

DRESS CODE

Saint Michael School is a private, Catholic school and as such, maintains the right to establish a policy of dress for its students. The dress code is intended to promote a sense of belonging and to foster an environment conducive to learning. Students learn the importance of following established policies and coming appropriately attired for specific places and occasions. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to see that their child adheres to the dress code.

GIRLS

The uniform consists of a skirt or jumper, navy or khaki dress slacks, vest, navy, or khaki knee length shorts, knit shirt, blouse, sweater, socks, and shoes as described below:

- Green plaid jumper/blouse
- Green plaid skirt/navy vest/blouse
- Navy or khaki slacks/blouse/navy vest
- Navy or khaki knee length shorts/knit shirt or blouse
- The length of uniform skirts and jumpers must touch the top of the knee
- Dark colored (navy or black) shorts are to be worn under their skirts and jumpers
- Navy/Khaki dress slacks are not permitted to have rivets, external patches, oversized or zippered pockets. No cargo pants are to be worn. This includes Dickies brand pants. The dress pants should not have bell bottoms or ragged edges. Faded slacks, corduroys, stretch pants and jeans are not permitted. Excessive bagginess or form-fitting pants are unacceptable. The above stipulations also apply to shorts.
- Blouses are to be solid white, oxford, or broadcloth. Knit shirt (long or short sleeved) must have a collar and no emblem other than the Saint Michael School logo (provided by the uniform supplier). Knit shirts and blouses are light blue, navy, or white ONLY. Blouses and knit shirts must be completely tucked in and the waistband visible at all times.
- Cardigan sweaters (without hoods) and uniform vests are to be solid navy blue. Official sweatshirts are acceptable.
- Dress socks must be to the knees and solid navy blue or white. Low cut/no-show or Argyle socks are not permitted. Socks must be at least two inches above the shoes. (Girls may wear NAVY or WHITE tights during the cooler months).
- Solid colored (navy, brown, black, or beige) dress shoes including boat shoes/loafers free of design or bling, which are practical and safe for the school environment, are to be worn. They may not be opened backed or open toed or have a measurement of more than two inches in combined height of sole and heel. Students who wear boots to school in the winter must bring sneakers (gym days) or dress shoes to wear during the day.
- Shoes have been flying off the student's feet during recess and gym. Please make sure the shoes are tight enough to stay on their feet to keep them from injuring themselves.
- Body glitter is not permitted. Make up (grades 6-8) must be natural in appearance and not deemed excessive by school personnel. No mascara, eye liner, or blush is permitted.
- Only clear nail polish is acceptable. If a student chooses to have fake nails, the polish must still be clear, and length MUST be short!

- No body piercings (with the exception of ear lobes) or visible tattoos are permitted.
- Earrings should be small, non-dangling, and no more than two pairs may be worn. Hoops and ear clips/cartilage piercings are not permitted. No more than one necklace, one ring, or one bracelet may be worn at a time. Chokers are not permitted.
- Hair style is expected to be reasonable. If a style is deemed inappropriate for a Catholic school student, parents will be notified with the expectation that it will be changed. Hair coloring which distracts from a uniform appearance is not appropriate. Students are to keep their hair its natural color. Hair accessories should be simple and match the school uniform. Lavish, over-sized bows, and novelty hair bands are NOT permitted.
- An extra pair of sneakers must be brought to school for gym class. Students must wear gym uniforms. No aerosol cans or bottles of deodorant or cologne are permitted

