



Queen of Peace School Uniform & Dress Code Policy

School uniforms are designed to remove pressure from competition and economic status for students. Uniforms provide a neat appearance and assist students in concentrating on their studies. Personal appearance affects one's attitude and behavior. Good grooming exhibited through cleanliness, decency, and neatness indicates self-respect. The learning atmosphere is promoted when students look their best and practice this discipline. We ask parents to ensure that their children are dressed appropriately for school. School faculty members enforce the Uniform & Dress Code Policy.

All students shall observe modesty, appropriateness and neatness in clothing and personal appearance. All clothing must fit so that any undergarments are not exposed whether standing, sitting or engaged in activity. Overly tight, small, baggy or oversized clothing is prohibited. All clothes must be clean, without tears, holes, stains and not faded or showing signs of excessive wear.

The school administration and teaching staff have the final determination as to the appropriateness of clothing and/or other regulations of the School Uniform & Dress Code Policy. If necessary, parents may be called to bring in appropriate clothing. Violations are subject to the discipline policy. Questions about the Uniform & Dress Code Policy should be directed to the classroom teacher or the principal.

Embroidered polos, sweatshirts, gym uniforms and approved spirit wear can be purchased from Sports Image Apparel directly or through our school website.

*Sports Image Apparel
4018 Lincolnway E, Mishawaka, IN 46544
(574) 258-0571*

*Policy approved uniform bottoms can be found at a variety of area stores or online.
Kohls, Target, Old Navy and WalMart, etc. are just some examples.*

*We also offer gently used approved uniform shirts, bottoms, gym and spirit wear for sale.
Please contact the school office for available selection and sizing.*

TOPS

Only navy blue embroidered short sleeved and long sleeved polos and crew neck or quarter-zip sweatshirts purchased through Sports Image Apparel are allowed. All tops must reach the top of and cover waistbands, allowing shirts to be tucked in. Midriffs should not be exposed. The bottom button(s) of polos will be worn fastened. Navy blue embroidered polo must be worn under all sweatshirts and the polo collar must be visible. A plain white tee shirt may be worn under polos. The sleeve length of the white undershirt must not extend past the sleeve of the polo. Girls may wear a plain, solid navy blue or white cardigan over polos. Boys may wear a plain navy sweater or knit vest over polos. Grades 6-8 must tuck in polo shirts at all times. Grades K-5 must tuck in polo shirts for Mass.

PANTS AND SHORTS

Shorts and pants need to be a khaki/chino style in a traditional light khaki color. Pants and shorts will be a classic, straight or boot cut style. Skinny, legging, baggy, jogger, cropped, patch pocket and cargo styles are prohibited. Pants must fit at the natural waist. Rolling of waistbands is not allowed. Shorts are only allowed to be worn from August through October 31 and again from the return from Spring Break through the last day of school.

SKIRTS, SKORTS AND JUMPERS (Girls Only)

Skirts, skorts and jumpers may be pleated or straight and must be a light khaki color. Skirts, skorts and jumpers should not be cut close to or cling to the body. The hem must fall between fingertip length and knees. No ankle or floor length skirts. Uniform embroidered navy polo must be worn under a jumper with the collar visible. Solid navy “cartwheel shorts” or leggings MUST be worn under open bottom skirts and jumpers. Leggings or tights must be worn November 1 - April 1 and if below 35 degrees - no shorts.

SOCKS

Only white, black, gray and navy blue socks are allowed. Socks must be ankle length or taller. “No-show” styles are prohibited. Any visible logos should be small in size. Socks must be worn with ALL shoes, everyday.

Girls Only - plain kneesocks may only be worn in white or navy blue.

TIGHTS AND LEGGINGS (Girls Only)

Tights and leggings are only allowed to be worn under and with open bottom skirts and jumpers. Tights and leggings will be solid, plain, opaque and without pattern. Tights may be worn in navy blue and white only. Leggings need to be full length and limited to only navy blue. Tights will be free of runs and holes.

BELTS

Belts are optional in grades K-5. Belts are mandatory in grades 6-8. If worn, they should be brown, black, navy blue, or khaki colored.

SHOES (Girls and Boys)

Dress shoes, loafers or boat style shoes in black or brown may be worn. Heels should not exceed one inch in height..

Athletic shoes in any color.

Absolutely NO light up shoes, hightops, platform soles, boots, booties, sandals, mules, Uggs, fleece lined shoes or Crocs. All shoes MUST cover the toes and heels completely. All shoes must fit properly, allow for ease of movement and stay on the feet. No boots for outdoor wear are permitted for indoor wear. No shoes with skates on the bottom may be worn. Socks (or tights for girls) must be worn with all shoes, everyday. Students must be able to keep shoes fastened (tied, velcroed) independently.

GYM UNIFORMS (Girls and Boys)

On designated gym days, students are to come to school wearing the approved gym uniform. This saves valuable instructional time, ensures safety and allows for full range of motion. Royal blue logo tee and/or royal blue logo sweatshirt worn with gray logo shorts or sweatpants. All clothing and shoes must be of the correct fit and size. Tops must cover the waistband and not expose the midriff. Pants must fit at the natural waist - no rolling of waistbands allowed. Sweatpants must be full length. Shorts must be fingertip length. Sweatpants must be worn November 1 through the end of Spring Break - no shorts. Athletic shoes are required for gym class - no dress shoes. *Gray logo sweatshirt still allowed this year only - grandfathered in.*

HAIR (Girls and Boys)

Hair will be clean and well groomed. Bangs must be cut above eyebrows or pulled/combed back. Hair should not hang in front of or cover the eyes. Hair will be a natural color. Unnaturally colored hair and/or extreme highlights are not allowed. Fads, extreme styles and designs shaved into the hair (ex. Spikes, mohawks, etc) are not permitted.

