

2009-2010 ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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In adherence with St. Patrick's Catholic School's mission statement, the School Board adopted a uniform policy to enhance the learning environment. Personal appearance and hygiene should reflect an attitude of self worth and school pride on the part of the student. Any teacher (s), staff member and/or principal will determine compliance with the below dress code and necessary disciplinary actions will be given as deemed appropriate. The Uniform Committee, School Board and Principal revised and updated the uniform policy on May 12, 2009.

All Students

Shirts: Long or short sleeve, white, pique knit shirts with St. Patrick's Catholic School embroidery must be purchased at Midwest Impressions.

Sweatshirts: Dark green embroidered St. Patrick's Catholic School sweatshirts, purchased at Midwest Impressions, may be worn over the uniform shirt at any time during the school year. Sweatshirts must not be oversized; the length should be approximately waist length and cuffs should not extend beyond the wrist. **No other sweatshirts or other apparel are allowed to be worn during the school day.**

Sweater: V-neck green cardigan with the St. Patrick's Catholic School patch must be purchased at Midwest Impressions. **All students are required to wear their sweaters on Mass days from October 1st until May 1st unless otherwise determined by the Principal.**

Shoes: Students must wear tennis shoes on days physical education is taught. All shoes must be neat, clean, and without holes. **Shoes must be predominantly one color and may have a modest, conservative accent.** No fringe, lights, wheels, polka dots, plaid, patterns or abstract designs on the shoes will be allowed. No neon colors are allowed. Students may wear black or brown dress shoes with rubber soles and low heeled (1 inch or less). Shoes with eyelets must have laces and be tied. All shoes must enclose the entire foot and have a closed-in heel. No clogs, sandals, crocs, mules, soft-soled (ballet-type) slippers, etc. Boots are NOT allowed to be worn during the school day. This includes snow or fashion boots of any type, such as, UGHs or high heeled leather.

Undershirts: If worn, must be solid white and short sleeved.

Hats/Head coverings: Baseball hats are not allowed. Stocking caps are allowed only before school, after school and during recess/PE during cold weather.

Belts: Students in 3rd through 8th grade must wear solid blue, brown or black belts when wearing the navy blue pants and/or shorts. No embellishments or decorative type accents are allowed on the belts. Buckles must be conservative. No distracting or oversized buckles are allowed.

Socks: All students must wear socks at all times and they must be **VISIBLE**. Socks must touch at least the ankle bone at all times. Solid white, navy or black socks may be worn. If socks have strips or accents, they must be black.

Girls

Christopher plaid jumper, skirt, or skort: Jumpers, skirts, and skorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform. Hemline must be longer than 3 inches above the middle of the kneecap. Dark colored (black or navy blue) shorts that are shorter than the hemline **MUST** be worn underneath jumpers and skirts.

Shorts: Navy blue twill (60/40 polyester cotton blend) walking shorts may be worn the opening day of school until October 1 and from May 1 until the last day of school. Shorts may be purchased from Dennis Uniform or the French Toast brand (also available online). You may purchase the shorts from any other retailer as long as they are the same navy color, walking short with 60/40 blend. No styles such as cargo shorts are allowed. Hemline must be longer than 3 inches above the middle of the kneecap.

Pants: Navy blue twill traditional dress pant must be a 60/40 polyester cotton blend and may be worn in place of the jumper, skirt, or skort. No cargo pants. Pants must have 2 pockets on the front. No pockets on legs. No extra buttons should show on any pockets. For students in 3rd through 8th grade, pants must have belt loops. If the pants become worn, faded or develop holes, they are no longer compliant with the uniform and must be replaced. **PANTS MAY NOT BE 100% COTTON.** Pants may be purchased at such locations as Dennis Uniform or online at French Toast. You may purchase the pants from any other retailer as long as they are the same navy color, walking short with 60/40 blend.

Leg Wear: Anklets, knee socks, or tights must be solid white, black or navy blue and must be visible. **NO LEGGINGS**, sheer nylon or similar hosiery is allowed. Socks and tights may be worn together. Sweatpants may be worn under skirts/skorts for girls, however, they are only to be worn for warmth when lined up outside in the morning or for going out to P.E. or recess. They are not allowed to be worn during indoor class time.

