

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The personal appearance of each student must reflect cleanliness, neatness, and generally accepted standards of good taste. All students are expected to be in full compliance with the Dress Code each school day. Uniform inspections take place throughout the year and disciplinary action will be taken for repeated dress code violations. Parents are expected to ensure that students come to school each day in full compliance. Each article of clothing needs to be in good condition and fit appropriately in relation to the student's individual physique.

Girls K through 8 – When new skirts or Jumpers are being purchased, please buy our new plaid uniform. *All girls* should be wearing the new plaid by the 2017-18 school year.

Skirts/Jumpers: Regulation plaid uniform jumper or skirt (available at *Educational Outfitters*)

- A) Jumpers/skirt should be worn two or less inches above the knee.
- B) Rolling of the skirt at the waistband is not permitted.
- C) If shorts are worn under the uniform/jumper, they must not show below the jumper/skirt hemline.

Shirts:

- A) Solid red or white polo shirt with a collar either long or short sleeved. No name brand symbols or names on polo's should be visible.
- B) All shirts must be completely tucked in at all times.

Slacks/Pants:

- A) Girls' uniform slacks should be navy, but not tight fitting, cargo slacks, or yoga pants.
- B) Navy blue or black leggings may be worn under the uniform skirt.
- C) A belt (brown or black) **must** be worn with slacks and shorts having belt loops for students in grades 4-8. **A belt is optional for primary grades.**

Shorts:

- A) Solid navy blue uniform shorts, no shorter than 3 inches above the knee, are permitted in August, September, October, April and May.
- B) Shirts must be tucked into the shorts at all times.
- C) **Please note that shorts may not be worn on Mass days in Grades 3-8.**

Sweaters:

- A) Solid navy cardigan or pullover sweaters must be worn over uniform shirts.

Sweatshirts:

- A) Acceptable pullover sweatshirts purchased through St. John's is the only sweatshirt to be worn for grades K-7.
- B) Hooded or other non-uniform sweatshirts may be worn as a jacket to school or recess, but must be removed, once inside the building. **Hoodies and non-uniform sweatshirts must be removed during Mass.** Hooded sweatshirts are **not** acceptable components of the school uniform.

Shoes:

- A) Gym shoes or dress shoes with closed toes and closed heels must be worn. (No boots)
- B) Shoes must be tied and worn securely at all times.
- C) **Shoes that light up are not permitted.**

Socks:

- A) For hygiene purposes, socks must be worn at all times.
- B) Sock colors must be solid black or white. Logos should not be visible. We do not encourage purchasing expensive, name-brand socks.
- C) Socks must cover the ankle or higher. Socks should always be visible above the students' shoes.

- D) Plain white, black or navy blue tights may be worn under jumpers and skirts.

Jewelry:

- A) Girls may wear one earring per ear. Earrings should be close to the earlobe with posts. No hoops, drops, or dangling earrings are permitted for safety reasons.
- B) No cell phone watches.

Personal grooming and appearance:

- A) Acrylic nails and makeup are not permitted.
- B) Clear or soft pink finger nail polish is permitted. Colored nail polish is permitted **only** on Spirit Days, Catholic Schools Week, Walk-a-Thon and Relay for Life.
- C) Hair needs to be pulled out of face during Physical Education class.

Boys K thru 8

Shirts:

- A) Solid red or white polo shirts with collars either long or short sleeved. No name brand names or symbols on shirts.
- B) Plain white t-shirts may be worn under uniform shirt
- C) All shirts must be completely tucked in at all times.

Pants:

- A) Solid navy blue uniform pants should be worn to school.
- B) Students in Grades 4-8 must wear a belt (brown or black) with the pants. **A belt is optional in the primary grades.**

Shorts:

- A) Solid navy blue shorts, no shorter than 3 inches above the knee, may be worn in August, September, October, April and May.
- B) Shirts must be tucked into the shorts at all times.
- C) **Please note that uniform shorts may NOT be worn to school Mass in Grades 3-8.**

Sweaters:

Navy blue cardigan sweaters or pullover sweaters may be worn over uniform shirts.

Sweatshirts:

- A) Acceptable pullover sweatshirt purchased through St. John's is the only sweatshirt to be worn for grades K-7.
- B) Hooded or other non-uniform sweatshirts may be worn to school or recess as a jacket but must be taken off once students enter the classroom. **Hoodies or non-uniform sweatshirts must be removed during Mass.** Hooded sweatshirts are **not** part of the acceptable components of the school uniform.

Shoes:

- A) Gym shoes or dress shoes with closed toes and closed heels must be worn. (No boots)
- B) Shoes must be tied and fit securely at all times.
- C) Light up shoes are not permitted during school hours.

Socks:

- A) For hygiene purposes, socks must be worn at all times.
- B) Sock colors must be solid black or white. Logos should not be visible. We do not encourage purchasing expensive socks.
- C) Socks must cover the ankle or higher. Socks should be visible above the students' shoes.

Undergarments:

Only solid white t-shirts without emblems, writing, pictures, etc. on them may be worn under the uniform shirt.

Jewelry:

No cell phone watches.

Personal grooming and appearance:

- A) Hair must be clean, neatly groomed, and of a natural color. Hair must be trimmed so it is above the eyes and above the shirt collar. No designs shaved in head or mohawks are permitted.

All Students K-8

Spirit Wear Day - The second Wednesday of each month is designated as "Spirit Day." Students may wear spirit wear from any St. John School activity. Clean, well-fitting, hole-free jeans, athletic pants, capris, and athletic shorts to the knee may be worn on Spirit Days. **Jean shorts are not to be worn to school on spirit wear days unless they go to the knee.**

Out of Uniform Days – clothing worn to special events, out of uniform days and physical education classes must be modest, in good taste and appropriate for a Catholic, elementary school setting.

NOTE:

- ❖ **A written notification will be sent home if your child is in violation of the dress code.**
- ❖ **Repeated violations can result in suspension.**
- ❖ **Please send an explanatory note if you cannot send your child in the correct uniform for some unexpected/unforeseen reason (i.e., broken limb, financial).**
- ❖ ***The Principal reserves the right to decide whether or not something conforms to the dress code.***
- ❖ **PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES:**
- ❖ Students in grades K to 3 may wear their regular uniform clothes to physical education class, but must wear athletic shoes. Girls must wear shorts under their jumper or skirt.
- ❖ Students in grades 4-8 must dress for physical education class, including on Spirit Day or other out of uniform days. A St. John spirit T-shirt (with sleeves) is required for physical education class. The shirt may be white, grey or red. All students will be required to purchase and wear approved athletic shorts available at school. These are for both boys and girls and are of modest length.
- ❖ **PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTE:**
- ❖ T-shirts, hats, lunchboxes, book bags, etc. promoting alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, off color humor, un-Christian messages or philosophies, etc. will not be tolerated. If there is doubt about appropriate attire, ask first; decision of Principal is final.
- ❖ **Writing on School Uniforms is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Students writing on the uniform will be assigned an automatic detention and sent home until they are dressed appropriately. No report card will be issued until all disciplinary assignments are fulfilled.**