

DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE

Dress code is put into place to ensure an atmosphere conducive to learning, respect, and promote health and safety.

The Dress Code Policy is subject to change throughout the school year via School Board vote. Parents will be notified in advance through Wednesday Go-Home Folders of any dress code changes.

The School Board seeks the assistance of the staff to ensure the dress code is followed. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in showing RESPECT in following these guidelines. If by chance an infraction occurs and someone notices, a gentle reminder will be sent home the first time. Please view this reminder as a way we are all working together.

Required Polo Shirt

- A. Each child will be required to purchase and wear an “Official School Logo Uniform Polo Shirt” each Friday as well as on special designated days. Each new student in grades K-6 will receive a free polo shirt. Each current school family who filled out the early registration form on time will also receive a free polo shirt. Additional polo shirts can be purchased in Garrett at MJS Apparel or BigRed in Auburn. Our FREE Clothes Closet, here at school, has a few of these shirts, too. Contact the school office if you would like to look through the items in the FREE Clothes Closet or if you would like to donate gently used items back to the FREE Clothes Closet.

Official Uniform

- B. The Official School Uniform is a royal blue St. Joseph School Polo style logo shirt (mentioned above in A) with khaki slacks, khaki skirt, or khaki jumper. The Official School Uniform is to be worn each Friday for All School Mass. Anytime Official School Uniform is mentioned in Go-Home notes, please refer to the above description.

Unofficial Uniform

- C. **The Unofficial Uniform** can be worn on any day, other than Friday or special designated Official Uniform Days.
- D. **Colors:** True Red, White, Royal blue, Navy and Light blue. (Does not apply to pants or shoes.)
- E. **Shirts** - Shirts must be solid in color with a fold down collar. They may be long or short sleeve and must be tucked in at all times. Shirts are permitted in the approved uniform colors. (See D.) Plain, cotton-type, white, long sleeve shirt or turtle-neck can be worn underneath an approved colored uniform polo shirt for added warmth.
Slacks – Uniform style slacks may be plain or pleated front slacks in the following colors: Khaki (tan), and Navy Blue only. Cargo pants and corduroy pants that are the uniform Khaki color are allowed. Skinny pant or jeggings/leggings are not allowed. Jeans are not allowed.
- F. **Skirts and Jumpers** – Skirts, fully skirted skorts, and jumpers are allowed in the following colors: uniform Khaki and Navy Blue. They must be modest in length, no shorter than one inch above the knee when the child is standing or moving normally. Leggings are not allowed to be worn under skirts and jumpers. Tights, in a solid approved school color(See D), that cover the entire foot are allowed.
- G. **Dresses**- Girls are allowed to wear solid, collared, school approved colored (see D), one piece dresses that are one inch from the knee or a bit longer. No sparkle or

- glitter. Full footed tights or socks must be worn.
- H. **Uniform style Sweaters and Sweater Vests** - Sweaters and sweater vests are allowed in the approved solid colors. (See D.) Uniform style means a tight weave sweater with no lace or added embellishments such as layers or peplums, etc. (It was brought to the board's attention that finding uniform style sweaters, cardigan type, that do not have a small hood for girls has become difficult. For this reason, the board has approved small hoods on uniform approved cardigan sweaters for girls, if the parents are not able to find uniform sweaters without hoods for their child.) These may be worn in class.
 - I. **Solid pull over sweaters**, in uniform color and style of tight knit weave, are allowed to be worn in class over the uniform collared shirt. The collar must be showing. No pockets or hood on the pull over sweater. These may be worn in class.
 - J. **Sweatshirts and uniform type fleece zip up jackets** that are plain and in the approved solid colors are allowed. A uniform collared shirt must be worn underneath. No hooded sweatshirts or hooded shirts are allowed. These may be worn in class.
 - K. **Coats and Jackets**- Coats and Jackets are not to be worn in class. Classroom temperatures vary. For this reason, your child may want to wear an approved sweater, sweatshirt, vest, or pullover as mentioned in H, I, and J above.

