

## DRESS CODE/UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

St. John's seeks to create a school environment that will promote learning and self-discipline. To help achieve these goals, school uniforms are mandatory. It is expected that while students are on campus, including before and after school, they will follow the uniform code. Appropriate clothing for all students will reflect modesty, moderation, and neatness and must be a size that is appropriate to the child's body.

### ***The required uniform must adhere to the following:***

- 1) Polo shirts must be solid red, white, or black without a manufacturer's logo. (Polo shirts may be purchased from any store.)
- 2) Blouses (white) purchased from uniform retailers.
- 3) ***For girls:*** Pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, scooters, dresses, capris, or jumpers must be solid black, khaki, or SJLS plaid. Polo dresses may be solid red (see Dennis Uniform for example).
  - Hemline must be straight across around entirety of the skirt
  - Must be worn at the waist level
  - The appropriate length of shorts, skirts, skorts, etc. will be finger-tip length (relaxed shoulders and straight arms) or longer.
  - Modesty shorts, i.e., compression or bike shorts, must be worn underneath skirts, scooters, and dresses and in school colors. Built-in shorts are allowed.
  - Leggings, jeggings, exercise pants, yoga pants, tight-fitting pants, etc., are not acceptable unless worn with a skirt or dress that covers to finger-tip length.
- 4) ***For boys:*** Pants and shorts, must be black or khaki, fingertip length (relaxed shoulders and straight arms), and worn at waist level
- 5) Shoes must be appropriate for school activities. For safety reasons during the school day,
  - Shoes should be closed-toe, and heels should fit and be fastened so they do not come off easily.
  - Shoes should have a flat sole with a heel height of no more than ½ inch.
  - No wheeled shoes are allowed at any time.
  - Athletic shoes are required for participation and credit in PE classes and must have a white sole or a non-marking black or colored sole.
- 6) Socks are to be school colors—solid red, white, or black.
- 7) For girls: Tights and leggings must be school colors—solid red, white, or black (no patterns, stripes, or multi-colors).
- 8) Sweatshirts, Jackets, and Sweaters must be solid black, red, white, or tan/khaki (no patterns, stripes, or multi-colors). No logos (except for small, indiscriminate logos), wording, or other embellishments (other than St. John's) are allowed.
- 9) Belts must be worn when belt loops are on the garment. Shirts must always be tucked in—except for girls' straight-bottom button-up blouses (not polo shirts).

- 10) Hats must be SJLS hats purchased from the school spirit shop.
- 11) No undergarments may be showing.

***Other:***

- Clothing must be a size that is appropriate to the child's body
- Pants and shorts are to be worn at waist level.
- Students are expected to follow habits of cleanliness and make modest, appropriate grooming choices concerning haircuts, hair color, nail polish, and make-up.
- Hair may only be natural colors and must be kept out of the face. Grooming choices and hair accessories should not cause a distraction.
- Except for earrings for girls, students may not wear body piercings. Boys may not wear earrings to school or school-sponsored functions.
- Hats, hoods, and sunglasses are not to be worn indoors.

***NOT ALLOWED:*** manufacturer's logos or other embellishments; corduroy, denim, or poplin material; jean, jogger cargo, or carpenter style; clothing with holes, tears, or rips.

***Theme Shirt Days*** are every Friday of the school year. Students can wear current theme shirts untucked with uniform bottoms.

***Free/Theme Dress Days (including Denim Day)*** occur periodically. We depend on parents to monitor what the children wear on non-uniform days. Clothing must be appropriate for school activities.

***The following are not allowed:***

- sleeveless shirts for boys
- tank tops with straps narrower than one inch for girls
- strapless or off-the-shoulder tops
- clothing with holes that show skin
- shirts with questionable sayings
- leggings, jeggings, exercise pants, yoga pants, tight-fitting pants, etc., unless worn with a top allowing for modesty
- tight-fitting shorts/skirts/dresses or tops
- denim with holes that expose the skin
- any other apparel deemed inappropriate by the Administration

***Other:***

- At no time should undergarments or the midriff area be exposed. The length of shorts, skirts, dresses, etc., must follow the uniform guidelines. These guidelines also apply to school programs, concerts, and field trips.

Uniform items may be purchased at:

- Dennis Uniform
- Lands' End Uniform
- JCPenney Uniform
- Dickies no label
- Target, Old Navy, and other retailers (as long as they are the same style as Dennis or Lands End)

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

A uniform resale shop is available on campus in the Kidz Connection building in KC-9. For a nominal fee, used uniforms are available. Payment is made in the school office.

***PE Uniforms:*** PE uniforms for students in Grades 5-8 can be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company or from the school office spirit shop. This includes t-shirts, shorts, and sweatpants. Shoes for PE must have a white or non-marking black or colored sole.

***Afterschool Athletics:***

Specifics on athletic wear will be given by the athletic director and/or coaches for each individual sport.

***Parent's Role:***

At St. John's, we believe that education is a partnership, and your support in enforcing the uniform policy prior to the school day will aid your child in starting their academic day.