

DRESS CODE

At St. Patrick School, we promote a positive atmosphere that respects the dignity of each person, reduces competition, and directs attention to learning and growing in an environment that supports our Christian values. Grooming & clothing make a statement about a person.

The staff of St. Patrick School relies on parents to be the first monitors of the student dress code.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE IN FULL UNIFORM THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

Girls must wear the Dennis Uniform skirt (skirt length must stop at the knee) or navy uniform pants (with logo), with a light blue polo or oxford shirt - long or short sleeved- AND a Dennis Uniform navy vest with SPS logo.

Boys must wear Dennis Uniform navy pants (with logo), with a light blue polo or oxford shirt - long or short sleeved- AND a Dennis Uniform navy vest with SPS logo.

GIRLS

Kindergarten-Fifth Grade

Dennis Campbell plaid skirt (additional 4 inch length available if length does not stop at the knee) OR Dennis navy pants (with logo), Dennis navy vest with SPS logo, Powder blue polo shirt or oxford shirt (long or short sleeved)

GIRLS

Sixth-Eighth Grade

Dennis navy skirt (additional 4 inch length available if length does not stop at the knee) OR Dennis navy pants with logo, Dennis navy vest with SPS logo, Powder blue polo shirt or oxford shirt (long or short sleeved)

BOYS

Kindergarten- Eighth Grade

Dennis navy pants with logo- any style, Dennis navy vest with SPS logo, Powder blue polo shirt or oxford shirt (long or short sleeved)

Cardigans/Sweatshirts (optional):

Boys/Girls: Dennis navy cardigan sweater with SPS logo may be worn in place of vest. Blue polo shirt must be worn under cardigan.

Boys/Girls: Dennis navy ¼ –zip sweatshirt with SPS logo may be worn in place of vest. Blue polo shirt must be worn under sweatshirt.

If the weather is extremely hot or cold, adjustments to the policy will be made.

Shorts (optional): Boys/Girls: Dennis Uniform shorts only (navy) may be worn from May 1st September 30th.

Shoes: *Solid black, low cut, well maintained athletic, tie shoes or rubber-soled, black leather Mary Jane shoes. No other color will be allowed in logos, striping, shoelaces or sole.* (Kindergarten thru 2nd grade may wear Velcro closures.) Students must change into their gym shoes for PE class.

Socks: white, navy, gray or black socks – girls may wear white, navy or gray knee-high socks or tights (no layering). Minor color trim at the tops of socks will be allowed. Leggings and flannel pants are allowed only during recess for warmth.

Undershirts: If a student wears a t-shirt or undershirt under their clothing, it must be solid white without any imprinting and it must be short-sleeved.

Name Tags: The name tag is part of the dress code and all students must wear their name tags every day. All students must wear their name tag on their collar. They will be given out in the morning in the classrooms and then will be collected at the end of the school day. Students are asked to be responsible for their own name tag. The first name tag is provided free to the student. However, there will be a \$5.00 charge for a replacement (damaged or defaced). There will be no decorating of the name tag.

Jewelry: Simple items such as a watch, bracelet, necklace (religious medal) and a ring may be worn. Girls may wear button earrings *only*. Boys may not wear earrings.

Maintenance and Fit: Uniforms must fit properly, including skirts which **comes at least to the knee**. Oversized and tight-fitting clothing is not permitted. Worn or ripped clothing must be replaced. All polos/oxfords should be long enough to be tucked into the waistbands. Hem lines need to be mended when they begin to fall. Uniforms need to be laundered regularly.

All clothing should be labeled with the student's name. Uniform clothing must be kept neat and laundered. Torn, stained, or faded uniforms must be replaced or repaired.

Grooming: **Girls:** Hair must be natural color, no artificial coloring or color streaks. (Students will be referred to the principal if they do not comply.) Hair must be kept clean, neat, and well groomed. No colored extenders or hair feathers. Headbands and bows are acceptable. Clear nail polish only in K-5.

