



CCS Eighth Grade Tea

We are proud of the high standards concerning behavior and dress code at Cary Christian School and believe that we share the responsibility to uphold these standards with our students and our parents. With this in mind, we are asking our parents to partner with us to ensure their student's attire meets the dress code detailed below.

CCS will not hold a formal attire check for this event. However, if your student's attire does not meet the requirements as listed, you may be called to come get your student or to bring your student a different outfit and they may lose their privilege to participate in the next school social event/dance as determined by the CCS Administration.

Dress Code Requirements

- Please respect the purpose of this event by dressing in the appropriate attire.
- Tea attire means dress nicely, but not a tuxedo or formal gown.
- Please keep modesty in mind as you choose your attire.
- Please keep in mind that our tea is a seated event, and all clothing should not be too tight or too short.

	Gentlemen	Ladies
Please wear:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress slacks • Collared button-up shirt and tie • Dress shoes • Sport Coat (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress or Jumpsuit/Pantsuit • Dress shoes <p>Attire must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length: dress should be within 2"-3" of the top of the knee. If a dress has a slit, it should not be more than 2"-3" above the knee. Please remember that a longer dress length is helpful when seated at a table. • Straps: should have on-the-shoulder strap(s) (spaghetti straps, one-shoulder or Grecian style and halter, are all permitted). • Neckline: No deep V or low-cut necklines • Back: should be at the natural bra line, no backless dresses
Please do not wear:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight-fitting clothing, jeans, or joggers • Athletic shoes, crocs, or boots • Costumes or anything less than tea attire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight, form-fitting dresses (e.g., bodycon style dresses) and dresses more than 3" above the knee are not appropriate for this event • Exposed midriff or cutout dresses

NOTE: Please remember that pants and dresses fit differently while standing still in your living room than in a seated or active position. Our goal is to be proactive so that there are no questions the afternoon of the event. The best practice is to choose attire through the lens of modesty and to use the standards spelled out above as no one wants to have issues on the afternoon of the tea. Respect the occasion and your school community.

Please reach out to Ellen Wentz at ewentz@carychristianschool.org with questions if you are unsure of any details and how they apply to you/your student.