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October 27, 2026

Dear Parents and Worthington Christian Students,

We are excited to be hosting our second annual winter formal event, the Snowball, for all high school students on December 5th at Worthington Christian Upper School.

The event will take place from 7:00pm-10:00pm. Further details and ticket information will be provided in future communications.

Below are our dress code guidelines for the Snowball. Please read them thoroughly and carefully.

*Guys are expected to dress in formal attire. They are encouraged to wear a dress shirt and a sport coat, and dress pants (not jeans). If a young man prefers not to wear a sport coat, they must wear a dress shirt with a tie. Exceptionally tight or revealing clothing, unbuttoned shirts, etc. are not appropriate for an event like this. If any wardrobe questions arise, the young men can consult with Mr. McLaughlin in advance. Please note, these expectations are slightly different from the Spring Gala expectations.

*Girls are expected to wear formal dresses. Dress checks (a requirement) will be conducted by Mrs. Root and Mrs. Durbin. Please complete this Microsoft Forms Survey and submit a picture of the front, side and back of your dress. The student must be wearing the dress in the pictures sent (with face included). The pictures may not be of the dress on a hanger or from a catalog/website. If a student would rather try it on in person, she will just need to schedule a time to do that with Mrs. Root.

Following the guidelines below ensures a positive event and mitigates any last-minute changes and concerns.

Here are some specific guidelines to keep in mind as you select that beautiful dress:
· Dresses may be strapless.
· Dresses may be backless (if they are not cut below the naval).
· 2-piece dresses MUST overlap at the waist, meaning the top MUST overlap with the skirt's waistband. Midriffs will not be exposed. This includes both front and side. With arms down at your side, if skin touches skin, the dress is inappropriate.
· See-through/sheer apparel or panels are not permitted. Open panels/cut-outs are also not permitted.
· Dresses may not have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh. This is fingertip length.
· Dresses may not be cut below the bust line.
· Undergarments should not be visible.
· Garments that are too tight or low-cut are also unacceptable.

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As we have learned from conducting dress checks the past 25+ years, regardless of the guidelines provided, various styles of dresses can look different from girl to girl.

Therefore, if we have a need to see the dress in person, we will plan to do so. We have always taken pictures in the past to ensure each dress has been checked as well as to let the girls know if there are any duplicates.

We suggest that you NOT purchase a dress that is not returnable if the dress is not approved.

If guidelines are not followed, we will ask the student to leave the event and/or wait until the next school day to meet with both the student AND parents to discuss the consequences for not adhering to school policy.

Considering the school's position on human sexuality, students are expected to dress in ways that are consistent with their God-given biological sex during school and at school-related activities. All expectations relating to this policy are rooted in the school's biblical and theological understanding of human sexuality and ultimately are interpreted by the school's administration.

Please know that this is the only official, school-hosted, school-approved event that night. Other afterparties/gatherings are NOT school-sponsored, school-approved, or school-supervised. Parents need to communicate with other parents about any other parties or gatherings.

A word about guests: This event is only for Worthington Christian Students. All students are encouraged to attend and enjoy a special evening with friends. A date is not required. If a student would like to bring a date, they must be of the opposite biological sex and a current student at Worthington Christian Upper School.

We are looking forward to a wonderful, memorable event! Please feel free to contact me with any questions.
Sincerely,

Mrs. Jessica Root
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