



THE BEST WEEK EVER 2026
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Best Week Ever Dress Code

As Christian men and women, we must strive to treat our bodies as gifts from God, our bodies are meant to be taken care of and clothed with dignity. Since what we wear reflects in a real way an aspect of who we are, our external modesty will reflect the interior virtue that we are striving to attain. Additionally, wearing dressier clothes for classes, Mass, and lunch assists students with understanding the value of these activities.

For the Best Week Ever, students must abide by two dress codes: Class Dress Code to be worn during classes, Mass, and Lunch, and Casual Dress Code to be worn at all other times.

Casual Dress Code for Men: worn outside of classes, Mass, and lunch time

- Consists of casual pants or shorts, as well as t-shirts, casual button-down shirts, sweaters, or sweatshirts.
- No muscle tees, tank tops, or short shorts may be worn (All shorts, including swimwear, must be long enough to reach the wearer's fingertips when their arms are held to their sides).
- Clothing should not be excessively form-fitting and shirts should not be low-cut in the back or front, or so short as to bare the midriff at any time.
- Belts must be worn if pants tend to ride too low.
- Apparel may not include derogatory, profane, or immoral images, slogans, graphics, or topics.
- No visible body piercings are allowed.
- Shirts and footwear are required in all buildings. Shirts must be worn at all times, except when swimming.
- Men are not to wear hats of any kind at mealtimes at the table, in the Chapel, in the Library, or in administrative buildings.

Class Dress Code for Men: worn for breakfast, classes, Mass, and lunch

- Consists of dress pants, belt or suspenders, dress shirt, tie or bowtie, dress socks, and dress shoes.
- Dress shirts must be button-down with a collar – any color, long or short-sleeved – and worn tucked in. No polo shirts. An undershirt must be worn beneath a white dress shirt.
- A belt or suspenders is required.
- Wearing a blazer or sport coat is optional.
- White socks are not considered professional dress.
- Sweatshirts, hooded sweaters or jackets, and similar garments are not permitted as professional dress.
- No back patch pockets, cargo-type pants, stretch-style pants, jeans, or joggers.
- Denim, flannel, or chambray clothing/outerwear are not permitted as class dress code.
- Flip-flops, Birkenstock, fishermen, and sporty-style sandals, clogs, tennis shoes, hiking/work/combat boots and similar are not appropriate for professional dress. Only dress shoes are permitted.
- Apparel may not include derogatory, profane, or immoral images, slogans, graphics, or topics.
- No visible body piercings are allowed.
- Clothing must be reasonably wrinkle-free and clean.

Casual Dress Code for Women: worn outside of classes, Mass, and lunch time

- Consists of casual pants, shorts, skirts, or dresses, as well as t-shirts, casual tops, sweaters, or sweatshirts.
- No tank tops, sheer clothing, or short shorts may be worn.
- All shorts must be long enough to reach the wearer's fingertips when their arms are held to their sides.



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- The hemline of all skirts, skorts, and dresses are to be no higher than the top of the wearer's knee cap.
- Clothing should not be excessively form-fitting and shirts should not be low-cut in the back or front (no lower than three fingers from the collar bone) or so short as to bare the midriff at any time. Halter tops or spaghetti straps are not permitted. All visible straps of a dress or shirt must be at least one inch wide at the top of the shoulder.
- Pants should not be too tight; leggings, tights, or yoga pants (unless worn with a dress or skirt which meets the guidelines) are not dress code.
- Apparel may not include derogatory, profane, or immoral images, slogans, graphics, or topics.
- No visible body piercings are allowed, other than earrings.
- Footwear is required in all buildings.
- Swimwear must be a modest one-piece or tankini that covers the midriff and clothing must be worn over the swimsuit when not in the water.

Class Dress Code for Women: worn for breakfast, classes, Mass, and lunch

- Consists of a professional/business-style dress or a professional blouse worn with a dress skirt/dress pants and dress shoes.
- Excludes more casual skirts/dresses such as sundresses, spaghetti-strap style, etc.
- The hemline of all skirts, skorts, and dresses are to be no higher than the top of the wearer's knee cap.
- All dress blouses must be button-down (the entire front of the shirt) and collared. Flannel material or polo shirts do not meet the class dress code requirement.
- Clothing should not be excessively form-fitting and shirts should not be low-cut in the back or front (no lower than three fingers from the collar bone) or so short as to bare the midriff at any time. Halter tops or spaghetti straps are not permitted. All visible straps of a dress or shirt must be at least one inch.
- Sweatshirts, hooded sweaters or jackets, and similar garments are not permitted as professional dress.
- Pants should not be too tight.
- No back patch pockets, cargo-type pants, stretch-style pants, jeans, or joggers.
- Denim, flannel, chambray clothing/outerwear are not permitted as class dress code.
- Flip-flops, Birkenstock, fishermen, and sporty-style sandals, clogs, tennis shoes, hiking/work/combat boots and similar are not appropriate for professional dress. Only dress shoes are permitted.
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- No visible body piercings are allowed, other than earrings.
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One's dress should reflect the distinction and dignity of one's sex, lending to an understanding and appreciation of men and women in the image of God. The specifications for dress code set out in this section are not meant to be exhaustive; BWE counselors and staff will be the judges of whether an outfit is acceptable dress code on whatever occasion. If a student is wearing clothing which does not fulfill the dress code, he or she will be asked to change.

Please note that the Best Week Ever Dress Code differs slightly from the dress code for students at Christendom College during the school year, for the sake of simplicity.

Thank you for abiding by our Best Week Ever Dress Code!