

DRESS CODE- MANDATORY UNIFORM DRESS POLICY

Our uniform dress policy is designed to support the Standards of our school, fostering respect for self, respect toward others, and respect for the teaching-learning process. Recognizing the intent and spirit of this policy, parents and students committed to Christian Education here at St. Paul's gladly recognize the spirit of this policy. A choice to demonstrate a look that would pose contrary to such standards would warrant a dialogue that encourages the need to follow our policy. This may include a contact from the classroom teacher by phone and/or email or a contact from administration to parents after warnings to the child.

In order to accommodate varying economic and shopping concerns that may arise, you may purchase your child's uniform clothing from any vendor, provided that the clothing conforms to the policy detailed in this handbook. However, the school has purchasing programs set up with Lands End, Schoolbelles and Markfore. Lands End and Schoolbelles catalogs and Markfore order sheets are available at the school office. These purchases may be the easiest way to assure you are buying uniform dress clothes that match our specific policy.

Purchases of uniform dress clothing are best made at the following stores: Sears, Target, Kmart, Lands End, Meijer and Kohl's. Any "Dockers" style can be used as long as no label or logo is visible. It is encouraged to remove any sewn on label from uniform dress pants.

UNIFORM RESALE

Many of our families donate clothes to the school as part of our uniform resale program. Guaranteed to follow uniform dress standards, these items are available at "rummage sale prices" at registration and also throughout the year. Check in the school office to view the available clothing.

REQUIRED UNIFORMS:

Field Trip Dress: A maroon polo shirt with khaki bottom (pants, skirt, or skort). **Every student is required to have one maroon shirt which is embroidered with the St. Paul's emblem.** This is the required field trip uniform shirt and is available through Mark Fore. Ordering information is available in the school office. The shirt is a statement of pride and commitment to our school.



PANTS/SHORTS: These are to be the chino, “Docker” style. Corduroy is not permitted. Pants must be of proper size and worn at the waist. Pants/shorts for students in grades 2-8 are required to have belt loops. All pants (straight leg, no flares) must be hemmed and off the floor. No cargo pants or “cargo style” shorts. No patch pockets. Pants/shorts should be plain (uniform style) with no special stitching or other patterns, studs, or designs. It is encouraged to remove any sewn on label from uniform dress pants. Colors include navy, black and khaki. Khaki chinos should be of a medium or light shade of beige. No greens or grays. There should be no logos or labels. Shorts may be worn from August through October, and April through June.



SKIRTS/SKORTS/JUMPERS: These items must be worn with shirts tucked in. Skirts/skorts/jumpers should be at least finger-tip length (Measure with child standing straight with arms relaxed at sides) but no longer than above the knee. Finger tips should not go past the hem of the pants. No “gauchos” or “Bermuda” shorts. Colors for these clothes include Khaki, Navy, Black.



Plaid skirts and jumpers (maroon and gray only) are to be purchased from the Schoolbelles Company, which provide all of St. Paul’s official plaid uniform clothing. These catalogues are available in the school office.

SHIRTS/SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS: All shirts are to be tucked in, showing the pant’s waistband. Proper sizing is required. No oversized shirts are permitted. **NOTE:** All tops (shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts) are to be either navy blue, pale pastel yellow, maroon/burgundy, or white. (examples of **Navy Blue** and **Light Yellow colors** below [in Polo style]; and **Maroon** and **White colors** [in Oxford style])



Button Polo (shirt): White, Pale Pastel Yellow, Navy Blue, Maroon/Burgundy. Long/short banded sleeves. No labels or logos. Solid color. May be worn by themselves, or under a sweater/sweatshirt with collar showing. **A white “T” shirt** may be worn, but sleeves must be short and not visible.

Oxford (shirt): White, Pale Pastel Yellow, Navy Blue or Maroon/Burgundy. Button down or Peter Pan collar. Long/short sleeves. Solid color. No labels or logos. No casual style oxfords. Shirts may be worn by themselves, or under a sweater/sweatshirt with collar showing.

Turtleneck (shirt): White, Pale Pastel Yellow, Navy Blue or Maroon/Burgundy. No labels or logos. Solid Color. Plain shirt with no patterns or “fad” styles (on sleeves or neck). Regular or mock turtleneck styles acceptable (no short or “T-shirt” like collars). Turtlenecks may be worn by themselves, or under a sweater/sweatshirt only. They may not be worn under a Polo or Oxford.

Sweatshirts: Any previous “Bear Booster” sweatshirts may be worn. However, hooded sweatshirts are meant for outdoor use only. You may also wear any pullover sweatshirt that is the same color as the Polos/Oxfords/Turtleneck (white, pale pastel yellow, navy blue or maroon/burgundy). No labels, logos, zippers and hoods. Solid color. **NOTE:** A polo, oxford, turtleneck must be underneath, collar showing. SWEATSHIRTS WILL BE WORN AS A SHIRT (NOT AROUND THE WAIST). Sweatshirts issued as part of a team uniform are not to be used in daily dress.

ACCESSORIES:

Belts: Belts are required to be worn with all attire having belt loops. Black or brown. **Kindergarten & 1st grade students are exempt from this.**

Socks/Tights: No holes in socks or tights. Sock / tights are to be white or other solid uniform color such as black, navy blue, pale yellow, khaki, or maroon. No logos or prints are acceptable on socks. Socks must be visible and be worn with all shoes and sandals.

Shoes: Comfortable shoes appropriate for outdoor physical activity are required (for example, tennis shoes). A separate pair of indoor gym shoes is needed for PE class K-8. Sandals are to be worn with socks and must have a heel strap. Any shoes with laces must be tied with laces exposed. No clogs. No wheels in the shoes. No “fashion” boots, or boots, worn inside the building.

Ties: Special dress up days only

Earrings: For safety reasons, studs only; no hoops or dangling earrings.

Hats: Caps, bandannas or any head covering are not permitted in the building.

Other clothing: Clothing and jewelry that negatively affects the teaching/learning process is not permitted.

NOTE: If you have any particular clothing style questions, you are welcome to bring the article of clothing to the principal just to “double check” the appropriateness in conjunction with a dress code policy (suggestion: keep the receipt and tags on clothing for return purposes if necessary).

FREE DRESS GUIDELINES

Various Free Dress days will present themselves throughout the year. As always, dress will support the standards of our school. No clothing is to be worn with any kind of emblem, picture, or writing which is incompatible with Christianity. Jeans and other pants can be worn. However, no sagging, no holes, no cut-offs, no frays will be permitted. Tank tops and bare midriffs are not permitted. Jumpers, bib overalls and suspenders require the straps to be worn over the shoulders. Socks and shoes need to comply with uniform dress days.