

DRESS CODE 2015/2016 (Student):

The purpose of the dress code is:

- A. To provide for the health, safety, and well being of the students.
- B. To follow the belief that appropriate dress is a contributing factor to appropriate behavior and a positive self-image.
- C. To encourage modesty as a form of self-expression.

The dress code is as follows:

STUDENTS - GRADES PK-4

SHIRTS/LETTERING:

- All students must wear collared or knit shirts void of advertising. Shirts that are longer than the back pockets of pants must be tucked in. A company logo is acceptable as long as it does not exceed two inches square. Screen-printing, large lettering and pictures are NOT acceptable.
- Lettering that goes across the front of the shirt is not allowed. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts are allowed. **Sheer or see-through shirts that are immodest or shirts with open backs are not allowed.** All clothes must be in good repair.

PANTS:

- Jeans without holes and excessive wear, twill pants, corduroys, dress pants are acceptable for all students.
- Capri pants are allowed as long as the hem falls half way between the knee and ankle or longer.
- NO sweatpants, wind pants, fleece pants are allowed. Denim jeans with wording or designs down the legs or across the back are not allowed.
- Jeans with “fashionable wear and tear,” shredded or worn patches or edging are not allowed.
- **Leggings are allowed as pants, with a long shirt or tunic over, in grades PK-4 only.**

SHORTS:

- **During the months of September, May and June, students are allowed to wear uniform-style, khaki “knee length” shorts. Shorts may be pleated or flat front. Length should be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Shorts may not be worn for Mass.**

COATS/SWEATSHIRTS:

- Coats are not to be worn in the classroom or in church.
- **It is recommended that students have a sweatshirt, sweater or fleece at school available for classrooms that can become cold during the winter months. It is not recommended that students wear sweatshirts as their everyday apparel.**

FOOTWEAR:

- Shoes and socks must be worn at all times. Laced shoes must be tied.
- Sandals with a back strap can be worn. NO high heels, clogs, or sandals with open backs are allowed.

- **Crocs and croc-style shoes are allowed if there is a back-strap.**
- If girls wear modest, age-appropriate dress shoes or sandals for dress up occasions or mass, extra shoes should be brought along to wear for recess and phy ed.
- Socks, stockings or, “no show slippers” must be worn with all footwear.
- Appropriate shoes for gym classes must be available.

BOYS:

- Hair is not to extend over the collar and is to be kept looking neat.
- Facial hair is to be shaved.
- Earrings are not allowed.

GIRLS:

- Button type (NO dangling) earrings only.
- Hair color must be a natural color of hair (i. e. NO purple, green).
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SKIRTS/TOPS:

- No miniskirts, sundresses, or sleeveless dresses or blouses may be worn. Skirts, skorts, and dresses are acceptable as long as the bottom hem reaches **2 inches above the knee.**
- Leggings or tights may be worn under skirts or dresses of appropriate length. Wearing leggings or tights with a skirt DOES NOT mean the skirt can be shorter than the allowed length.
- Wearing skorts with the built-in short DOES NOT mean that the skirt can be shorter than the allowed length.
- No denim mini-skirts are allowed.
- Shirts and blouses must be high cut and modest. **Scoop neck shirts are not to go lower than two inches below the collar bone.**

DRESS FOR MASS

- **Clothes say something about what we think, what we value. They also influence how we behave and feel. Mass day is special, and God's House is special, so we ask the students to take extra care in selecting clothing for school Masses by wearing dress pants and polo, a dress or skirt. Most school Masses are on Wednesdays. Shorts may not be worn for Mass.**

STUDENTS - GRADES 5-8

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- Capri pants are allowed as long as the hem falls half way between the knee and ankle or longer.
- **NO** sweatpants, wind pants, fleece pants are allowed. Denim jeans with wording or designs down the legs or across the back are not allowed.
- Jeans with “fashionable wear and tear,” shredded or worn patches or edging are not allowed.
- Leggings, jeggings and other tight-fitting garments are not allowed as pants, unless worn with a skirt that comes to the appropriate length (2 inches above the knee or longer) or with a tunic that comes to the same length.

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FOOTWEAR:

- Shoes and socks must be worn at all times. Laced shoes must be tied.
- **Sandals may be worn without socks during the months of September and May. Sandals must have back-straps. Flip-flips are not allowed.**
- **Crocs and slides are allowed.**
- If girls wear modest, age-appropriate dress shoes or sandals for dress up occasions or mass, extra shoes should be brought along to wear for recess and phy ed.
- Appropriate shoes for gym classes must be available.

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GYM CLOTHES:

- Clothes for phy ed must be loose fitting and modest. Shorts should be athletic-type shorts and should be full-coverage shorts to allow full range of motion while still being modest.
- T-shirts may have writing as long as it is appropriate. No cut-off or cut-out t-shirts are allowed for boys or girls. No tank tops of any sort are allowed.
- Spandex/lycra or tight fitting tops or bottoms are not allowed in the co-ed PE setting or in co-ed sports.
- St. Pat's athletic practices have the same standards as PE classes.

The following steps will be taken if the Dress Code is not adhered to:

1. Teacher will inform student that a piece of clothing is not appropriate and should not be worn again.
2. If the piece of clothing is immodest, the student will be sent to the office to pick up a white polo that is to be worn for the rest of the day. The students must wash and return the polo to the office the next day.
3. The parents may be called at home or work to bring in appropriate clothing for their child. The child will not return to class until correct clothing has arrived at school.

The classroom teacher reserves the right to prohibit any item of clothing or accessory that is not safe, is immodest, inappropriate or is a distraction in the classroom.