**Dress Code Philosophy Statement**

Manistee Catholic Central School’s dress code is predicated on the belief that each student is created in *God’s image* and *our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit* (Cor. 6:19).  Each student’s God-given talents and gifts are demonstrated through behavior, action, and achievement in academics, service to others, athletics, spirituality, and character development.

The Dress Code is intended to focus energies on that which is spiritual and academic while students are in the building: this includes before, during, and after school hours.

Uniforms must always be in good repair.

**Girls-**   **Grades K-5                 (No makeup allowed)**

**Shirt:**

**Polo:**  Red, navy/light blue, or white, ¾ sleeve, short, or long-sleeved.

**Oxford shirt:**  White or light blue- ¾ sleeve, short, or long-sleeved

**Turtleneck shirt:**  Red, white, or navy and must be worn under sweater or crewneck sweatshirt

**Plain white T-shirts:**  May be worn under polos, turtlenecks, shirts, or sweaters.

                                      \* **All shirts must have a collar and be tucked in**

**Slacks/shorts/capris:**

**Navy Blue only**; twill or corduroy, elastic waist, plain front, pleated, mid-rise.  Shorts may be worn during the months of September and October, and May and June.  They may not be any higher than 3” above the knee.  No tight fitting pants or leggings by themselves.

**Skirts/skorts:**

Navy blue, khaki, or plaid;  pleated skirt, A-line skirt, stretch chino skirt, or navy culottes. NO CARGO STYLE.  Must be of modest length, no higher than 3” above knee.

**Dresses/Jumpers:** Polo style dresses, long or short sleeve, in red, white, or blue. Must be of modest length, no higher than 3” above knee. Navy blue or plaid jumper. Must wear red, white, or blue shirt with collar underneath. Must be of modest length, no higher than 3” above knee.

**Sweater:**

All sweaters / all styles;  solid colored -- red, white, and navy.

**Sweatshirt:**

Crewneck sweatshirt, navy or red.  Hoods and hoodies are not acceptable in Mass.  No zippers. Sweatshirts must have an obvious MCC affiliation.

**Socks:**

Solid color;  white, black, or navy ankle length or knee high socks.  Solid, non-textured tights or leggings if dresses or skirts are worn.  Nylons in nude or beige colors.

**Shoes:**

Athletic shoes are highly recommended but casual or dress shoes may be worn.  Heel restriction- 1”.  Shoes must have a back strap and closed toe, no sandals.

**Boys – Grade K-5**

**Shirt:**

**Polo:**  Red, navy/light blue, or white, short or long-sleeved

**Turtleneck shirt:**  Red, white, or navy and must be worn under sweater or crewneck sweatshirt

**Slacks/pants/shorts:**

**Navy Blue only**; twill or corduroy, elastic waist, flat front, pleated.  Shorts may be worn during the months of September and October, and May and June.  NO CARGO STYLE.

**Sweater:**

All sweaters / all styles; solid colored - red, white, and navy.

**Sweatshirt:**

Crewneck sweatshirt, navy or red.  Hoods and hoodies are not acceptable in Mass.  No zippers. Sweatshirts must have an obvious MCC affiliation.

**Socks:**

Solid color;  white, black, or navy

**Shoes:**

Athletic shoes are highly recommended but casual or dress shoes may be worn.  Shoes must have a back strap and closed toe, no sandals.