

Dress Code

All students, PS-8, are required to wear uniforms on school days, with any exceptions announced in the newsletter or by specific permission from the principal. Administration reserves the right to interpret and enforce the Uniform Code as necessary. Uniforms must be in good condition, clean, appropriately fitting, and free from visible rips, tears, or stains. Logos on uniforms should not be faded or tattered. If a student is found to be in violation of the Uniform Policy, they may receive an Out of Uniform Notification. Please see Appendix D for a sample of the notification. Uniform exceptions may be made for medical reasons only, with a signed note from a physician.

The following is the list of acceptable items to be worn as part of the uniform. Anything worn not on this list will be considered non-uniform.

Grade PS – 8 Boys

Pants

- Navy blue or khaki uniform pants.
- Pants must cover boxers.
- Pants must have belt loops except for PS and K.

Pants should be plain and free of obvious labels; no extra pockets, loops, zippers, flares, denims, etc., and should be worn at the waist, in the correct size. No jogger pants.

Shorts

- Navy blue or khaki knee-length dress shorts only.
- Shorts can only be worn from March through October.
- Shorts must cover boxers.
- Shorts must have belt loops except for PS and K.

Shorts should be plain and free of obvious labels; no extra pockets, loops, zippers, flares, denims, etc., and should be worn at the waist, in the correct size.

Polo Shirts

- Navy blue or hunter green short or long-sleeved polo shirt with approved Saint John School logo.
- Shirts must be tucked in, not bloused, at all times.
- No logos except the approved Saint John School logo.
- No turtlenecks.

Sweatshirts/Spirit Wear Apparel

- ¼ zip navy blue pullover with approved Saint John School logo only.
- ¼ zip navy blue pullover sweatshirt with approved Saint John School logo only.
- Saint John School Spirit Wear sweatshirts, purchased through the school-approved apparel store, are allowed to be worn on school days. No tie-dye apparel.
- No hooded sweatshirts at Mass.
- Polo uniform shirts, as described above, are to be worn under a uniform sweatshirt/sweater at all times.

Sweater Vests (optional)

- Unisex navy blue with the approved Saint John School logo

Socks

- Navy blue, white, or black (small logos allowed)

Shoes (PS – 8)

- Shoes must be closed-toed, no heels, and to be worn with socks.

Belts

- Brown, black, or navy blue with a small buckle.

Grade PS – 8 Girls

Skirts (PS-8) and Jumpers (PS-5)

- Uniform plaid only. Skirt must not be shorter than 2.5 inches above the knee.
- Skirt may not be rolled over at the waist.
- Shorts must be worn under skirts and jumpers.

Pants

- Navy blue or khaki uniform pants
- No stretch pants
- Pants must have belt loops except for PS and K.

Pants should be plain and free of obvious labels; no extra pockets, loops, zippers, flares, denims, etc., and should be worn at the waist, in the correct size. No jogger pants.

Shorts

- Navy blue or khaki knee-length dress shorts only.
- Shorts can only be worn from March through October.
- Shorts must have belt loops except for PS and K.
- Shorts must not be shorter than 2.5 inches above the knee.

Shorts should be plain and free of obvious labels; no extra pockets, loops, zippers, flares, denims, etc., and should be worn at the waist, in the correct size.

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Sweater Vests (original)

- Unisex navy blue with the approved Saint John School.

Socks/Tights/Leggings

- Navy blue, white, or black socks. (Small logos allowed on socks.) Navy blue or black tights or ankle-length leggings only under skirts or jumpers. No cropped leggings.

Shoes (PS – 8)

- Shoes must be closed-toed, no heels, and to be worn with socks.

Belts (1 – 8)

- Black, brown, or navy blue with a small buckle.

Related Uniform Information

The Following Applies To All Students: Grades PS – 8:

***Socks must be worn at all times – including out of uniform days.

Hair/Hood/Head Covering

- Hair should be kept neat and clean and not extend below the eyebrows.
- Boy's hair length should not extend over the shirt collar, ears, or eyebrows. No ponytail.
- No colored/dyed hair.
- No glitter in hair is allowed.
- No hats, hoods, or head coverings are allowed to be worn inside the school or church buildings during the school day.

Makeup

- Girls, PS-5: No makeup is allowed.
- Girls, 6-8: Use of makeup in moderation only.
- Boys, PS-8: No makeup is allowed.