Boys

Shorts: Navy blue twill (60/40 polyester cotton blend) walking shorts may be worn from the opening day of school until October 1 and from May 1 until the last day of school. **Shorts may be purchased from Dennis Uniform or French Toast brand (available online).** You may purchase the shorts from any other retailer as long as they are the same navy color, walking short with 60/40 blend. No styles such as cargo shorts are allowed.

Pants: Navy blue twill traditional dress pant must be a 60/40 polyester cotton blend. No cargo pants. Pants must have 2 pockets on the front and up to 2 pockets on the back side. No pockets on legs. No extra buttons should show on any pockets. For students in 3rd through 8th grade, pants must have belt loops. If the pants become worn, faded or develop holes, they are no longer compliant with the uniform and must be replaced. **PANTS MAY NOT BE 100% COTTON.** Pants may be purchased at such locations as Dennis Uniform or online at French Toast. You may purchase the pants from any other retailer as long as they are the same navy color, walking short with 60/40 blend.

Special Activities

On days with special activities (field trips, science fair, etc) the teacher and the Principal will determine the proper dress code. The teacher (s) and/or principal will determine compliance with the above dress code. Students not in compliance with the dress code/uniform policy will be sent to the office and their parent/guardian will be called so the situation can be rectified as soon as possible. Necessary disciplinary actions will be given as deemed appropriate by the teacher/principal.

Dress Down Day

Parents/guardians and students will be notified about scheduled dress down days. Students' street clothes must follow these guidelines:

1. Pants or jeans are acceptable but must be the correct size and worn appropriately at all times.
2. Girls may also wear dresses, skirts, or skorts. Hemline must be longer than 3 inches above the middle of the kneecap.
3. Clothing must be neat, clean, and free from holes.
4. Clothing with inappropriate or derogatory logos or slogans is not permitted.
5. Students may wear walking shorts in August, September, and May. Shorts must be longer than 3 inches above the middle of the kneecap.
6. All tops must have sleeves, no halter tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops or muscle shirts.

7. For safety reasons, all students' footwear must have enclosed toes and heels, sandals, flip-flops, clogs and mules are not permitted. Tennis shoes with wheels are NOT allowed at any time.
8. Baseball hats or head coverings are not allowed.

Cold Weather Wear

In addition to a winter coat or jacket, the following clothing is required for protection from the cold in snowy weather to safeguard the health of the children: Hats/scarves, mittens/gloves

Boots: Boots should be labeled in order to help avoid mix-ups. If a child does not have boots, he/she should bring an extra pair of shoes for outdoor use. Any foot covering that is worn outdoors during wet or snowy weather must be taken off before entering the classroom. Boots are NOT allowed to be worn in the school.

Makeup

Students are not allowed to wear makeup of any color, including fingernail polish, artificial nails, and lip color. Lip protection such as Chap Stick is allowed as long as it is clear. Perfume, body splash, or hairspray may not be applied at school.

Jewelry

Watches (without alarms) and religious medals (tucked inside shirt) are permitted. Small earrings/posts (girls only) may be worn to keep pierced ears open. No hoops or dangly earrings are allowed. For safety reasons, necklaces, bracelets, and rings are not permitted.

Hair

Boys should have neatly trimmed hair with at least the bottom half of the ears exposed and a length not touching the top of the collar. Hair on forehead cannot be longer than eyebrows or touching eyebrows. 'Sweeping' the hair across the forehead, to mask the length, is not acceptable. No gaudy or unusual cuts, designs, artificial highlights or colors are allowed for boys. Girls may wear any tasteful hairstyle. No gaudy or extreme cuts, designs, artificial highlights or colors are allowed for girls. Hair must be clean and groomed. Distracting cuts, colors, styles, and ornamentations (such as multi colored or embellished hair bows, barrettes or headbands) are not allowed. Girls may wear plain, solid colored barrettes, ribbons, and narrow width headbands as long as they are not distracting and/or dangling to keep hair out of the student's face. Girls are allowed to wear the plaid hair accessories sold at Dennis Uniform.

Uniform Infractions

K-4th grade- Student will be written a uniform violation, which will be sent home with the student. The written violation must be returned the following day, signed by the parent/guardian.

5th -8th grade- Student will be written a uniform violation, which will be sent home with the student. The written violation must be returned the following day, signed by the parent/guardian. 2nd offenses will result in a written violation and (1) demerit.

Repeat offenders will be referred to the principal's office.