

Dress Code

As Catholics, we believe that modesty and appropriateness in dress are important. We also believe that the focus in school should be on the importance of a person's character and on the business of education rather than on appearance. We understand, based on experience, that student behavior is directly related to student dress and grooming.

Uniforms are to be worn from the first day of school to the last. Students are expected to be neat and well-groomed and are to wear the uniform attire in a manner consistent with good taste and decency. The interpretation of the code is left to the discretion of the administration.

Parents are requested to see that their children come to school in accordance with the dress code. Any student reporting to school out of uniform and/or judged to be dressed in inappropriate attire may be denied permission to attend classes. Violations of the dress code are considered violations of the school rules for which Handbook Violation Notices will be sent through the Online School Information System (SIS). In the event that an emergency arises in which the child comes to school without his/her uniform, the parents should send a note of explanation.

All uniform regulations and guidelines are subject to the discretion of the administration.

Uniforms

Uniform – Boys (In addition see “Warm Weather Dress”)

Pants: Navy blue dress pants
Navy blue dress corduroy
No cargo pockets (pockets midway on leg)
All pants must be worn at the waist and may not sag. No jeans, faded blue pants, or extreme styles are permitted.

Belts (4-8): Black, navy, or brown belts

Shirts (K-5): White oxford button-down dress shirt
Solid white or gray knit placket collar shirt

(6-8): During the period of August, September, May and June, boys may wear either the white oxford button-down dress shirt or solid white or gray knit placket collared shirt. During

the months of October through April, boys are to wear a white or gray oxford button-down dress shirt and a tie or a bowtie.

Shirts must be tucked in completely at all times. Shirts must be completely buttoned except for the top button. Long-sleeve shirts are to remain buttoned at the wrists.

Ties (6-8): A monogrammed uniform tie from approved uniform vendors is to be worn whenever the white oxford cloth shirts are worn. The knot must be tied to cover the top button of the shirt.

Uniform – Girls (In addition see “Warm Weather Dress”)

Jumper (K-5): Plaid jumper purchased at an approved uniform vendor

Jumper (6-8): Solid green jumper purchased at an approved uniform vendor

For K-8, the jumper can be no more than one inch above the knee (the bottom of the hem may not be more than three inches from the floor when the student is kneeling). Jumpers must always be zipped.

Pants: Navy blue dress pants
Navy blue dress corduroy
No cargo pockets (pockets midway down on the leg)

All pants must be worn at the waist and may not sag. No jeans, faded blue pants, or extreme styles are permitted.

Shirts: (K-5): White round (i.e. Peter Pan) collar
(6-8): White or gray oxford button-down dress shirt
(K-8): White or gray knit placket collar shirt (can only be worn with pants or shorts, not underneath the jumper)

Shirts must be tucked in completely at all times. Shirts must be completely buttoned except for the top button.

Please feel free to visit the uniform closet located on the school gym balcony.

Warm Weather Dress

During the months of August, September, May, and June, students may wear solid navy blue uniform dress shorts. Both boys and girls may wear either the solid white or gray placket collar shirt or white dress shirt/blouse with the uniform shorts.

Physical Education Uniform

There is no gym uniform for grades K-2.

The physical education uniform for grades 3-8 consists of a shirt and shorts. These must be purchased by the approved vendors. A small bag will be needed to hold the clothes for gym changes. Sweatpants are an acceptable option during gym class.

Middle school students are required to wear athletic shoes for P.E. class.

Shoes

Students in grades K-5 are permitted to wear athletic shoes or dress shoes. Athletic shoes must be white, black, or gray, or a combination of white, black, or gray. High tops, “lights”, or fluorescent colors are not permitted. Dress shoes are to be in black, navy, or neutral colors (no patterns). Heels may not exceed one inch. If equipped with laces, shoes must be tied correctly. No boots, open-toed shoes, sandals, or clogs are permitted. All shoes must have “backs”. Leather is recommended for shoe material.

Middle school students must wear dress shoes only, in black, navy, or neutral colors (no patterns). Heels may not exceed one inch. Outside of gym class, no athletic soles are permitted in middle school.