Jewelry

NOTE: Teachers reserve the right to have students remove distracting jewelry.

- For the safety of all students, no jewelry is allowed during gym classes.
- Girls PS-5: May wear post earrings in the ear lobes. These earrings may not extend below the earlobes.
- Girls 6-8: May wear post earrings in the ear lobe and small hoop earrings (less than ½ inch diameter).
- Boys, PS-8: No earrings are allowed.

No Uniform Passes/Free Dress Days

- Passes may not be used on Mass days
- Neat and clean clothes only, i.e., no holes/rips in clothing.
- Saint John Athletic or knee-length shorts only. Spandex shorts, or any shorts that are excessively tight or short, are not acceptable attire for school. This does not meet our standards for appropriate dress. Any student seen wearing inappropriate shorts will be asked to contact their parent or guardian immediately to bring a change of

clothing. Repeated or severe violations may result in disciplinary action, including after-school detention.

- No midriffs exposed at any time.
- No spaghetti strap tops or open shoulder tops. Tank tops need to have shoulder straps that are 3 fingers wide.
- Shorts and pants must cover boxers.
- Must wear socks at all times.
- No hats, hoods, or head coverings are allowed to be worn inside the school or church buildings during the school day.
- Clothing and other items or grooming in a manner that represents and/or promotes politics, political candidates, inappropriate messages, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other illegal substances, violence, threats, gangs, hate groups, or any messages that are immoral or contravene the teachings of the Church, are prohibited.

Athletic Wear/Gym Clothing: Grades PS-K-1-2-3

- Tennis shoes with athletic support that tie, zip, or Velcro.
- No open back and/or slip-on styles, slipper-type shoes, or shoes with elevated heels for gym class.

Athletic Wear/Gym Clothing: Grades 4 – 8

- White, black, or navy socks.
- Shirts, shorts, and pants should be one of the following colors: hunter green, navy, black, or gray.
- No advertising/sayings/logos allowed.
- Items should be plain or approved Saint John's Athletic Wear.
- Students need tennis shoes with athletic support that tie, zip, or Velcro.
- No open back and/or slip-on styles, slipper-type shoes, or shoes with elevated heels for gym class.

If a student violates the schoolwide/gym dress code policy, they will be informed, and the student's parents may be notified. Students will be sent to the school office for violations that are substantial, relate to modesty, or create a distraction to the academic environment. Options to address the violation may include turning clothing articles inside out, being provided replacement clothing (when possible), parents bringing other clothes, or being sent home. Dress

code violations may result in disciplinary actions as listed in the discipline section of the handbook.

Technology and Acceptable Use Policy

Saint John School offers students access to the internet and other technology resources, which are essential learning tools in 21st-century education. Our school is committed to improving students' educational experience using technology. Student use of technology is a privilege and must be consistent with the school's mission and values. Using digital tools correctly and responsibly is very important. All student policies, including this policy, apply to all students using school technology resources, including computers, tablets, and the internet.

Given the well-documented risks of internet-capable devices, the school maintains a responsibility as an educational institution to teach students how to become discerning users of the internet and Smart Devices to bring about God's glory, and is taking steps to minimize these risks. We believe the best way to prepare children to flourish in a digital world is to teach them the intellectual and moral virtues, skills, and habits that our children need to have so that they can use digital tools in a way that makes them more human, not less.

Parents are encouraged to discuss this policy with their children and to monitor their technology use at home. Ensuring that students understand and adhere to these guidelines is a shared responsibility between the school and families.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to loss of technology privileges, detention, suspension, or expulsion.

General Guidelines

- Educational Use: Technology must be used to support learning and adhere to Catholic values. Students must follow all school policies when using technology, including appropriate language and respectful communication.
- Behavior: Users are expected to act respectfully, responsibly, ethically, morally, and legally. Respect for others is paramount.
- Internet Safety: Filtering software may be installed to block inappropriate content. Users must report access to inappropriate sites immediately.
- Equipment Care: Treat all technology equipment with respect. No food or drink near devices.
- Supervision: When possible, staff will supervise student use of technology to ensure it is appropriate for their age and aligned with educational goals.
- Personal Information: Do not share personal addresses, passwords, or phone numbers.
- Privacy: Users have no expectation of privacy in their use of school technology. The school reserves the right to monitor and review all technology use to ensure compliance with this policy or in conjunction with any disciplinary matter or investigation.