

DRESS CODE

ALL: To promote good grooming and pride in oneself, students' clothing is to be clean, neat, and sized appropriately. **THIS DRESS CODE APPLIES TO STUDENTS IN ALL GRADES K-8.**

Hair is to be well-groomed with styles appropriate for school. Boys' hair is to be above the collar. No fad hair styles are permitted. **HAIR IS NOT TO BE COLORED OR LIGHTENED.** Hair extensions are not worn in school.

Shoes are to be neat and be school shoes. School shoes are those which have a hard sole and are made of leather-like material. High topped athletic shoes and white soled tennis shoes, as are worn in gym, are not permitted. Shoes must be dark brown or black and are not to have stripes/markings/logos. Shoes with open back or toes are not to be worn. **Shoes with heels of an inch or more are not to be worn.**

Socks or leotards are to be solid in color: blue or white. Girls in Grades 7 and 8 may wear plain nylons.

Sweaters are to be solid navy blue. Solid blue or white turtlenecks may be worn under school shirts or blouses. Sweatshirts and thermal shirts are not permitted. Sweaters and colored T-shirts are not permitted to be worn under blouses or shirts.

Only sweaters may be worn in classes. Sweatshirts, windbreakers and jackets may not be worn.

Make-up is not permitted. This includes nail polish, fake nails, and colored lip gloss. (Clear nail polish is permissible.)

Perfume/Cologne is not to be brought to school. Deodorant may be brought on gym days as a roll-on, but spray deodorant may not be brought to school

Jewelry: Small post earrings only (no dangling and no hoop earrings) are permitted for the girls. Boys may not wear earrings. Excessive or offensive jewelry may not be worn. Inappropriate buttons may not be worn. **Bracelets may not be worn.**

One chain, one ring, one set of post earrings may be worn. (ANY JEWELRY WORN THAT IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE KEPT IN THE OFFICE UNTIL PICKED UP BY A PARENT /GUARDIAN.)

Uniform skirts and slacks are not to be denim, jeans, leather, parachute, or other fad styles. **Dress quality corduroys** are permitted.

Blouses and shirts are worn tucked completely into slacks and skirts.

Belts: Belts for boys and girls must be brown or black.

Sunglasses, hats, and baseball caps are not worn in school.

No tattoos are permitted.

BACKPACKS and BOOKBAGS are not carried from class to class; they are emptied in the morning before classes begin and are left in lockers/coat rooms. **Backpacks on wheels** may be used in the Stephen Building only. The number of narrow stairs in the Boniface and Michael Buildings make the use of these unsafe for students in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4.

GIRLS: Skirts, jumpers, or slacks are navy blue. Black is not permitted. No decorative pockets, no extra pockets or zipper type pants are permitted. Skirts and slacks are not worn together. No stretch pants or slacks may be worn under skirts. No slacks of knit material are to be worn. Length of skirt should be modest. (No more than 2 inches above the knee) Also, long skirts reaching to the ankles may not be worn.

Slacks are worn appropriately, not slouched or sagging. No oversized slacks are to be worn. Slacks are to be sized appropriately. No slits in pant legs are permitted. Tight fitting slacks are not to be worn. Split skirts/skortis which fit properly may be worn. (The navy blue school clothing sold in most department stores meets these requirements.)

Blouses or knit polo shirts are solid white, solid light blue or navy blue. Styles are simple, no lace or ruffles. Blouses are to have collars. Denim blouses are not worn. Blouses with elastic ribbing may be worn outside of skirts/slacks.

BOYS:

Dress slacks are solid colored navy blue. **Black is not permitted.** They are worn appropriately, not slouched or sagging. **These must have no extra pockets on the legs. Slacks are to be sized appropriately. No oversized slacks are to be worn. Tight fitting pants are not to be worn.**

Dress shirts or polo shirts that are solid white, solid light blue or navy blue are worn. Denim shirts are not worn. Shirts must have collars.

Ties are optional. If worn, they must match in color.

Boys are to be clean-shaven.

In warm weather walking shorts may be worn by both boys and girls. These shorts must be navy blue and must be in accord with the stipulated length of no more than two inches above the knee. The shorts must fit properly and have no extra pockets on the legs.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION K - 8 :

Tops: Metro Catholic solid blue T-shirts (sold through the school) or solid blue sweatshirts (not inside out)

Bottoms: Solid colored shorts of moderate length or solid colored sweatpants; no cut-offs.

Shoes: Tennis shoes must not have black soles.

Socks: Solid colored, white or blue socks.

DRESS-UP DAYS: JEWELRY AND MAKE UP RULES STILL APPLY.

GIRLS:

YES: Choice of: dresses, skirts, blouses, sweaters, dress shoes, nylons, dress slacks, socks.

NO: Jeans, spandex pants, mini-skirts, T-shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts, bare midriff, spaghetti straps.

BOYS:

YES: Choice of: dress pants, shirts, ties, sweaters, dress shoes

NO: Jeans, spandex pants, T-shirts, camouflage pants or shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts, bare midriff

DRESS DOWN DAYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

YES: Neat jeans, appropriate tops

NO: Torn jeans, shorts, tank tops, offensive T-shirts, bare midriff,
Jewelry and make up rules still apply.

BIRTHDAYS:

On birthdays, students may dress up using these guidelines.

COLD WEATHER:

Students should be dressed for recess outdoors. This includes a warm coat (in accord with guidelines listed previously under **PERSONAL PROPERTY**) hat, and gloves. Boots should be worn on snowy days.