

2010-2011 DRESS CODE

Grooming & clothing make a statement about a person. 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. **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.

Kindergarten – Second Grade

Girls must wear the uniform white plaid jumper or navy blue dress pants with a light blue polo shirt, short or long-sleeved. They may add a sweatshirt or a navy cardigan w/school emblem over their school shirt.

Boys must wear navy blue pants with a light blue polo shirt, short or long-sleeved. They may add a navy sweatshirt worn over their school polo shirt.

Third – Fifth Grade

Same as K-2 except for the girls, a uniform white plaid skirt or white plaid skort replaces the jumper.

Sixth – Eighth Grade

Boys must wear navy blue pants and a light blue oxford shirt or polo shirt, short or long-sleeved, with a navy vest or a navy sweatshirt.

Girls must wear navy blue pants or culottes with a light blue oxford shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeved, with a navy vest or a navy sweatshirt.

PLEASE NOTE: There are different styles you may choose from regarding the skirts and pants which will be noted on the Land's End website.

ALL STUDENTS: The following items must be purchased from Land's End and will have the school logo on each: Pants, shorts, sweater vest, and the cardigan sweater. The cardigan sweater is optional. The jumpers, skirts and skorts/culottes must also be purchased through Land's End. While supplies last: polos, sweatshirts, gym uniforms may be purchased through the school office.

Shoes: Plain solid black, low-cut, well-maintained, leather, athletic, tie shoes. (Kindergarten may wear Velcro closures.) Students must change into their gym shoes for gym class. As of May 1, any athletic, tie shoe may be worn (excluding those with platform or large high heels or sandals). Please do not ask us to make an exception to the May 1st date. If other shoes are worn to school, a parent will be called to bring the correct shoes to school.

Socks: For Girls: White or blue socks **OR** white or blue tights (no layering)
For Boys: White, blue or black socks

Shorts: Navy blue shorts may be worn from the first day of school through September 30 and from May 1 through the last day of school.

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

Name Tags: The name tag is part of the dress code and all students must wear their name tags every day. They will be given out in the mornings 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 \$1.00 charge for any part of the name tag needing 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. Girls may wear button earrings. Boys may not wear earrings.

Maintenance and Fit: Uniforms must fit properly, including jumpers, skirts, and culottes which should come to the knee or below (oversized and tight-fitting clothing is not permitted). **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 a natural color and must be kept neat, clean, and well-groomed. **Boys:** Hair must be a natural color and must be clean and well-groomed. Hair should be tapered at the sides and back so that at least ½ of the ear is visible; it must be above the top of a regular shirt collar and no longer than the middle of the forehead. Boys developing a mustache/beard should be shaved. Students that do not comply with the policy will be sent home that day for a haircut. **Both: Extreme or fad** hairstyles are unacceptable. Students may not wear make-up, colored nail polish, or artificial nails.

Gym Uniforms: Grades 4-8: The gym uniform must be purchased through Land's End. It consists of a cobalt blue t-shirt and shorts. School shoes are not allowed to be worn for gym class. A clean pair of non-marking athletic shoes is needed. They must tie; slip-ons are not allowed (velcro closure sneakers are acceptable for kindergarten.). Uniforms should be laundered on a weekly basis.

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 School Board to incorporate a uniform policy that provides structure (uniformity) and ensures compliance on the part of parents and students. Even though our policy is well defined in content, sometimes "judgment calls" must be made. If your child is not in compliance with the uniform policy, you will either receive a letter or phone call requesting that the clothing or other issue be adjusted. **In some situations, parents may be asked to bring the needed article of clothing to school.** If there is a question, you may contact the office. Decisions and/or "judgment calls" 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 **school-sponsored** sports immediately following school hours.

Nonuniform Days: In order to participate in nonuniform days, everyone is asked to bring in a canned good for the food pantries. Clothing on nonuniform days may include jeans, sweats, sleeved/crew necked t-shirts, and athletic shoes. Pants should fit properly (not tight, oversized, or wide-legged). Shirts must extend below the waist and shirt material must be solid, not sheer. If girls choose to wear a skirt to school, it must extend below the knee (no miniskirts). Messages on shirts should be positive and Christian. Shorts, spandex pants, tights with an oversized shirt, and sandals will not be allowed. Parents will be called if clothing is not appropriate for school.

School Function Dress Code: Dress for all school-related events should be modest and appropriate. The dress code for these occasions will be discussed in detail with the group participating prior to each event.