

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

K-3: Girls must wear the Dennis Uniform romper (length must be no shorter than one inch above the knee) or navy uniform pants (with SPS logo), with a light blue polo or oxford shirt - long or short sleeved- AND a Dennis Uniform navy vest with SPS logo.

4-8: Girls must wear the Dennis Campbell plaid skirt (additional four-inch length available if length does not stop one inch above the knee) or navy uniform pants (with SPS logo), with a light blue polo or oxford shirt - long or short sleeved- AND a Dennis Uniform navy vest with SPS logo.

BOYS

K-8 Boys must wear Dennis Uniform navy pants (with SPS logo), with a light blue polo or oxford shirt - long or short sleeved- AND a Dennis Uniform navy vest with SPS logo.

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ALL STUDENTS

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. Gym shoes can be any rubber-soled colored athletic shoes.

Socks: White, navy, gray or black socks – girls may also wear white, navy or gray knee-high socks, leggings or tights. Minor color trim at the tops of socks will be allowed. Jogging pants are allowed or recess time only.

Cold months: Dennis navy cardigan sweater with SPS logo OR Dennis navy ¼ zip sweatshirt with SPS logo may be worn in place of vest. Blue polo shirt must be worn underneath.

Warm months: Dennis Uniform shorts only (navy) may be worn from beginning of school year until September 30th and again from May 1st to end of school year. Students are allowed to wear athletic shoes (any color) starting on May 1st for the remainder of the year.

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 \$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 stud or button earrings *only*. Boys may not wear earrings. No other body jewelry is allowed.

Maintenance and Fit:

Uniforms must fit properly, including skirts which must stop at the knee. Oversized and tight-fitting clothing is not permitted. All polos/oxfords should be long enough to be tucked into the waistbands.

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 your own natural color, no artificial coloring or color streaks. Hair must be kept clean, neat, and well groomed. No colored extenders or hair feathers. Headbands and bows are acceptable. K-8 may wear nail polish.

Boys: Hair must be your own natural color and be clean and well-groomed. Hair must 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 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 Students may wear foundation, cover-up. NO MASCARA, EYESHADOW, LIPSTICK or ARTIFICIAL NAILS ARE ALLOWED.

Gym Uniforms

Grades 6-8: The gym uniform must be purchased through the school office. Choose which pieces your child will be comfortable in for indoor or outdoor gym class. ALL PHYSICAL EDUCATION APPARELL MUST FIT PROPERLY. Improperly fitting clothing (excessively tight or loose) 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.

Non-uniform Days

Clothing on non-uniform days may include jeans, sweats, sleeved/crew necked t-shirts, athletic shoes and sandals with backs. During the appropriate seasons, only uniform shorts may be worn. We encourage students to wear St. Patrick spirit wear.

- Pants should fit properly (not tight, oversized, or wide-legged). Jean should be in good repair with no worn or torn spots. Shorts, yoga pants, leggings, are not allowed.
- Shirts must extend below the waist and shirt material must be solid, not sheer. Messages on shirts should be positive and Christian.
- If girls choose to wear a skirt/dress to school, it must cover the knee.
- Shoes: Any TIE athletic shoe (tennis, basketball, sneakers). Do Not Wear: slip-ons, dress, open-toed, sandals, Uggs, workbooks. Students must always wear socks.

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.

Non-compliance with Uniform Dress Code

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 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 be adjusted. Families will have one week to comply. In some cases, parents may be called immediately to bring a new uniform to school. After one week, if the student is not in compliance, further action will be taken.