

Dear Parents and Guardians,

For the 2019-20 school year, the dress code will include a significant change, following three years of evaluation and discussion by faculty and staff. The decision is based on the desire to do the following:

- Better identify our students
- Improve collective school connectedness
- Prevent distracting or inappropriate clothing choices
- Provide a common appearance, with a variety of choices

To achieve these goals, students will be required to wear an approved CN shirt or sweatshirt as part of the dress code. Fridays will remain CN t-shirt day; other days will require a CN shirt or sweatshirt to be worn all day, with the exception of an exercise class or special spirit day. Other dress code requirements will remain the same. The CN shirt, with or without a collar, is the key requirement.

Perceived benefits include:

- Simplicity and ease
- Less confusion on what is allowed/not allowed
- More comparable choices with less value on brands or style
- Stronger ease of identification of students as belonging to CN
- Greater sense of pride by students in school association
- Variety of choices with community commonality

Working with our current Birdcage provider, these shirt options will be available online for purchase and will be delivered, without a shipping charge, to the school for pick up. Team stores and the Birdcage will remain open through the Athletics Office for additional fanwear and individual team/sport items. Dress code shirt samples will be available this Spring for families to preview in advance of ordering. Current CN shirts and sweatshirts will be allowed to be worn. The school will not receive a percentage of sales or any rebate; the goal is to provide good quality and a variety of choices at an affordable cost, including various colors and styles.

When the online store opens, notification will be shared with you. This will take place before we break for summer to allow for non-rushed ordering options. The store will remain open during the school year.

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