

UNIFORMS AND DRESS CODE

School uniforms help create the Catholic identity of St. Johns School. Uniforms also help the children understand that the focus of our school is Christian behavior and academic achievement. St. John's School students in kindergarten through eighth grade are required to adhere to the dress code. If you are unsure whether or not clothing is appropriate, please check with the administration, office or uniform committee member. The administration reserves the right to make discretionary judgments regarding the appropriateness of the student dress. Students who are in violation of the dress code will follow the dress code consequences listed below: **All staff will be responsible for enforcing this policy.**

Students must wear the uniforms provided by the St. John's Home and School Association's Uniform Store

Pants

- The Uniform Store will stock Khaki Flat Front/Flex Pants. Navy pants may be ordered. Black and Corduroy pants will no longer be part of the uniform code. We will no longer carry Pleated pants. We will sell what's in stock.

Shorts

- The Uniform Store will stock Navy Flat Front/Flex Shorts. Khaki shorts may be ordered.

Shirts

- The Uniform Store will stock short-sleeved Banded Polos in White and Navy and regular short-sleeved Polos in Maroon and Navy. White and Light Blue regular short-sleeved Polos may be ordered.
- Long Sleeved Polos and Peter Pan collar blouses will no longer be part of the uniform code.
- Shirts come in the following sizes: Youth XS; Youth S; Youth M; Youth L; Youth XL; Adult S; Adult M; Adult L; Adult XL

Skirts and Skorts

- The Uniform Store will continue to stock Plaid Jumpers, Plaid Skirts and Khaki and Navy Skorts.

Other items to note.

- Items ordered generally take about 4 weeks to receive.
- Shorts and pants do not run the same in sizes.
- Flat Front/Flex Pants are available in half sizes for girls and husky for boys. Slim sizes are not available.

General Appearance

- All clothing should be neat and clean.
- All students should be neatly groomed.
- Judgment on any extreme or faddish hair styles are at the discretion of the Administration.
- Excessive jewelry, make-up, visible writing on the body or body piercing is not permitted.
- Nose, tongue, eyebrow rings, etc. are not acceptable. Band-Aids cannot be used to cover up these types of rings.

I. GENERAL RULES

1. Clothing that is offensive, immoral or otherwise inappropriate in a Catholic school environment is NOT acceptable at any time on our campus.
2. Uniform shirts must be tucked so that the waist band can be seen at all times, banded shirts are the exception.
3. Clothes must fit modestly (not too tight or too baggy)
4. Clothes must cover entire torso.

5. Clothes should not be tattered, torn or dirty.
6. Students may not have tattoos (fake or otherwise).

II. CONSEQUENCES/INFORCEMENT

1. First offense will result in a verbal warning and note home that is to be signed by the parent.
2. Second offense will result in loss of recess or detention.
3. Third offense will result in being sent to the office and a parent will need to bring appropriate clothing.
4. Interpretation of these rules/consequences may be adjusted at the discretion of the administration.

III. SPECIFIC CLOTHES ALLOWED

1. **Pants/Shorts** (see paragraph two)
 - a. Pants and shorts can be khaki, navy blue.
 - b. All should be worn at the waist.
 - c. Shorts may be worn from August through October 31st and April 1st through May for grades K through 5.
 - d. Junior High (grades 6-8) only will have the privilege of wearing shorts throughout the school year.
 - e. Shorts length **MUST** be no longer than the bottom of the knee and no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
 - f. No colored jeans or cargos.
2. **Shirts** (see paragraph two)
 - a. Polo shirts may be white, light blue, burgundy and navy blue or St. John logo shirts purchased from the school
 - b. Banded polo shirts are allowed if purchased from the Uniform Store
 - c. Turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks may be worn in white, light blue, burgundy and navy blue.
 - d. **PLAIN** white t-shirts may be worn under the polo shirts. No writing or embellishments on the shirts are allowed.
3. **Sweatshirts/Sweaters**
 - a. St John's sweatshirts (available for order through the school) may be worn in navy, gray or burgundy.
 - b. Girls may wear plain navy cardigan sweaters.
 - c. Uniform shirts are the only things allowed under the sweatshirts and sweaters.
4. **Skirts/Jumpers/Skorts** (Girls only)
 - a. All skirts and jumpers are to be purchased through the Uniform Store **ONLY**.
 - b. Plaid jumpers may be worn by grades K through 5. Plaid skirts may be worn in grades 6 through 8. All should be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
 - c. Skorts may be worn in khaki or navy or by all grades and must be purchased from the Uniform Store.
 - d. All should be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Shoes and Socks

- a. Shoes must be tennis shoes and should have backs (no clogs, jellies, wedges, sandals, flip flops, etc). This is for your child's safety and participation in PE and recess.
- b. Socks should be white, navy or black.
- c. Girls may wear white, navy or black tights under their uniform or they may also wear knee-high socks in the colors listed above. No embellishments allowed.
- d. Belts may be black or brown with no embellishments. The entire belt must be tucked in the loops of the pant or short.
- e. No baseball caps, du rags or bandanas.

2. Hairstyles

- a. Hair on boys should not reach below the collar or the sides extend below the middle of the ear and top of the eyebrows.
- b. Girls may wear barrettes, pony tails and headbands. No elaborate embellishments or decorations that hang down from the hair. All these items must remain *on the student at all times*. If it becomes a distraction in class, it will be confiscated. Styles should not inhibit learning (for example: bangs that hang in the eyes so that the child cannot see or work at desk).
- c. Extremes in hair color are not allowed. Only natural hair color is allowed. No Mohawks, flops or notched artwork.

3. Jewelry/Makeup/Other

- a. No earrings allowed for boys.
- b. Girls may wear post earrings only. No earrings that dangle below the lobe are allowed.
- c. No other body piercing is allowed.
- d. Religious medals or symbols, simple chains around the neck and wrist watches are the *only* jewelry allowed.
- e. No makeup may be worn in grades K through 5. Grades 6 through 8 may wear a *very light* amount of makeup.
- f. Girls may wear light pink, clear or white nail polish only. No fake fingernails are allowed.
- g. No body art or glitter lotions (or anything similar).

4. NU Days (No Uniform Days)

- a. NU days are an earned privilege and will be taken away should you choose NOT to adhere to these guidelines. (see # I)
- b. All pants and shorts must be worn at the waist.
- c. No baggies, sweatpants, breakaways or wind pants. No ultra, low-rise or hip hugger pants or jeans. Athletic shorts are allowed.
- d. No shirts with questionable writing or pictures. This includes questionable rock groups, alcohol, drug, sport cartoons or TV show printing.
- e. All shirts must cover the entire shoulder area (from the neck to the edge of the shoulder). No spaghetti straps, tanks, etc. No necklines lower than 2 inches below the base of the neck and no skin showing in their mid section. In other words, no skin showing from 2 inches below the neck and 3 inches above the knee.
- f. Jewelry rules apply (see IV, #3).
- g. Uniform short length applies (see III #1, e).