

DRESS CODE

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:

Regular days of school:

Tops:

- Knit tops, collared shirts, blouses, dresses, etc...
- Logos or graphic must be 2x2 or less (fist or smaller)
- NO writing, NO characters, and NO advertising
- NO tank tops, NO sleeveless, NO sheer tops may be worn, NO crop tops

Pants:

- Jeans, twill pants, dress pants, or corduroy pants
- Dress pants: khaki, black, blue, etc..
- Leggings may be worn with long shirts, dress, or tunics: These may be worn with shorts, skirts, or skorts (still not to exceed 2 inches above the knee)
- NO sweatpants, NO wind pants, NO fleece pants, NO pants with words or designs larger than 2x2, NO rips, holes, or significant wear

Shorts:

- May be worn during the months of September, October, April and May. They must be uniform-style, "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:

- 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:

- Socks and shoes must be worn at all times. Laced shoes must be tied.
- Sandals with a back strap can be worn.
- Crocs and croc-style shoes may be worn with a back strap
- NO high heels, NO open backed shoes, NO flip flops
- Modest, age appropriate dress shoes or sandals may be worn, extra shoes may be needed for recess and physical education
- Separate, appropriate shoes will be needed for gym class

Hair:

- Natural colored hair, kept looking neat
- Facial hair is to be trimmed
- Boys must have hair above their shirt collar
- Not distracting in the classroom

Accessories:

- Girls→button type earrings only
- Boys→ No earrings
- Not a classroom distraction

Mass days of school:

- **Sunday Best**→ blouses, button up shirts, ties, dress pants,dresses, skirts, etc... Dresses and skirts should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- **NO SHORTS, NO JEANS, NO T-SHIRTS, NO HOODIES**

**You may bring clothes to change into after mass

Fun Fridays:

Dress code on Fridays will allow for SHIRTS with words, graphics, or prints that are not allowed during the rest of the week. This day does NOT change anything in regards to other clothing. This is a privilege that may be revoked if not respected or abused. Clothing must still be modest and tasteful. Appropriate involves kind words or sayings, logos or pictures larger than your fist, etc... NO sleeveless or tank tops, NO inappropriate language, innuendos, or photos.

Gym Clothing:

- Clothes for PE must be loose fitting and modest. Shorts should be athletic-type shorts. They must be mid-thigh (fingertip length) and no spandex to allow for full range of motion while still being modest.
- T-Shirts may have writing as long as it is appropriate for school
- NO cut off or cut out tops, NO tank tops, NO spandex/lycra, NO tight fitting tops or bottoms

** St. Patricks 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 or staff member will inform the student that a piece of clothing is not appropriate and should not be worn again.
2. The student may be asked to change or get an alternate clothing item from the office. They may turn the clothing inside out if they choose to as well.
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.