Boys: Hair must be a traditional cut, natural color, clean and well-groomed. A traditional haircut means hair must be tapered at the sides and back by no more than 1-2", less at the neck, at least ½ of the ear is visible and no longer than the middle of the forehead. Boys developing a mustache/beard should shave. Students will be given a warning and are expected to comply within five days of the request.

Both: **Extreme or fad** hairstyles are unacceptable.

Junior High Girls may wear foundation, cover-up. **NO MASCARA, EYESHADOW, LIPSTICK.** Girls in 6-8th grade may wear nail polish.

Gym Uniforms: Grades 6-8: The gym uniform must be purchased through Dennis Uniform Company. It consists of a gray t-shirt and navy mesh shorts OR sweatpants, with the school logo. Choose which pieces your child will be comfortable in for indoor or outdoor gym class. **ALL PHYSICAL EDUCATION APPAREL MUST FIT PROPERLY.** Improperly fitting clothing (excessively tight, loose or too short) will affect their ability to fully participate in gym class. School shoes are not allowed to be worn for gym class. A clean pair of non-marking athletic shoes is required. They must tie; slip-ons are not allowed (velcro closure sneakers are acceptable for kindergarten). Uniforms should be laundered on a weekly basis. Gym classes will be held outside from August through November and then again from March through June, weather permitting. We ask that you send your child dressed appropriately.

Scout Uniforms: Only scout uniform tops or vests may be worn to school on scout days.

It is the desire of the administration and the Board of Specified Jurisdiction to incorporate a uniform policy that provides structure (uniformity) and ensures compliance on the part of parents and students.

If there is a question, you may contact the office. Final decisions rest with the administration. Students are to arrive and depart the school grounds in their school uniforms. Exceptions will be made for those students participating in some **school-sponsored** field trips or sports immediately following school hours.

If a student is not in compliance with any part of the uniform policy, he/she will be (1st Time) be given a warning by homeroom or classroom teacher (2nd Time) an email notice will be sent to parents (3rd Time) student will be sent to the office in the morning. Parents will then either receive an e-mail or phone call requesting that the clothing or other issue (hair, shoes, etc...) be adjusted. In some cases, parents may be called immediately to bring a new uniform to school. Families will have one week to comply with the uniform code. After one week, if the student is not in compliance, further action will be taken.

Dress Down – TOPS Only Days: Dress Down –TOPS Only Days coincide with our monthly pizza days on the first Friday of every month (with the occasional exception.) Uniform pants/shirts/shorts including socks and shoes will be worn with tops of students' choice. Shirts must extend below the waist and include sleeved/crew necked t-shirts with appropriate neckline, and shirt material must be solid, not sheer. Messages on shirts should be positive and Christian. St. Patrick School spirit wear is encouraged.

Special Non-Uniform Days: On occasions students will be given special non-uniform days. Clothing on these special non-uniform days may **include jeans, sweats, athletic shoes and sandals with backs.** During the **appropriate seasons (May 1 – September 30), only uniform shorts** may be worn. Shirts must extend below the waist and include sleeved/crew necked t-shirts with appropriate neckline, and shirt material must be solid, not sheer. Messages on shirts should be positive and Christian. St. Patrick School spirit wear is encouraged. Pants should fit properly (not tight, oversized, or wide-legged). **If girls choose to wear a skirt/dress to school, it must not come more than 1” above the knee. Shorts, yoga pants, leggings, are NOT allowed.** Sports/wind pants, sweatpants, capris and jeans are allowed. Parents will be called if clothing is not appropriate for school.

School Function Dress Code: (i.e.: religious ceremonies, band concerts, Mass, etc.): St. Patrick School encourages students and their families to dress appropriately (boys – dress shirt, pants, and a tie; girls – pants, modest dresses or skirts). Please remember that your choice of dress is a reflection of the family and school.

Field Trips: School uniforms are generally worn on all field trips. Should certain trips allow for non-uniforms, students should follow the *Special Non-Uniform Code* written above. The 8th Grade End-of-Year Class Trip requires students to also follow the *Special Non-Uniform Code*. More information will be given prior to the trip.