Boys must be clean shaven and hair should be cut above the ears and collar.

HAIR ACCESSORIES

Girls - One small hair bow, scrunchie, barrette or headband allowed at a time. Hair accessories can only be navy, royal blue, or white. If wearing a hair style requiring multiple elastics (protective styles, pigtails, bubble braids, etc) choose elastics that are either clear or similar in color to the student's hair color.

Boys - Boys are not allowed to wear any hair accessories. If wearing a protective style, choose elastics that are either clear or similar to the student's hair color.

JEWELRY (Girls and Boys)

Simple and modest necklaces, watches and bracelets (1 of each) may be worn. Only girls may wear earrings. Earrings should be post style or modest hoops. Dangles are not permitted. No other jewelry is acceptable. Body piercings and tattoos are not permitted. Smart watches are not permitted.

MAKEUP (All)

Absolutely no makeup for all boys and girls. No tattoos, real or fake. No artificial nails. No nail polish.

BACKPACKS, BAGS, HATS AND OUTERWEAR (All)

Writing, drawing, and/or sewing patches on clothing, backpacks, bags, hats or outerwear are not permitted. Any items inappropriately marked may be confiscated. The writing and images on backpacks, bags, hats and outerwear must not promote alcohol, drugs, violence or contain profane, suggestive or political images or language. All backpacks, bags, hats and outerwear will be stored in lockers during the school day. Outerwear is defined as anything worn over the standardized dress. Outerwear should be worn before and after school, not in the building during the academic day. Students may not have jacket or sweatshirt hoods on their heads inside the building during the academic day or during school sponsored events. No hats of any kind are allowed to be worn indoors during the school day.

Gym Uniform Days

On designated gym days, students are to come to school wearing the approved gym uniform. This saves valuable instructional time, ensures safety and allows for full range of motion. All clothing and shoes must be of the correct fit and size. Tops must cover the waistband and not expose the midriff. Pants and shorts must fit at the natural waist - no rolling of waistbands allowed.

Approved gym uniforms can be purchased from Sports Image Apparel directly or through our school website.

All Students

<u>Tops</u>	<u>Bottoms</u>	<u>Shoes</u>
• QP royal blue logo tee shirt • QP royal blue logo sweatshirt • QP gray logo sweatshirt (grandfathered in)	• QP gray logo shorts ◦ August - October 31 & April 1- June • QP gray logo sweatpants	• Athletic shoes ◦ Dress shoes not allowed with gym uniform

QP Spirit Wear Days

On designated days, students are allowed to wear “QP Spirit Wear” **with regular uniform bottoms**. Anything with a Puma or QP logo on it is considered optional Spirit Wear and may only be worn on school designated Spirit Days. Approved QP Spirit and Athletic Wear may be purchased from Sports Image Apparel through our website.

School Uniform & Dress Code Policy still applies.

All Students

<u>QP Spirit Wear Guidelines</u> • Participation is not mandatory ◦ Students not participating will wear their regular uniform tops • If a student wants to take off a sweatshirt or hoodie, an appropriate spirit wear tee must be worn underneath • If wearing a sleeveless sports jersey, a plain white, black or Spirit Wear tee must be worn underneath.	<u>QP Spirit Wear Tops</u> • Approved QP Spirit Wear tees, sweatshirts or hoodies purchased through Sports Image Apparel • Approved QP Athletics tees, sweatshirts and hoodies purchased through Sports Image Apparel • QP event shirt, ex. <i>Spring Sing</i> • Jerseys or Warm-Up tops from a QP team • Jr. Saints Soccer jersey • QP gym tee and / or sweatshirt
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Dress Down Days & Special Occasions

On occasion and at the discretion of administration, students may earn a Dress Down Day.

Additionally, there may be occasions where students are allowed to dress according to a theme or more formally for a special occasion. This is a privilege and should be treated as such. Students are to adhere to the Catholic Church's teachings on modesty, human dignity and the knowledge that each of us is created in the image of God when choosing clothing to wear on these days.

Below is a general list of guidelines for these occasions. Clothing must not promote alcohol, drugs, violence or contain profane, suggestive or political images or language. Depending on the occasion, there may be more specific guidelines from staff or administration. Additional details will be communicated to students and are expected to be followed. If you have questions, please reach out to the principal or sponsoring teacher.

All Students

All clothes should be clean and free of rips, holes, tears and stains. Clothing should fit well and not be overly tight, too small, baggy, or oversized. Adherence to Dress Code Policy, with the following exceptions, will be followed. No pajamas or costumes.

<u>Tops</u>	<u>Bottoms</u>	<u>Dresses/Skirts</u>	<u>Shoes</u>
• No cropped styles or exposed midriffs • Must have a modest neckline - no shoulders, chest or collar bones should be visible	• Jeans, sweatpants, shorts and joggers allowed • Leggings, skinny style pants are allowed K-5 if the top covers the bottom • No writing across the seat of the pants	• Modest top - no shoulders, chest, or collar bones should be visible • Sleeveless styles must be worn with a sweater or jacket covering shoulders • Hem should not drag on the floor	• Athletic or casual shoes • No slippers, sandals or open toe shoes • When exceptions are made for formal dress shoes - heels should not exceed 2 inches