2020 – 2021 PreK – 12 DRESS CODE POLICY
IN FORCE DURING THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY 8:25 – 3:20

In all cases, Gehlen Catholic administration reserves the right to determine what constitutes proper dress code in the spirit of its intent and in accordance with good taste and modest contemporary standards for a Catholic school.

Special days of dress must be approved by administration.

Shirts
- Shirts must be (button) polo or oxford style: short or long sleeve: solid black, white, Gehlen yellow, Gehlen green
- If an undershirt is worn, it must be white and without writing
- Shirts must not be form fitting or oversized.
- Gehlen logos (only those approved through school which are no larger than 4” by 4” and placed on the front left corner only), no wording or design anywhere else on the shirt.
- All shirts must be tucked in at all times. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked in even when sitting or when hands are raised over the head.
- A maximum of two buttons may be unfastened from the neck down.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts
- Navy blue, black or khaki trouser style pants, dress slacks or capris
- Navy blue, black or khaki walking shorts, uniform style skirts or skorts of appropriate length (no shorter than 4” above the knee) Shorts acceptable before November 1st and after March 15th
- Navy, khaki or black jumpers for PreK – 6 girls only
- Belt on all garments with belt loops for grades 7 – 12
- Foundation garments (underwear) should not be visible at any time
- Solid black, white or navy leggings may only be worn under skirts, skorts or jumpers

Sweatshirts
- Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, ALL crewneck sweatshirts with logos must be no larger than 4” x 4” and placed on the front left corner, no wording or design anywhere else on sweatshirt
- Gehlen crewneck sweatshirts in white, Gehlen yellow, Gehlen green, or black
- If sweatshirts are removed, the shirt beneath must meet code

Quarter Zip Pullovers (only purchased through the Birdhouse at school)
- Quarter zip pullovers can now be worn in black, white or green with Gehlen Logo. These pullovers can ONLY be purchased through the Birdhouse at school.

Sweaters (only purchased through the Birdhouse at school)
- Only approved Gehlen sweaters (cardigans, crew, v-neck or vest) purchased only in the Birdhouse will be allowed
- If sweaters are removed, the shirt beneath must meet code

Neckties
- Neckties may be Gehlen yellow, Gehlen green or black
- Special neckties may be approved by the administration
- Ties must be tied appropriately

Footwear
- Dress shoes, athletic wear, or sandals with back strap
- Socks, tights or hose must be worn
- Leggings or tights worn under skirts, skorts or jumpers must be solid black, white or navy blue only

Grooming
- Students are to be neat and clean at all times. Boys clean-shaved and with well groomed hair off the collar and not below the ear (no ponytails), and out of eyes with sideburns no lower than the lobe of the ear. No body piercing other than ears and no unnatural or distracting hairstyles and or hair colors. Boys 7 – 12 may have a single stud earring in one ear.
Winter  During winter months, snow boots, hats, gloves/mittens and snow pants are required attire for students in grades PK – 6.

**ACCEPTABLE JEAN DAY ATTIRE**
Only items listed below are acceptable. Regular dress code is always acceptable.

- Any acceptable dress code length jeans: Capri, full length, shorts when in season. No holes in jeans.
- Tops: Gehlen attire (Gehlen t-shirts, Gehlen jerseys, Gehlen sweatshirts without hoods)

Items not listed within the approved attire list are not acceptable. Unacceptable dress includes, but is not limited to the following:

**UNACCEPTABLE DRESS FOR ALL STUDENTS**

- Denim
- Flannel or flannel look-alikes
- Bibbed garments
- Sleeveless garments
- Garments with rivets
- T-shirt as outer garment
- Athletic wear such as sweatpants
- Tattoos
- No body piercing (no clear studs) except earrings; boys with one stud is acceptable.
- Faded, badly-worn, torn, frayed or fringed garments
- Garments designed primarily for outerwear (hats, coats, hooded sweatshirts other than Gehlen Catholic non- zippered sweatshirts), nylon or fleece
- Oversized garments
- Nylon or silk pants or leggings as main pant
- Mid-riff baring garments
- Make-up for elementary students

If a student in grades 7 through 12 violates the dress code policy a staff member will report the violation to the office. The staff member may or may not notify the student of their violation. Once notified, a student may be sent to the office to change in order to meet the dress code. The office will keep track of all violations. Upon the 2nd offense, the student will serve a detention. Any additional dress code violations in the same semester will result in additional detentions. All students begin each new semester with 0 violations.

Parents of **elementary students** out of code will be advised of the violation by written notice from the principal.

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