

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Rev. March 14, 2011

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 March 14, 2011.

All Students

Shirts: Kindergarten – 6th Grade Shirts: Kindergarten – 6th grade wear long or short sleeve, **white**, pique knit shirts with St. Patrick's Catholic School embroidery must be purchased at Midwest Impressions or Educational Outfitters.

7th and 8th Grade Shirts: 7th and 8th grade students may wear long or short sleeve, **grey**, pique knit shirts with St. Patrick's Catholic School embroidery. The shirts must be purchased at Midwest Impressions or Educational Outfitters. **NOTE:** During the 2011/2012 school year, 7th and 8th graders will be allowed to wear the white pique shirt, in addition to the grey shirt. Beginning in the 2012/2013 school year, 7th and 8th graders will only be able to wear the grey shirts. Long or short sleeve, white, pique knit shirts with St. Patrick's Catholic School embroidery must be purchased at Midwest Impressions or Educational Outfitters.

Sweatshirts: Dark green embroidered St. Patrick's Catholic School sweatshirts, purchased at Midwest Impressions or Educational Outfitters, 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 or Educational Outfitters. **All students are required to wear their sweaters on Mass days from October 15th until April 15th unless otherwise determined by the Principal.**

Shoes: Students must wear tennis shoes with the school uniform. High-top and mid-top tennis shoes are **not** allowed to be worn at school. Tennis shoes must have shoelaces tied and/or Velcro strapped at all times. All tennis shoes must be neat, clean, and without holes. They cannot have wheels, lights, or any other aspect that could be considered interruptive or distracting to the learning environment. No other type of shoes, other than tennis shoes, may be worn with the school uniform.

Snow Boots: Snow boots should be labeled in order to help avoid mix-ups. Boots are NOT allowed to be worn during the school day.

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. Solid white, navy or black socks may be worn.

Girls

Christopher plaid jumper, skirt, or skort: Jumpers, skirts, and skorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform or Educational Outfitters. 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.

4th-8th Grade girls are allowed to wear a “no roll skirt/skort” that are available at Educational Outfitters. **No “roll skirts/skorts” are not required.**

Shorts: Navy blue twill (60/40 polyester cotton blend) walking shorts may be worn the opening day of school until October 15th and from April 15th until the last day of school. Shorts may be purchased from Dennis Uniform, Educational Outfitters, or online at French Toast. 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, Educational Outfitters, or online at French Toast. You may purchase the pants from any other retailer as long as they are the same navy color, 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 15th and from April 15th until the last day of school. Shorts may be purchased from Dennis Uniform, Educational Outfitters, 67, Inc., or online at French Toast. 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, Educational Outfitters, 67, Inc., or online at French Toast. You may purchase the pants from any other retailer as long as they are the same navy color 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.

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

Makeup

Students are not allowed to wear makeup of any color, including fingernail polish, artificial nails, and lip color with the exception of cover-up for blemishes. 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. Girls may only have their ear lobes pierced. Boys may not have any piercings. 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.

Girls may wear any tasteful hairstyle. No gaudy or extreme cuts, designs are allowed for girls. Girls may wear hair accessories 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 or Educational Outfitters.

All students must come to school with clean and groomed hair. Gaudy or distracting cuts, colors, styles are not allowed. Principal/teacher will determine what is distracting or inappropriate for school.

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 through October 15th and after April 15th. 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 or lights are NOT allowed at any time.
8. Baseball hats or head coverings are not allowed.
9. No revealing, form-fitting or too tight clothing maybe worn to school. School staff will determine if any clothing is inappropriate.
10. Uganda Sister School T-shirts may only be worn on designated dress down days. The logo must be visible at all times and not be under other layers of clothing.

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