BOYS

- The uniform consists of slacks, knee length shorts, dress shirt or knit shirt, sweater, socks, and shoes as described:
- Navy/Khaki dress slacks are not permitted to have rivets, external patches, oversized or zippered pockets. No cargo pants are to be worn. This includes Dickies brand pants. The dress pants should not have bell bottoms or ragged edges. Faded slacks, corduroys, stretch pants and jeans are not permitted. Pants should properly fit the student and not be worn hanging below the waistline or sitting on hips. Excessive bagginess or form-fitting pants are unacceptable. A belt is required for Grades 4-8. The above stipulations also apply to shorts.
- Dress shirts or knit shirts must be white, navy, or light blue and made of oxford or broadcloth material. Shirts are to be completely tucked in with the waistband or belt visible. Shirts must have collars.
- Solid color navy blue sweaters or vests may be worn. Sweaters may be cardigan or pullover style (without hoods). The official crewneck sweatshirt is the only one permitted as part of the regular uniform.
- Socks are to be dress, crew, or ankle style in white, black, or navy blue and must be at least 2 inches above the shoes. Low cut/no-show socks are not permitted.
- Solid colored (navy, brown, black, or beige) dress shoes including boat shoes/loafers free of design, which are practical and safe for the school environment are to be worn. Army type boots or work boots are not permitted. Students who wear boots to school in the winter must bring shoes to wear during the school day.
- Earrings and chokers are not permitted. No more than one necklace, one ring, or one bracelet may be worn at a time.
- An extra pair of sneakers must be brought to school for gym class. Students must wear gym uniforms. No aerosol cans or bottles of deodorant or cologne are permitted.
- Hair style is expected to be reasonable and should not cover the eyes or shirt collar. If a hair style is deemed inappropriate, parents will be notified. All students are to keep their hair its natural color.
- No body piercings or visible tattoos are permitted.

ALL STUDENTS

NO JEANS (DENIMS OF ANY KIND OR COLOR), JEAN JACKETS, HOODIES, T- SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, OR OUTDOOR CLOTHING MAY BE WORN IN SCHOOL. HATS/BANDANAS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

If an emergency arises whereby the child will not be in uniform, a parent is asked to send a note to the school office stating the reason for this. JEANS (denims) may NOT be worn in place of the uniform. Dress clothes are to be worn.

UNIFORM COMPLIANCE

- Parents are expected and encouraged to assist in the student's full compliance and cooperation with the dress code.
- Parents will be notified of dress code infractions. Repeated violations of the dress regulations will result in detention.
- In all cases, the principal reserves the right to determine and curtail unacceptable articles of dress and hairstyle. Any violation of the dress code will result in a call to parents to correct the situation. Repeated infractions of the dress code will result in detention for the student.
- **KINDERGARTEN DRESS POLICY**
- Kindergarten students are not required to wear uniforms; however, they are required to adhere to ALL other dress code policies. Comfortable, size-appropriate play clothes and sneakers are acceptable.

UNIFORM PURCHASES

- School uniforms are supplied through Schoolbelles. Order forms are available in the school office.

Schoolbelles Headquarters 4747 West 160th Street Cleveland, OH 44135

Toll Free Phone Orders 1-888-637-3037 Online Orders: schoolbelles.com

Gym uniforms are supplied by Janet Farabaugh. Place your order by contacting her directly at (814)931-2247.

GYM CLASSES

Students in Grades 1 – 8 must wear gym uniforms to school on Mondays unless otherwise told. All physical education uniform components must be purchased from Janet Farabaugh located at 402 Beck Road, Loretto.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

On designated Dress Down days, students are permitted to wear appropriate clothing in lieu of their uniform. School appropriate means that students may wear shorts (first day of school – October 1st) that are below their fingertips when standing straight and tall. Basketball length shorts are preferred. No short shorts, cut offs, spandex, leggings, or yoga pants may be worn. Capris, jeans, loose-fitting athletic pants may be worn; however, they cannot have any frayed edges, rips, or holes.

Shirts should be neat and appropriate for school. Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, tank tops, and fishnet shirts are not permitted.

Sneakers may be worn. Flip Flops, clogs, Crocs, sandals, shoes with wheels and/or lights, open-toed or open-backed shoes, or shoes with holes are not permitted. Socks must be worn with all footwear. If wearing slip on shoes, no show socks or footies must be worn with them.