

Students should not arrive prior to 7:15 a.m. unless arrangements have been made with the principal. Students should be off school grounds by 3:15 p.m. unless arrangements have been made with the principal. The school will provide supervision until 3:15 p.m. at which point any remaining students will be sent to Bible Club, incurring a Bible Club charge.

Religious Education

The primary reason for the existence of Holy Family Catholic School is Religious Instruction. The students are instructed in Religion class. Students in grades K-8 attend Mass Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:00 a.m. Formal prayer and some spontaneous prayer or meditation will be part of the Catholic training that all students receive each day. Students will be given an opportunity to participate in Liturgy, the sacramental life of the Church and special prayer services throughout the liturgical year. All students will attend an off campus faith retreat annually. Parents are invited to attend all religious activities.

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE

It is expected that all Holy Family families will attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation, in addition to participating in other parish activities. We ask parents to be faithful in your responsibility as Catholics and as the primary educators of your children. Your example will have a huge impact!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

All sacraments are received through the parish. Second graders participate in the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Parent meetings are held before the reception of the sacraments to inform parents of their role in the Sacramental preparation. If your child has not received the sacraments and has passed the second grade, contact your pastor to arrange for their reception.

Our Lady of Guadalupe eighth graders and Sacred Heart/St. Joseph seventh and eighth graders participate in the sacrament of Confirmation. This is a parish sacrament, however the students are prepared in conjunction with the students in the parish Religious Education Program and according to the guidelines set by the Catholic Priests of the Topeka Region.

FAMILY LIFE HUMAN SEXUALITY PROGRAM

Holy Family Catholic School has a Family Life program used in conjunction with its religious instruction program. The Family Life series addresses issues of social justice, decision-making and human sexuality. The textbooks are developmentally appropriate.

Dress Code

Shirts and sweatshirts with the Holy Family logo will be available for order during the summer and fall. Shirts are not required to have the embroidered logo, but sweatshirts must have the logo with no alterations. Order forms will be sent home this summer and periodically throughout the first semester.

The Topeka Catholic Schools adopted a standardized dress code in August 1995. A student's appearance should reflect a Christian training and should not detract from nor disrupt the educational process.

- Jewelry may be worn, but may not be a distraction or unsafe.
- Boys may not wear earrings. Girls may wear earrings in moderation but they may not fall more than ½ inch below the bottom of the ears. No other visible piercings or tattoos are allowed.
- Girls who choose to wear make must keep it to a minimum
- Neatness in appearance is important to the uniform, no holes, rips, or significant stains. Hair must be neatly groomed. Hair may not exceed the collar in the back, the top of the ears on the sides, and the eyebrows in front for boys. Facial hair is prohibited. Highlights to the hair are allowed if they compliment the natural hair color. Shapes and figures may not be shaved into the hair including bangs being combed up.
- Athletic shoes or dress shoes with rubber soles (non-marking soles) are allowed. Sandals may be worn, but all shoes must have a manufactured strap around the heel. Backless shoes are not allowed. If girls chose to wear tights they must cover the entire leg.

Boys:

Long Pants: Cotton twill, navy blue or khaki
 Walking shorts: Cotton twill, navy blue or khaki
 Shirts: Red, white, navy blue or black (oxford, polo or turtleneck in long or short sleeved style)
 V-neck Cardigan: Black or red
 Sweatshirts/Hoodies: Must have logo (red or black)

Girls:

Long pants: Cotton twill, navy blue or khaki
 Capri pants: Cotton twill, navy blue or khaki, see French Toast item # 1311X for guidelines. Beginning in Fall 2007, all girls may wear Capri pants.
 Walking shorts: Cotton twill, navy blue, khaki, MacBeth plaid or French Toast blue/gold plaid
 Skorts: Cotton twill, navy blue, khaki or French Toast blue/gold plaid
 Plaid skirt/Jumper: MacBeth plaid or French Toast blue/gold plaid
 Jumpers: Navy blue or khaki
 Calf-length skirt: Navy blue or khaki
 Shirts: Red, white, navy blue or black (oxford, polo or turtleneck in long or short sleeved style)
 V-neck Cardigan: Black or red
 Sweatshirts/Hoodies: Must have logo (red or black)

Any combination of the above items is acceptable. Sweatshirts must have a collared shirt in uniform colors underneath.

Uniforms may be purchased at any store as long as they meet the outlined requirements.

Pants resembling jeggings or leggings are not allowed. Denim pants and cargo pants are not allowed. Pants/shorts are not allowed to have rivets. Bellbottoms and cuts in the seams are not allowed. Shirts must be tucked in at all times and may not be bloused. A black or brown belt should be worn with pants that have belt loops for all students in third through eighth grades. The belt must fit appropriately and not have excessive length. Pants must rest on the natural waistline. T-shirts may be worn under shirts, but should not have writing or advertising which can be seen through the shirt and must be white, grey, navy, black, or red in color.

Dress down days will be held periodically as long as student behavior is unchanged from uniform days. On dress down days, the students' attire must be appropriate. Shirts with any reference to alcohol, drugs and vulgar language may not be worn. The standards for short/skirt length is unchanged from uniform days. Yoga/spandex type pants and pants with excessive rips/holes are not allowed. Shirts must cover the shoulder and must not be tight fitting. There shall be no mid-rift or low cut tops allowed.

Once a month, students are allowed to wear Spirit shirts. Holy Family Spirit shirts are available for order through the office or online at holyfamilytopeka.com.

The classroom teacher enforces our Dress Code. Parents will be notified by referral if the child is not in conformity. The notice must be signed by a parent and returned to school. Third violation will result in conduct referrals.

Any clothing that might be removed during the day, such as sweaters, sweatshirts, or jackets should be labeled with the student's name for identification. The school is not responsible for lost clothing.

The administration reserves the right to determine dress code standards.

Cell Phones/Devices

If a student must have a cell phone or other electronic device they are to be kept in books bags and turned OFF. Middle School students MUST turn in their phone to Homeroom Teacher every morning. They may not be used from 7:30AM until after dismissal and off school grounds in the