2025 - 2026 Dress Code and Uniform Policy

DRESS CODE:

The Dress Code is designed to promote an atmosphere that is conservative and conducive to learning. Clothing should be neat, clean, modest, and tasteful. While some unacceptable items are specifically mentioned, this is for clarification and is not intended to be all-inclusive. The school administration will make the final decision on appropriate clothing.

Students begin wearing their uniforms on the first day of school. Dates when students may wear other attire than the dress code will be provided in writing through the yearly or monthly school calendar, the school newsletter, or a classroom letter. The dress code applies to field trips unless otherwise specified. Students who participate in sport teams may <u>not</u> wear their sport tops on game days.

UNIFORM POLICY:

<u>PURCHASE LOCATIONS</u>: Clothing may be purchased at any uniform company or store that meets the acceptable items criteria except for the following: (Note: "School Emblem", and or "Logo" can be any previous Saint Patrick School logo or emblem.)

- Green plaid skirts or jumpers can be purchased at School Belles and/or Lands End.
- Green polo shirts and green, crewneck sweatshirts with the school emblem are purchased at All Heart Athletics.
- Green Gym tops (sweatshirt and/or t-shirt) and bottoms (sweatpants and/or shorts) with the school emblem are purchased at All Heart Athletics.

1. BLOUSES/SHIRTS:

- a. <u>Colors</u>: Solid white, light blue, or navy blue and green polo shirts with the school emblem.
- b. <u>Style</u>: The shirt must have a collar and be a knit polo type shirt with buttons or an oxford type dress shirt (no t- shirts, no mock turtlenecks, no decorations such as emblems, flowers, lace, etc.) Shirts/blouses must be tucked in at school. A Saint Patrick School green polo shirt with the school emblem is the only green shirt permitted.

2. **SWEATERS**:

- a. Colors: Solid Navy blue or solid white.
- b. <u>Style</u>: Plain, pullover, V-neck, Sweater-vest, or cardigan to be worn over a uniform shirt/blouse with the collar visible. No hoods.

3. SCHOOL LOGO SWEATSHIRTS:

- a. Color: Green
- b. <u>Style</u>: The green crewneck sweatshirt with the **small** Saint Patrick logo can be worn over a shirt/blouse that complies with the dress code. No hooded sweatshirts or sweatshirts with the large logo permitted.

4. COTTON TWILL SLACKS:

- a. <u>Color</u>: Navy blue (no washed-out gray slacks) or khaki (light or dark shades are acceptable, no white)
- b. <u>Style</u>: Plain, dress type with both side seams sewn <u>in</u> and <u>inside</u> pockets without accent stitching, side tabs, rivets, or studs. Pant legs should be straight with no flairs. No low-cut waists are allowed for pants. Cargo pants may not be worn.

5. **COTTON TWILL DRESS SHORTS**:

- a. Color: Navy blue or khaki.
- b. Style: Plain, dress type knee length (no more than 2" above the knee).
- c. Dress shorts should follow the slacks guidelines.
- 6. **SKIRTS/JUMPERS**: Students in grades K-8 may wear skirts, jumpers, or skorts that are no more than 2" above the knee. Girls may wear a dark navy blue, khaki, or green plaid jumper or skorts.

- 7. **SHOES**: Dark colored dress shoes with heels no higher than 1", or deck shoes. Tennis/sport shoes or high-top foot apparel may not be worn as a dress shoe. Gym shoes may only be worn on gym days or other days designated by the principal. No open toe shoe, open heel shoe, or sandals are to be worn at any time. Students may bring gym shoes for recess.
- 8. **SOCKS**: Matching solid color, socks without logos, must be worn every day. Only matching plain colored socks may be worn. Solid colors of white, navy and black are allowed.
- 9. **GYM** UNIFORM: The required gym uniform for grades K-8 is to be purchased at All Heart Athletics. Gym shoes and socks (see above). The uniform consists of a green top with the "small" school chest logo on the left (pocket area) and green shorts or sweatpants with the "small" logo on the left leg. Gym shorts should not be rolled down at the waist, shortening the length of the shorts, shorts should be at least fingertip length. If a student is not in proper gym clothing, the student will not participate in gym class, and a failure grade will be given for that day in gym class. Clothing MUST be appropriate for outside weather. For safety, students should not wear gym shoes that are zipper or slip-on. Gym clothes should not have holes, slits on side seams, or be unhemmed. Students in grades K-8 will wear their gym uniform all day on gym days.
- 10. GIRLS GRADES K-8 MAKE-UP: No face or eye make-up is allowed or fake eye lashes. Only concealer may be used for facial blemishes. No spray tans allowed.
- 11. **HAIR**: No unnatural hair colors or fad styles that draw attention to the individual is permitted. All hair styles are above the eyebrows. Boys' hair should be off-collar.
- 12. **FINGERNAILS**: Neat and trimmed. No artificial nails.
- 13. **JEWELRY**: Jewelry should be conservative, and no excessive paraphernalia or iridescent colors are permitted. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings even if covered. Girls may wear small earrings with no more than one earring per ear. Jewelry shall not be excessive (e.g. heavy, multiple or large necklaces and bracelets). A small crucifix or Catholic religious medallion is allowed.
- 14. <u>JEAN DAY</u>: Only denim jeans or athletic pants are allowed on Jean Day unless noted by the office. These should be clean and free of holes. Shirts should be appropriate Spirit Wear (e.g. Saint Patrick spirit shirts, Fun Run shirts, etc ...). On non-uniform days, shirts must have acceptable slogans/pictures. Only gym shoes are permitted. No flip flops. Cargo pants, tank tops, and other leisure clothing are not acceptable.
 - **MASS DAY**: School uniforms will be worn. Boys in grades 5-8 are to wear white or light blue button up dress shirts tucked in, a solid or plaid tie, and pants with a belt.
- 15. <u>OUTSIDE WINTER CLOTHING</u>: Students should be dressed adequately for outdoor play. In the winter, snow pants, warm jackets, hats, gloves, boots, etc. are necessary. Students without appropriate attire for snow play, which includes snow pants and boots, will be restricted to the pavement area or inside recess.

Students will be issued a uniform/dress code violation when they fail to comply with these rules. It is the responsibility of the student to bring this home and return it to the school with the parent's signature. Violations are cumulative for each semester.

- 1st and 2nd offense: Uniform dress code violation slip signed by parents and returned to school.
- 3 or more offenses: Parents are informed of student violation either in writing or by phone and the student will receive a detention at recess or an after-school detention. Additional violations may require removal from class until the student complies, or suspension from school. The parent will be asked to meet with school administration to develop a plan to eliminate recurrence of the problem.