SHORTS DRESS CODE

The Shorts Dress Code will be in effect during the months of August, September, May and June. Shorts, skirts, and Capri pants may be worn while the Shorts Dress Code is in effect. (Please review note about skorts in M below.) **These items are not to be worn to FRIDAY MASS. The Official Uniform Must Always Be Worn to Friday Mass.**

- L. Only uniform shorts and Capri pants in the colors of *Khaki* or *Navy Blue*.
- M. Shorts must be of modest length, no more than three inches above the knee. If three inches appears to be too short a note will be sent home. Please use your best judgment. If a staff member notices that the length is distracting, even if it is no more than three inches above the knee a note will be sent home.
Skorts that look like shorts in the back are considered shorts and allowed during the months of August, September, May and June.

SHOES

- N. Clean athletic shoes that have Velcro closures or string ties are allowed.
- O. Athletic shoes can be of any color. (No sparkles, glitter or character pictures)
- P. No high or medium top shoes or boots.
- Q. Shoes must be able to stay on the child's foot while running. We prefer athletic/tennis shoes for safety reasons.
- R. Leather type loafers, similar to Sperry brand type shoes are allowed if a child can easily run in them without them falling off.
- S. Mary Jane type shoes with rubber soles are allowed. These shoes must be all one color with a **flat heel**. Again, the child must be able to comfortably run in them without them falling off.
- T. No glitter, pictures, wheels, tags or lights on any shoes.
- U. No boots are to be worn in the classroom.
- V. Snow/rain boots may be worn to school and students must change into dress code approved shoes upon arrival. Snow/rain boots may be changed into before outside recess, if weather calls for them. Fashion boots are not to be changed into for recess.

SOCKS

- W. Socks must be worn by students at all times.
- X. Socks must be matching.
- Y. Socks are to be one solid school uniform approved color. (See D)
- Z. Socks must reach ankle or higher at ALL times.

OTHER GUIDELINES

- 1. All clothing and shoes should be clean and children should be groomed and tidy.
- 2. Tights that cover the entire foot are allowed in solid school approved colors only. (See D)
- 3. Hats are not to be worn in the building.
- 4. Shirts must have sleeves.
- 5. Pants must not be shabby or worn.
- 6. Athletic Shoes must be worn on P.E. Day

THE FOLLOWING ARE NEVER ALLOWED:

- 7. Leggings
- 8. Distracting displays of any kind on any piece of clothing or jewelry
- 9. Male students may not wear pierced jewelry
- 10. Make-up of any kind
- 11. Hairstyles, which disturb classes in either color, style or length
- 12. Open-toed shoes
- 13. Extreme wide-legged pants or long pants that students walk on
- 14. Pants or shorts with a waistband hanging below the waistline
- 15. Jewelry- Earrings may be of button size only. Necklaces may be a simple fine gauge chain and not distracting.
- 16. Hair bows and pony tail holders, scrunchies, and headbands must be in approved school colors. (See D) **Hair accessories are to be minimum in size.** No other hair accessories are allowed.
- 17. **Glitter/Sparkles**- Any size of glitter or sparkles made in any clothing or shoes is not allowed. This has been in the dress code before but hard to manage. We have allowed tiny flecks of silver and that has opened the door to those wanting larger pieces of glitter. These larger items can be distracting and staff do not feel comfortable subjectively judging case per case basis. At what size does it become too big? For this reason, no sparkles or silver strands of glitter in sweaters, pants, shirts or shoes. Thank you for understanding.

REGULATION OF DRESS CODE

The administration may at any time refuse entrance to school if the student is not in compliance with the dress code.

In the event of an infraction of one of the above guidelines:

- A. First/Second Offense: A gentle reminder letter will be sent home with the student that must be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to school the next day. (A copy of the dress code may accompany the letter.)
- B. Third Offense: If it appears that the parent or guardian is not clear on the dress code or possibly does not have the money to provide the needed items to follow the dress code the classroom teacher or school principal will place a call to see how they can help.

Disrespect of the Dress Code can lead to student dismissal.

FIRST COMMUNION DRESS CODE

First Communicants are modest and reverent in their dress to receive our Lord for the first time.

GIRLS – Traditional white communion dress (the dress must have sleeves that cover the shoulders) with veil, white shoes, white anklets or tights. They may also wear white gloves, but they will take them off to receive Holy Communion.

BOYS – White shirts with a tie, dark-colored dress slacks and dark shoes. A sport coat is optional.