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On a regular basis, school communities are reminded of the importance of student attire.

Students are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for a Catholic school. As student clothing choice lies with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s), we ask that you speak with your child(ren) about dress choices that reflect a Catholic school that is inclusive and honours the Catholic Social Teaching of *Life and Dignity of the Human Person*. Our bodies are gifts from God. We respect not only how we express ourselves through the way we think, speak and act, but also in the ways we dress.

All DPCDSB students are guided by the *Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations*. By making respectful clothing choices, a student shows they are:

- *A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who makes decisions in light of gospel values and informed moral conscience.*
- *A self-directed, responsible lifelong learner who demonstrates a confident and positive sense of self and respect for the dignity and welfare of others.*

DPCDSB dress codes will be consistent with the Ontario Human Rights Code. Students shall wear clothing that promotes a safe, respectful, and inclusive place to learn. Students **cannot** wear clothing that promotes or can be seen as representing:

- Hate
- Sexually explicit content
- Stereotypes
- Discrimination
- Illegal Activity
- Profanity
- Violence

By working together, we can promote safe, inclusive, and healthy schools.

Thank you for your attention to this important information.