



## **DRESS CODE**

The dress code documented below will be in effect for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Plans for Upcoming Dress Code Modifications**

St. John's School will implement a full dress code starting in the 2019-2020 school year. Details will be announced by 1 January 2019. After this date, the items included in the 2019-2020 dress code may also be worn in addition to the items in the 2018-2019 (as documented below).

In summary, the following dress codes will be in effect:

- Sep-Dec 2018. The 2018-2019 dress code (as documented below) will be in effect.
- Jan-Jun 2019. The 2018-2019 dress code (as documented below) or the 2019-2020 dress code will be in effect (i.e., students will have the option to start wearing the 2019-2020 dress code items, such as plaid skirts).
- Starting in Sep 2019. Only the 2019-2020 dress code items may be worn.

### **Dress Code Philosophy**

Children's actions directly reflect their appearance. Therefore, we ask our students to observe a standard of dress appropriate for a Christian learning environment. Conceptually, it is the school's goal for the student to maintain an appearance that is conducive to learning and to reflect good self-discipline, yet also to incorporate a flexibility that allows the individual some freedom for self-expression. In an effort to adhere to this policy, the principal and faculty are obliged to interpret and enforce the policy as approved by the pastor.

### **Dress Code**

There is appropriate attire for different occasions: for church, for school, for work, and for play. Students are expected to come to school appropriately dressed and groomed. This is primarily the responsibility of the student and parents/guardians. Since "appropriate" is such a broad term, we ask that the students follow these codes.

## Grades K-6

- All students must wear school spirit tops consisting of polo shirts, polo dresses, sweatshirts, or sweaters purchased through the school. They have the school logo printed on them. All items with the school logo must be purchased through the school.
- Students may wear dress slacks, pants, jeans, shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses, leggings, and undershirts that are solid colored in one of the following colors: navy blue, gray, black, khaki, white, or cream.
- Leggings will be allowed only if worn under a jumper, skirt, dress, or polo dress.
- Shorts, skirts, dresses, and skorts may not be of the short-short style (if you put your arms at your side, shorts, skirts, dresses and shorts may be no shorter than your fingertips).
- Clothing may not have holes, be frayed, or have pictures or text (except for text on school spirit tops).
- Shoulder straps may not be narrower than one inch.
- Athletic wear is not allowed.
- Collared shirts are recommended under sweaters and sweatshirts.
- Open-backed shoes, any footwear that does not have a rear strap (e.g., flip flops), light-up shoes, and roller shoes are not allowed.
- Tennis shoes are required for participation in physical education classes, and tennis shoes or snow boots are required for recess. For safety reasons, no open-toe or open-heel shoes may be worn for physical education and recess.
- Navy school spirit tops are required on field trips.
- School spirit tops are required at Mass, and shorts are not allowed at Mass. Students may change after Mass into clothes that follow the dress code.
- Exceptions for Fridays. On Fridays, students are not required to wear school spirit tops. Clothing with patterns and in additional colors is allowed. All other requirements still apply on Fridays.
- Hairstyles should not draw undue attention to the student. Hair may not be dyed to a color that does not grow naturally in humans.

## **Grade PreK**

- Students may wear dresses, skirts, jumpers, polo dresses, leggings, dress slacks, jeans, shorts, skorts, blouses, dress shirts, polo shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, and t-shirts.
- Clothing must not have holes or be frayed.
- Tennis shoes or snow boots are required for participation in recess. For safety reasons, no open-toe or open-heel shoes may be worn for recess.
- Hairstyles should not draw undue attention to the student. Hair may not be dyed to a color that does not grow naturally in humans.

## **Administration of the Dress Code**

It is desirable that teachers and administrators spend their time teaching and leading the school, not enforcing the dress code policy. Therefore, parent/guardian support and management of this policy is expected.

Students who do not adhere to the dress code will experience the following steps to correct the problem:

1. At the first occurrence, a warning will be given to the student, and a note will be sent home to the parents.
2. If the situation is not remedied after a warning is issued, the school will verbally notify the parents.

Students who do not adhere to the dress code will be subject to disciplinary action per the Student Conduct Policy outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.

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