

## NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Mr. Italo J. Baldassarre**  
*Principal*



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*Assistant Principal*

September 22, 2024

Dear Parents & Guardians:

The quality of the environment at LaSalle Prep School is a source of pride for all of us. Understandably, the safe and nurturing space that we have created for our students cannot be maintained on its own. It takes work, and each of us, student, parent, staff and principals play an important part. Over the last week, I have directly observed students displaying a manner of dress that has at times has been inappropriate.

The NFSCD Student Appearance Code reflects the belief that student appearance should at all times be appropriate for school and should not be distracting to other members of the school community. Unfortunately, some at LPS have come to school in articles of clothing that are revealing and unsafe. I have and will continue to address these and other concerns directly. Tomorrow, I will speak to our student body on our Morning Announcements Program to clarify the expectations for appropriate dress. I am additionally asking for your assistance in supporting the following expectations in your conversations with your child at home:

- First, that all student apparel covers the shoulders, back, chest, and stomach, and that all apparel extends to at least the mid-thigh (shorts & skirts)
- Second, that all footwear is supported by a covered heel or strap to not pose a hazard in common areas and on the stairs.

It must be stated that a student who is not appropriately dressed for school will be provided alternate, clean clothing items by the school (when available). If unavailable or refused, a parent or designee will be required to provide a compliant change of clothing. Students who repeatedly violate the Student Appearance Code will require a parent conference and may be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension from school. Also, know that I have no intention of unreasonable enforcement, and that I am asking for your help in making sure that students comply with the district expectations for appropriate dress. Please follow this link, to view these and other expectations in detail.

[NFSCD Code of Conduct p.11](#)

Know that LaSalle Prep School is a positive, safe and supportive place and that I am extremely proud of the excellent conduct of our students and the support we all receive from you, our LPS parents. Tomorrow's announcement to students and my request for your reinforcement at home is intended to keep our student body focused on learning and on track.

As always, please contact me (716) 278-5880 if you have any questions about our policies or the steps we are taking, to ensure that LaSalle Prep School continues to be a healthy and secure place for all of us to learn, work and grow in the pursuit of excellence!

Sincerely,

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