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**Delphos St. John's High School Homecoming Guidelines**

The U.S. Bishops state that "as Christians we should dress in a modest manner, wearing clothing that reflect our reverence for God and that manifest our respect for the dignity of the liturgy and for one another" (Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper, p.15) It is the intention of St. John's High School Staff/Administration to provide a safe and enjoyable Homecoming experience. These policies are meant to ensure that the values and beliefs of St. John's are lived not only in the classroom, but also in the social activities. It is the school's responsibility to ensure that the conduct of its students/guests reflects responsibility, modesty, and dignity. All regulations outlined below will be enforced.

**Dress Code**

Attire that is inappropriate for the occasion or deviates from modesty in the judgment of a school administrator will result in being denied admission. **This includes guests from other schools.**

- For **Males**:
  - Males must wear dress slacks, black, blue, grey, khaki in color will be permitted.
  - Males must wear dress shoes. (Tennis shoes, casual leather or canvas style athletic shoes, or are not permitted.)
  - Males must wear long sleeve button down shirts. Polo shirts or t-shirts are not permitted.
  - Males must wear either a tie or bow tie.
  - No earrings, body jewelry, or body piercings are permitted. Top Hats and Cowboy Hats are permitted.
  - Tuxedos, suits, or sport coats are permitted, that are in line with the colors above.
  - Young men are to be clean-shaven, and meet school guidelines regarding length and style of hair.
- For **Females**, dresses and attire that reflect modesty are required. Each year, the most difficult task for administrators is the determination of modesty for girls. Traditional interpretations are often at odds with fashion and cultural trends. Each year, girls are turned away or asked to modify. This is easily avoidable if the following guidelines are observed:
  - Homecoming attire should reflect more of a formal (to the floor) or be semi-formal in style.
  - Dresses that are too revealing, are skin tight, expose midriffs or cleavage, or are too short in length are not appropriate.
  - Dress backs may not fall below and/or be lower than the elbows
  - Dresses may not be any shorter than 3" above the knee when standing. This includes any slits in the dress. If you purchase a dress with a slit that does not meet these guidelines, you will need to have the slit sewn.
  - The bodice of the dress must not have any fabric cutouts below the neckline cut of the dress. Openings in the back of the dress must be covered with a colored fabric (flesh or excessively sheer fabric is not permitted). Openings of this type are not permitted in the front or sides of the dress, that are revealing in anyway.
  - Dresses must not be low cut in the front. Be especially careful with halter-style dresses or strapless dresses with a sweetheart neckline and/or a deep V. No two-piece or dresses that expose the midriff will be accepted.

**Conduct**

**Breathalyzers** – All students and guests may undergo a Breathalyzer test for alcohol before being admitted to the dance. Students/guests who test positive will be denied entrance to the dance. Parents will be notified immediately and will be expected to pick up their child. No refunds will be given to students who test positive and further disciplinary action will result.

**Dance** – All attendees will refrain from crude, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, or violence oriented dancing, and follow the policies outlined in the Student Handbook. **Students will be required to dance Face to Face no front to back dancing will be permitted.** Dance chaperones will determine what constitutes inappropriate dancing. Students dancing inappropriately will be given one warning. On the second offense, parents will be notified and student/guest will be asked to leave the dance.

I/we have read the Homecoming Guidelines and agree to abide by the guidelines outlined above. I/we understand that my/our failure to abide by these policies will result in my/our removal from the dance. **No one will be issued admittance to Homecoming without this signed section on file with the office.**

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Student Printed Name	Student Signature	Date
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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Printed Name	Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature	Date
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**Sign and return this portion of the Homecoming Policy to Office One Week before Homecoming, to be eligible to attend.**

A Tradition Worth Keeping