

St. John's Home Educators Winter Ball Dress Code

This is a Catholic sponsored formal event. We expect clothing and behavior to comply with the virtues taught by the Church and to show respect for your fellow peers, your parents, our chaperones, and priests.

BOYS

- Must wear a suit or suit coat/blazer and tie with dress pants and belt, dress shirt, dress socks, and dress shoes
- Shirts must be tucked in and ties must be worn properly at all times
- Hats must be removed once inside the dance hall

GIRLS

- Dresses or skirts are required attire and must be knee length (top of the knee cap) or longer, to include slits
- Neckline of dress, top, or gown must be cut in a modest way without showing cleavage
- No strapless, off the shoulder, halter, or dresses with spaghetti straps
- Backs should be covered to no lower than shoulder blades
- Modest cut outs allowed if they follow all other tenants of the dress code (no cleavage showing, no abdomen or back below shoulder blades exposed)
- No transparent fabrics – laces, nets, organdy, nylons, etc., unless sufficient backing is added (opaque skirts with overlay must go to the knees and meet upper garment guidelines)
- For flouncy or swingy knee length dresses, please wear shorts underneath
- No visible undergarments

PLEASE NOTE:

Modesty is admittedly a subjective interpretation, but one which we have a duty to uphold. Attendees should therefore err on the side of modesty and formality so as to not place chaperones in the difficult position of upholding our dress code standards. We expect nothing less than full cooperation from attendees and parents/guardians on this issue.

We (the chaperones) reserve the right to determine whether an attendee's attire does/does not fully comply with the SJHE Winter Ball dress code.

IF you are not sure if your teen's dress adheres to the dress code, please feel free to send a picture ahead of time to bethcn@yahoo.com.

IF your teen has found the perfect dress, but it does not fully comply, we can recommend help with modifications.

Please see pictures below for examples of acceptable dresses.

Picture 1) acceptable knee length

Picture 2) acceptable cut out