Middle School students may bring athletic shoes to wear during recess and for PE class.

Socks

Girls may wear solid white, dark gray or dark green knee socks. Solid white, dark gray or dark green tights are also permitted with their uniform.

Girls may wear solid white crew socks (minimum four inches above the top of the ankle) with solid navy blue uniform dress shorts only. No short or $\frac{3}{4}$ socks. All socks must be pulled up to the maximum length.

Boys may wear solid white, black, or navy blue crew (minimum four inches above the top of the ankle) or dress socks. No short or $\frac{3}{4}$ socks. All socks must be pulled up to the maximum length.

Sweaters

Medium gray sweaters with the official St. Michael School logo purchased only from authorized vendors may be worn over the uniform shirt/blouse.

Sweatshirts

Medium gray sweatshirts with the official St. Michael School logo purchased only from authorized vendors may be worn over the uniform shirt/blouse.

Only official St. Michael School logo sweatshirts (crew neck only) may be worn in the classroom. The sweatshirt must be sized to fit. This interpretation will be left to the discretion of the administration. If deemed oversized, the student will be asked to remove the sweatshirt.

Turtlenecks

Children may wear a solid white turtleneck or undergarments beneath a long sleeve shirt or blouse in cold weather.

Non-Permitted Clothing

Clothing that is not permitted includes: sleeveless shirts, tank tops, low-cut tops, muscle shirts, crop tops, cut-off shorts or slacks, short shorts, or low waistline pants.

Stretchy or form-fitting material is also not permitted, such as Jeggings, leggings, yoga pants, tights, or "skinny jeans." Please use the "rule of thumb" when deciding if pants are appropriate - you must be able to easily pinch at least a thumb's length on the pants.

GOOD RULE: If you think you shouldn't wear it, you shouldn't.

Out of Uniform Days

Disciple of Christ Days

All students, with exception for disciplinary or other reasons, are eligible to dress down on Disciple of Christ Days as long as their attire is appropriate.

Students receiving the privilege of a dress down day should dress in accordance with a Catholic school atmosphere. When in doubt, judgment is left to the discretion of the administration. Students who are not appropriately dressed may be asked to change into uniform or offered a uniform top to avoid parents coming with a change of clothes or causing more time away from the classroom.

Therefore, the following guidelines are to be followed when selecting their clothes:

Attire should be free from distracting or offending statements such as “pink wear” or advertising, i.e. alcohol, tobacco, etc. Shorts must be 3 inches or less above the knee. Please see “non-permitted clothing” for additional details.

On Disciple of Christ Days the dress code is still in effect regarding hair, jewelry, makeup, nail polish, tattoos, and hats. Casual shoes may be worn on these days, except for flip-flops and sandals, which are not permitted.

Family Days and Warrior Wear Days

Students follow the same guidelines as out of uniform days, while wearing their Warrior T- Shirt on top of their clothing or as-is, so it is visible.

Scout Uniform

The Scout or Brownie uniform may be worn once a week on the meeting date. If the uniform incorporates shorts, this uniform may be worn during the months of August, September, May, and June.

Hair/Jewelry/Makeup/Nail Polish/Tattoos/Hats

Good grooming and personal hygiene are required at all times. Boys must be clean-shaven. Boys' hair must be at least ¼ inch in length and not go past the top of the ear nor beyond the top of the collar or eyebrow. Tinted or dyed hair is not permitted and students will be asked to leave school and return with hair in its natural color. Students are expected to avoid extremes in hairstyles.

As a matter of courtesy, all hats are to be removed while in the building.

Girls may only wear one pair of post earrings (no dangling earrings) at the bottom of the ear. Religious medals, crosses or scapulars are permitted, to be worn under the shirt and kept fastened all day.

If a bracelet or ring is chosen to wear to school, it should be limited to one each and appropriate to wear in a Catholic school and not cause distraction. Judgement on appropriateness is reserved for the administration.

The school will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged jewelry, nor for any injury sustained as a result of wearing jewelry.

No makeup or nail polish may be worn. Tattoos, either rub-on or permanent, are not permitted.