

DRESS CODE POLICY (K-5)

School uniforms are important for a number of reasons. As part of the Catholic school tradition, uniforms help to create a Catholic identity. Uniforms, which distinguish school clothes from play clothes, have been connected to better academic and behavioral performance. They help to eliminate the pressure of wearing the right brands or fashions, and can lead young people to realize that their value and worth comes from being children of God, rather than from what they wear or look like. Uniforms provide parents the advantage of lower cost for school clothing and eliminate daily battles over what clothes children will wear to school, especially in a time when fashions have become increasingly more immodest. St. Joseph School students are expected to adhere to the dress code as outlined below. The administration reserves the right to make discretionary judgments regarding appropriateness of student dress not explicitly covered by this dress code. The uniform policy will be strictly enforced. Highlighted text points out new policy and policy that needs closer attention.

Girls Uniform:

- Plaid, navy blue or khaki jumpers (Designated navy, red, and white plaid)
- Navy blue or khaki skirts
- Skirts must be knee length.
- Shorts are to be worn under jumpers.
- Khaki or navy blue capris may be worn August-October 31, April 1-May.

Boys and Girls Pants:

- Navy blue twill or khaki straight leg pant (no flare legs, low rise pants, extra pockets, or fancy stitching)
- Cargo pockets are not allowed.
- Pants are not to be baggy or tight.
- Belts, if worn, are to be solid black, blue or brown (no decorations).

Shorts:

- Navy blue or khaki walking shorts
- May be worn August - October 31 and April 1 - May.
- Shorts should be knee length - neither tight-fitting nor baggy.

Shirts:

- Must have collar at all times. (Friday St. Joseph attire is an exception)
- Red, white, light blue or navy blue
- Polo or oxford (long or short sleeves), turtleneck
- Girls - blouse (plain white, no lace or ruffles)
- Shirts are to be solid color with no logos or decorations.
- Undershirts must be solid white; no words, colors, pictures, logos or print.
- Long sleeved shirts should not be worn under short sleeved polos unless they are the same color.
- Shirts and blouses are to be tucked in at all times.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts:

- Solid navy blue, light blue, red or white pullover, cardigan or vest sweater
- Plain navy blue, light blue, red or white sweatshirt
- Navy blue or red Saint Joseph School sweatshirt
- Uniform shirts must be worn under sweaters and sweatshirts.
- No hoods or zippers
- Fleece jackets with the school logo may be worn in school.
- Other jackets/sweatshirts may only be worn to/from school and at recess.

Shoes and socks/stockings/leggings:

- Suitable shoes (tennis, loafer, sports) are to be worn. All shoes and sandals must have a back or strap around the back of the foot.
- Plain, solid black, navy blue or white socks, anklets, knee highs or tights must be worn with shoes or sandals.
- Girls must wear black or navy blue leggings under the uniform skirt/jumper in November-March. Leggings are tight-fitting, ankle length (no capri length) leg coverings. Leg coverings that are loose fitting, fall below the ankle and/or flare at the bottom are considered pants, not leggings.

Hair:

- Hair must be well groomed. Extremes in hair styles/colors are unacceptable.
- Boys' hair should not touch the eyebrows in the front or the collar in the back.
- Girls' hair should be kept out of the eyes. Girls may wear simple hair accessories, excluding extensions, feathers and similar decorations.

Makeup and Jewelry:

- Makeup and colored nail polish are not permitted.
- Jewelry permitted: Wristwatch, religious medal pinned to uniform or worn with simple chain.
- Girls may wear small earrings, one on each earlobe. For safety reasons, they may not wear hoops, dangles or earrings that hang below the earlobe. Boys may not wear earrings.

Other Points:

- Uniforms should be neat, clean and mended (when necessary). Clothing with holes should be replaced. It would be best to have at least two uniforms in order that the child may always comply with uniform regulations.
- All clothing should be marked with the child's name.
- Students may not wear tattoos or draw on their skin where it is visible.

Cold Weather

Please have your child/ren dressed appropriately (cap/ear band, mittens/gloves, boots) on cold days.

