓ Collared shirt must be worn at all times; O'Hara polo, or a dress shirt in black or white.
- ✓ No t-shirts, hoodies, doo-rags, hats, or headgear.
- ✓ COHS V-neck and ¼ zip, sweaters, cardigans and crewneck sweatshirts, or COHS team warm-ups are appropriate with a collared shirt underneath, as the weather turns colder.
- ✓ Pants must be black, or khaki. With pants, always wear shoes.
- ✓ Shoes—brown or black dress shoes, or neutral color shoes.
- ✓ Shoes may include: casual dress shoes such as boat shoes, Sperry, and moccasins type with hard bottom, but no slippers. Sneakers with neutral colors only.

- ✓ Students may NOT wear high-top or bright sneakers. No Crocs, sandals, or winter boots.
- ✓ Ties are optional. Only one unbutton allowed.
- ✓ Facial hair must be neat, clean, and well-kept.
- ✓ Hair must be neat, clean, and well-kept. Unnatural colors are unacceptable.

## **Regular Dress for Success – Women**

*Worn Monday-Thursday*

- ✓ **Warm Weather Attire:** Skorts or shorts—khaki or black, and fit appropriately—conservative in length (fingertip), polo, sneakers may be worn during the months of **September, late April, May, and June.**
- ✓ Collared shirt must be worn at all times; O’Hara polo, or a dress shirt in black or white. Longer, dress shirts tucked in, with a belt.
- ✓ No t-shirts, hoodies, doo-rags, hats, or headgear.
- ✓ COHS V-neck and ¼ zip sweaters, cardigans and crewneck sweatshirts, or COHS team warm-ups are appropriate with a collared shirt underneath, as the weather turns colder.
- ✓ Pants must be black, or khaki.
- ✓ Shoes—brown or black dress shoes, or neutral color shoes.
- ✓ Shoes may include: casual dress shoes such as boat shoes, Sperry, and moccasins type with hard bottom, but no slippers. Sneakers with neutral colors only.
- ✓ Students may NOT wear high-top or bright sneakers. No Crocs, sandals, or winter boots.
- ✓ Hair must be neat, clean, and well-kept. Hair *may be* highlighted, but unnatural colors are unacceptable.

## **Dress down days for Charity**

**On Mondays- only when announced**

- Sneakers are allowed
- Conservative in nature is always best
- Sweatpants and jeans may be worn. Slightly ripped jeans are acceptable, but no revealing pants.

## **Pride Day Fridays**

- Wear anything that **says O’Hara**. These include: t-shirts, uniforms, warm-up gear, and sweatpants. Sneakers may be worn. None of us are being paid to advertise our favorite designers...gear **MUST** be COHS. During the football season, the Principal may extend this to Buffalo Bills Pride Day Fridays.
- No jeans allowed.

## **Mass/Liturgy Dress- “Looking Sharp”**

- Men: Dress Shirt and tie. Shirt tucked in, with a belt. Sweater or ¼ zip. NO crewneck sweatshirts. Black or khaki pants. Appropriate shoes—no sneakers.
- Women: Polo shirt. Sweater or ¼ zip. NO crewneck sweatshirts. Skorts or black or khaki pants. Appropriate shoes—no sneakers.

## Dress for Success Violations

Violations will consist of a **five-step process**, new for **2023-2024**:

1. **First offense**--Verbal warning and white-card—mistakes happen, but foster good habits. Students asked to change clothing
2. **Second offense**—Detention. Students asked to change clothing.
3. **Third offense**—Detention and meeting with Administration. Parent notification. Students asked to change clothing.
4. **Fourth offense**—Saturday detention.
5. **Fifth offense**—Meeting with student, parents, and administration to address behavior and develop a plan.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDENTS:

- Keep extra shoes in your locker if you wear sneakers or boots to school.
- If you're out of dress code, simply see your first period teacher—mistakes are mistakes. Just avoid having “dress for success” be a chronic, regular issue.
- Keep a sweater, ¼ zip pullover, or COHS team warm-up jacket in your locker for cooler days.
- Wear a long sleeved cold weather shirt underneath your polo or dress shirt during cold weather—layer up.
- Recognize that in our area, cool mornings/warm afternoons are the norm for September, April, and May.
- Listen to announcements, which indicate when a “dress down” is.

**In the case of questionable clothing,  
COHS administration reserves the right to make final decisions.**

***\*PLEASE NOTE—  
THE DRESS CODE IS IN EFFECT DURING ALL EXAMINATION DATES.  
The gym is air-conditioned during exams—dress accordingly.***

## **SENIOR DRESS FOR SUCCESS GUIDELINES**

**New this year, Seniors may begin wearing “Senior Dress for Success” beginning in September. The Advancement Office will be working with the senior class to design a “Senior Only” crew neck sweatshirt. This can be worn year-round, at any time, over the shirt and tie or bowtie for young men and over the polo for young women. An order form will be available once the design is complete.**

Other year-round senior options allowed are black or brown dress shoes, and young men wearing facial hair, neatly groomed. Any current or trending styles must be cleared with the

Assistant Principal first. Do not give away or lose your privileges. Dress for Success Violations for Seniors to carry same consequences as above previous page (pp 14).

### **Dress for Success – Senior Men**

**Warm weather attire** (September—October, and late April/May—Graduation) includes black, blue, khaki or grey dress-shorts, and polo or dress shirt. Neutral colored sneakers worn with shorts only. Dress shoes must be worn with pants.

**Fall weather attire** (October—November) includes any color button down dress shirt with necktie or bowtie  
Black, blue, khaki or grey colored dress pant, with belt  
Black or brown dress shoes, boat shoes, or neutral sneakers

**Winter weather attire** (November—early April) requirements include any color blazer or sweater, or the senior option or COHS team warm-up (still must have dress shirt with necktie or bowtie underneath)

Men may have neatly trimmed mustache, beard, and/or sideburns.

### **Dress for Success – Senior Women**

**Warm weather attire** (September—October, and late-April/May--Graduation)  
Black, blue, khaki or grey walking shorts that are no shorter than 5 inches above the knee, and capris. Neutral colored sneakers may be worn with shorts and capris only. Dress shoes or boots must be worn with skirts, sundresses, and pants.  
Low cut and/or revealing, tight fitting clothing, of any sort is ***not permitted***.  
Shoulders must be covered.

**Fall weather attire** (October—November)  
Any colored button down dress shirt or blouse  
Black, blue, khaki or grey colored dress pant  
Black or brown dress shoes, boat shoes, dress boots, or neutral sneakers  
A dress skirt or dress, no higher than 5 inches above the knee and must **NOT** be form fitting.

**Winter weather attire** (November 1 – April 1)  
Any color sweater or blazer, senior option or COHS team warm-up.