

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

Kindergarten-Third Grade

Dennis Campbell plaid jumper OR Dennis navy pants (with logo), powder blue polo shirt or oxford shirt (long or short sleeved), Dennis navy vest with SPS logo (comes in wool or acrylic) to be worn with pants or uniform shorts, and / or the navy sweatshirt with SPS logo can be worn over the jumper or in place of the vest during the cold winter months.

GIRLS

Fourth-Eighth Grade

Knee-length Dennis plaid skirt (additional 4 inch length available in hem if length does not stop 1 inch above the knee) OR

Dennis navy pants with logo, powder blue polo shirt or oxford shirt (long or short sleeved), Dennis navy vest with SPS logo, and / or the navy sweatshirt with SPS logo.

BOYS

Kindergarten- Eighth Grade

Dennis navy pants with logo- powder blue polo shirt or oxford shirt (long or short sleeved), Dennis navy vest with SPS logo (comes in wool or acrylic), and / or the navy sweatshirt with SPS logo.

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

BOYS/GIRLS

Shorts (optional): Dennis Uniform shorts only (navy) may be worn from the first day of school through September 30th and again beginning May 1st until the last day of school.

Shoes: *Solid black, low cut, well maintained athletic shoes, 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 separate 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. Blue, black or gray leggings may be worn under the uniform skirt. Flannel pants **or leg-warmers** 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, defaced or lost). There will be no decorating of the name tag.*

Jewelry: Simple items such as a watch, bracelet, necklace, religious medal, and ring may be worn (Only ONE of each type at a time). Girls may wear small, unassuming earrings only.

Piercings / Tattoos: Girls may wear small, unassuming pierced earrings. Boys may not wear earrings. No other body piercings (nose, lip, tongue, eyebrow, etc..) are allowed for boys or girls. No tattoos for boys or girls.

Maintenance and Fit: Uniforms must fit properly. 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. Hair must be kept clean, neat, and well groomed. Headbands and bows are acceptable.

Boys: Hair must be natural color, clean, neat, and well-groomed. Boys developing a mustache/beard should shave. Students will be given a warning and are expected to comply within five days of the request. Hair style must be trimmed so that hair is out of a student's eyes and does not **interfere with sight**.

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

Make-up: Junior High Girls may wear foundation, cover-up and nail polish. **NO MASCARA, EYESHADOW, FALSE EYELASHES, LIPSTICK.**

Gym Uniforms: Grades 6-8: *The gym uniform must be purchased through St. Patrick School.* The Jr. High Gym Uniform will consist of 4 pieces. The 4 pieces are a gray t-shirt, green mesh shorts, the St. Patrick gray hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants with the school logo imprinted on each piece. Students will not be changing for P.E. class therefore; they may wear this gym uniform ONLY on P.E. days.

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. A student may purchase a new gym uniform through St. Patrick School at any time in the school year. 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 Days coincide with our monthly pizza days on the first Friday & 3rd Friday of most months (with the occasional exception). **We do not dress down on the opposite Fridays when Culver's Special Lunch is an option.** During the **appropriate seasons (May 1 – September 30), only uniform shorts or JH gym shorts** may be worn. Shirts must extend below the waist (no crop-tops) and include sleeved/crew necked t-shirts with appropriate neckline, and shirt material must be solid, not sheer. No boys or girls tank tops. Messages on shirts should be positive and appropriate.

NO ill-fitting clothing (too tight or too baggy). Non-ripped jeans, loose fitting leggings, sweatshirts, sweatpants, uniform shorts and appropriate t-shirts are all acceptable. St. Patrick School spirit wear is ENCOURAGED. **Closed toe shoes such as HeyDudes and gym shoes are**

acceptable on these days. Unacceptable are Crocs, sandals & slippers. Parents will be called if clothing is not appropriate for school or the office may give a used school uniform to wear.

School Function Dress Code: (i.e.: religious ceremonies, band concerts, Mass, etc.): St. Patrick School encourages students to dress appropriately (boys – dress shirt, pants, and a tie; girls – slacks, dresses or skirts with modest necklines and shoulder coverage and hem lengths not higher than 2 inches above the knee). 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.