

Saint Patrick School Dress Code and Uniform Policy 2010-2011

The Dress Code is designed to promote an atmosphere of class that is conservative and conducive to learning. Clothing should be neat, clean, modest, and tasteful at all times. Clothing at no time should be offensive, too tight, or suggestive. The dress code applies to field trips unless otherwise specified. While some unacceptable items are specifically mentioned, this is for clarification and is not intended to be an all-inclusive list. The school administration will make the final decision on appropriate clothing.

Students begin wearing their uniforms on the first day of school. Dates when students may wear other attire than the dress code will be provided in writing through the yearly or monthly school calendar, the school newsletter or a classroom letter.

UNIFORM PURCHASE LOCATIONS: Due to various sizing problems parents encounter, clothing may be purchased at any uniform company or store that meets the acceptable items criteria except for the following:

- Green plaid skirts or jumpers may be purchased only from School Belles (www.schoolbelles.com).
- Green polo shirts, fleece pullovers and sweatshirts with school emblem are ordered from the school office.
- Gym tops (sweatshirt and/or t-shirt) and bottoms (sweatpants and/or shorts) are ordered from the school office.

Gym clothing and school emblem polo shirts and sweatshirts must be ordered in advance from the school office. Orders forms are sent out in the family newsletter and are normally processed three times a year - late August, late November and late April. Please plan accordingly.

A used uniform swap is held once or twice a year to help lower the uniform expense for parents. The swaps are normally held at the beginning of the school year and at the *Rally for Youth* open house.

1. **BLOUSES/SHIRTS:** **Colors:** Solid white or navy blue. **Style:** Must have a collar. May be knit polo type shirt with buttons, oxford type dress shirt, or turtleneck (no t-shirts, mock turtlenecks, no decorations such as emblems, flowers, lace, etc.) Shirts/blouses must be tucked in, and not bloused. St. Patrick School green polo shirt with the school emblem can be purchased through the school office. This is the only green shirt permitted.

Sports Team Shirts: Students who participate in a CYO grade school sport may wear their sport tops only the day of a game with their normal school uniform attire. When the game is on a no school day, tops may be worn the day before. V-neck, mesh, or sleeveless sport shirts need to be worn over the required St. Patrick School uniform shirt.

Girl Scout and Boy Scout Uniforms: Students participating in these activities are allowed to wear their uniform on meeting days.

2. **SWEATERS:** **Colors:** Solid Navy blue or solid white. **Style:** Plain, pullover, v-neck, vest or cardigan to be worn over uniform shirt/blouse with the collar visible.
3. **SWEATSHIRTS:** The St. Patrick green logo sweatshirt purchased through the school office may be worn as part of the uniform. This is the only sweatshirt allowed. The sweatshirt is to be worn over the uniform blouse or shirt.
4. **PANTS/SLACKS:** **Color:** Navy blue (no washed out gray slacks) or khaki (light or dark shades are acceptable, no white) **Style:** Plain, DRESS type with both side seams sewn in and inside pockets without accent stitching, side tabs, rivets or studs. (No knit, stretch, stirrup, or tight type). Pant legs should be straight with no flairs. No low cut waists are allowed for pants. Cargo pants may not be worn. Corduroys are acceptable providing they meet the above guidelines.
5. **WALKING SHORTS:** **Color:** Navy blue or khaki. **Style:** Plain, DRESS type knee length (no shorter than 1" above the knee). Walking shorts and Capri pants follow the pant/slacks guidelines.
6. **BELTS:** K-3 are not required to wear belts. Grades 4-8 must wear conservative belts with pants, slacks, skorts or shorts that have belt loops.

7. **SKIRTS/JUMPERS:** Skirts, jumpers, or skorts must be knee-length. If a girls wishes to wear the green plaid jumper or skirt purchased, it **must** be purchased from School Belles only. **Girls may also wear** a dark navy blue or khaki skirt, jumper, or skorts. **Grades K-8** may wear skorts that follow the above guidelines. These may be worn all year.
8. **SHOES:** Dark colored dress shoes with heels no higher than 1". No black or white sport shoes or high top foot apparel may not be worn as a dress shoe. Gym shoes may only be worn on gym day. No open toe shoe, open heel shoe, or sandals are to be worn at any time. Grades K-2 may wear tennis shoes with Velcro on gym days. Students may bring gym shoes for the noon hour recess.
9. **SOCKS:** Must be worn every day and be navy, tan, or plain white socks. Low cut socks (below the ankle) are not allowed.
10. **GIRLS GRADES K-8 MAKE-UP:** Only clear or light pink nail polish is permitted.
11. **HAIR:** No unnatural hair colors or fad styles that draw attention to the individual is permitted.
12. **JEWELRY:** Jewelry should be conservative and no excessive paraphernalia or iridescent colors are permitted. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.
13. **JEAN DAY:** Only **jeans** are allowed on Jean Day. There should be no holes in jeans. Only acceptable and appropriate t-shirt slogans/pictures are permitted on these dress down days. Gym shoes are permitted on these days. Cargo pants, sweat pants, tank tops, and other leisure clothing are not acceptable.
14. **DRESS-UP DAY:** Appropriate dress clothes only. No short, sleeveless, or low-cut attire is permitted. Clothing that exposes the midriff or middle/lower back are unacceptable. No jeans, sweats, t-shirts, or gym shoes are permitted. Open toe shoes, open heel shoes, or sandals are not to be worn at any time.
15. **GYM UNIFORM:** The required gym uniform for grades K-8 is to be purchased through the school office. In addition to gym shoes and white ankle-high socks, the uniform consists of a white or green top (t-shirt or sweatshirt) and a green bottom (sweat pant or shorts). When sweatpants are worn, students are required to wear shorts under them as a precaution in the case of overheating. This also offers greater flexibility with variations in temperature from morning to afternoon. If a student is not in proper gym clothing, the student will not participate in gym class, and a failure grade will be given for that day in gym. Clothing **MUST** be appropriate for outside weather. If gym day falls on a Mass day or another day that requires professional dress, students are required to wear the appropriate clothing and then change for gym. Students may not wear gym shoes that are zipper or slip-on.
16. **OUTSIDE WINTER CLOTHING:** All students have outdoor recess most school days. Students should be dressed adequately for outdoor play. In the winter, snow pants, warm jackets, hats, gloves, boots, etc. are necessary. Students without appropriate attire for snow play, which includes snow pants and boots will be restricted to the pavement area or inside recess.
17. **SPIRIT WEAR:** Spirit wear is not part of the St. Patrick School uniform and should not be worn during the school day while in class. Spirit wear may be worn on jean days.

Students will be issued a uniform/dress code violation when they fail to comply with these rules. It is the responsibility of the student to bring this home and return it to the school with the parent's signature. Violations are cumulative for each semester.

- 1st and 2nd offense: Uniform dress code violation slip signed by parents and returned to school.
- 3 or more offenses: Parent is informed of student violation either in writing or by phone and the student will receive a denial of recess or other privileges. This may include removal from class until the student is in compliance, detention or suspension. The parent is also asked to meet with school administration to develop a plan to eliminate reoccurrence of the problem.

