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Dear Parents,

Believe it or not next school year is approaching quickly! One area we know you invest in, is school uniforms for your children. As you purchase new uniforms and other clothing to be worn at school, please reference our updated Dress Code and Personal Grooming policy which is below.

We are also starting a uniform exchange program. If you would like to give your child's unneeded uniform to the school office, it will be made available to another student on a first come first served basis or at the BVCS staff discretion.

Thank you for your support and partnership with the staff of BVCS. We value the responsibility you have entrusted us with, of providing a Christian education for your children.

We ask you to review the dress code and personal grooming policy with your child. If you have any questions, please contact a teacher or the school office.

DRESS CODE AND PERSONAL GROOMING POLICY

The Dress Code and Personal Grooming policy at BVCS is designed to promote neatness, cleanliness, modesty, and safety while pleasing and glorifying the name of Jesus Christ. Students are expected to comply with this policy with a consistent and cheerful attitude. Parent's will be notified when a student is not compliant with this policy and will be asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school. Repeated offenses or an attitude of disregard for this policy may result in dismissal from school.

This policy is based on five overarching principles:

- For neatness and cleanliness,
- For necessity,
- For modesty,
- For appropriateness, and
- For safety

These principles apply to students while at any school sponsored event, to include while on the school premises, at performances, or at other functions.

Uniforms

Students must wear approved BVCS uniforms while on school premises or on a school function. An exception is church performances. Approved uniforms:

- Must be royal blue, purple, or gray in color.
- Must include the school logo on the top left side and logo must be applied by our approved vendor, *Wind Related*, located at North 1st Street, Hamilton. Request Blodgett View Christian school logo.
- Must always include a long or short sleeve tab front polo
- Can include a sweatshirt worn over a uniform polo, it must be an approved uniform color and have the BVCS logo.

If you have any questions concerning approved uniform or colors, please ask the Head Teacher or office BEFORE purchasing.

Outdoors

- Heavy/puffy jackets can only be worn over a uniform while outside.

Uniform Exchange

Kids grow! If you would like to give and/or exchange your child's unneeded and in good repair uniform to the school office, it will be made available to another student on a first come first served basis or at the BVCS staff discretion.

We ask students

For Neatness and Cleanliness

- ✓ Uniforms and other clothing should always be clean and free from stains.
- ✓ Clothing which has become worn, faded, and in need of repair should not be worn.
- ✓ Hair is to be neat, clean and out of the eyes. Unnatural color dyes, extreme hair styles, including but not limited to, spiked hair, mohawks, and shaved-in designs are not permitted.

For Necessity

- ✓ No jewelry. This includes but not limited to bracelets, rings, chains, earrings (except discrete studs).
- ✓ Makeup, if worn, should be a natural tone and used with moderation
- ✓ Body glitter/painting, visible tattoos (temporary or permanent), are not allowed.
- ✓ We encourage younger students to keep an extra set of clothes in their locker for emergencies.

For Modesty

- ✓ Dresses and skirts length – no shorter than one (1) inch above the top of the knee.
- ✓ Shorts length – no shorter than two (2) inches above the top of the knee.
- ✓ Dresses or skirts must be worn with shorts or leggings.
- ✓ Leggings can be worn under clothing, not by themselves.
- ✓ Pants must be worn at the waist and no part of the buttocks should be seen when bending or reaching.
- ✓ Jeans may be worn if in good repair. Distressed denim should not allow skin to be easily seen.

For Appropriateness

- ✓ Hats, hoods, bandannas, and sunglasses are not to be worn in the classroom. Headdress worn because of religious reasons or illness, may be worn with permission from the Head Teacher.
- ✓ Weather conditions should be considered when planning what to wear each day. Students are supplied BVCS lockers to store items in.

For Safety

- ✓ Heelys (footwear with rollers), shoes with no back and/or no strap, toe shoes, flip-flops, and high heels are not to be worn. Exception for girls to wear low heels at church performances.
- ✓ Shoes with cleats are not to be worn.
- ✓ Proper shoes are needed for recess and physical education times.

In God's eyes, the inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit is "of great price" as opposed to the outward adorning of "wearing of gold" and the "putting on of apparel" (1 Peter 3:3,4).

The 'spirit of the policy' is what BVCS asks that all student and parents remember. You have chosen to enroll and attend a private Christian school, that as part of its Philosophy Statement commits to "A true knowledge of God, fellowship and companionship with Him in study and service, and likeness to Him in character development." We and you by the act of sending your Child to BVCS believe that "likeness to Him" is represented in our dress and grooming. Upholding this commitment will take all of us not looking for ways around this policy, but through our actions supporting it. You as parents are role models for your kids. The teachers and staff are also role models and will dress modestly and professionally.