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Live Oak

2022 Upper School Spirit Day Guidelines

Literary and Historical Figures Day Guidelines

Monday, October 31, is “Literary and Historical Figures Day” at Great Hearts Live Oak. On this special day we invite our students, faculty, and staff to celebrate a wide range of figures, persons, and even concepts, from the American Tradition and Western civilization through carefully composed costumes. Costumes which honor literary and historical figures are those which point to the significance and contributions of these figures. Guidelines for costumes are below.

- Students may dress up as any literary or historical figure from the Great Hearts Live Oak curriculum that otherwise meets the criteria for the event.
- Dressing as inanimate objects or concepts from our curriculum is a great way to get into the spirit of the day, e.g. a student costume representing the periodic table of elements, a great painting or work of art, or a mathematical or geometric model.
- All elements of the costume must be worn in a manner that imparts dignity and respect to the figure being honored.
- If the costume is such that it requires clothing underneath, it should be their uniform. The foundation of costume garments (top and bottom) must conform to the basic components of the student’s daily uniform.
- Hats, gloves, ears, etc. are acceptable as long as they stay on and are not a distraction.
- Props must be firmly attached to the costume.
- Face paint or dye that changes the color of the student’s skin is prohibited for costumes depicting human figures. Face paint for animals and mythological creatures—e.g., Elmer the Dragon—is permitted.
- Makeup must only be used to create an iconic or essential characteristic of the character—e.g., President Roosevelt’s handlebar mustache, Pharaoh’s eyes, or Rat’s nose and whiskers. Makeup must otherwise conform to the student dress code.
- Our scholars are active, and all costumes should allow free movement.

College/Career Day

College/Career Day is a fun event designed to encourage aspirations. On this special day we invite our students to dress with the future in mind. Guidelines for attire are below.

- Students may dress up in attire befitting the career in which they are interested. Some examples are: a suit for a lawyer, chef hat and coat, and a fireman’s hat and jacket.
- All elements of the attire must be worn in a manner that imparts dignity and respect to the career being portrayed.

- If the attire is such that it requires clothing underneath, it should be their uniform. The foundation of attire garments (top and bottom) must conform to the basic components of the student's daily uniform.
- Hats, gloves, etc. are acceptable as long as they stay on and are not a distraction.
- If a student is unable to dress in the full attire desired, an appropriate prop may be used; for example, a stethoscope for a doctor, an accounting ledger for an accountant or a stuffed animal for a veterinarian. Toy weapons of any kind are not permitted and could result in disciplinary action.
- Makeup must conform to the student dress code.
- If students prefer to represent a college, they may wear a college t-shirt or sweatshirt representing that school in lieu of their uniform shirt.

Color Wars

During the Color Wars, students may dress head-to-toe in a color representing their grade.

9th Grade:	Pink
8th Grade:	Orange
7th Grade:	Purple
6th Grade:	Maroon

Any clothing item that does NOT represent the grade MUST conform to the regular student dress code. All color options must conform to the following guidelines:

- Tops should cover the entire torso and the shoulders.
- Shorts, pants, and skirts must be knee-length or longer and be worn above the hips.
- Hooded sweatshirts are allowed; but hoods, hats, and sunglasses may not be worn while indoors.
- Clothing should be free of slogans or political speech. Profane language and/or symbols are strictly prohibited.
- Yoga pants, tights, leggings, or other types of hosiery may not be worn as outerwear.
- Clothing should be in good repair: no ripped or torn garments.
- No flip-flops, platform shoes, or shoes with wheels.
- Rules regarding jewelry and make-up are the same as the regular school day.
- Any clothing item that does NOT represent the grade color MUST conform to the regular student dress code.

General Guidelines

- Students having PE that day will be required to dress out for class.
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- Yoga pants, tights, leggings, or other types of hosiery may not be worn as outerwear.
- Clothing should be in good repair: no ripped or torn garments.
- No flip-flops, platform shoes, or shoes with wheels.
- Hoods, hats, and sunglasses may not be worn while indoors.

Questions about Spirit Day Guidelines should be directed to: Mr. Gustowski, Dean Gill, and Mr. Kost