

**Saint Michael School**  
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### **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.

School uniforms are supplied through **SCHOOLBELLES**. **Order forms can be viewed and printed from our school website for your convenience under “Parent Info. Tab.”** Choose “**Information**” from the drop-down menu and click on “**SchoolBelles.**” Fittings for uniforms are scheduled for **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bishop Carroll gymnasium from 10 am – 3 pm.** Kindergarten students are not required to wear uniforms; however, they must adhere to the appropriate dress guidelines outlined in the Kindergarten handbook.

### **GIRLS**

Girls may choose from the following options:

- Green plaid jumper/white or light blue blouse, **COLLARED POLO SHIRTS ARE NOT TO BE WORN UNDER JUMPERS.**
- Green plaid skirt/navy vest/white or light blue blouse, **COLLARED POLO SHIRTS ARE NOT TO BE WORN UNDER VESTS.**
- Navy or khaki slacks/white or light blue blouse/navy vest, **COLLARED POLO SHIRTS ARE NOT TO BE WORN WITH SLACKS.**  
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.
- Navy or khaki knee length shorts/white, light blue, or navy polo shirt **OR** white or light blue blouse
- Only **WHITE** undershirts or camis may be worn under uniform shirts
- **Cardigan sweaters** (without hoods) and uniform vests are to be solid navy blue. Sweatshirts/hoodies are not part of the school uniform. Official sweatshirts are acceptable.
- **Girls MUST wear dark colored (navy or black) SHORTS under their skirts and jumpers. They can be lightweight cotton shorts such as SOFFE Shorts or SPANDEX. You do not need to purchase these name brands. Like materials are acceptable.**

**\*\*Collared polo shirts are NOT to be worn with jumpers, slacks, skirts, shorts, or vests. \*\***

**\* Skirts and jumpers may be no shorter than one inch above the knee. Blouses are to be tucked in at all times.**

- Dress crew type or knee socks are to be 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 2 inches in combined height of sole and heel (no skinny heels are permitted). Students who wear boots to school in the winter must bring sneakers (gym days) or dress shoes to wear during the day.
- Body glitter is not permitted. **Make up (grades 6-8) must be natural in appearance** and not deemed excessive by school personnel. Only clear nail polish is acceptable.
- 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 encouraged 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.

Boys have a choice of the following:

- Navy/Khaki dress slacks are **NOT** permitted to have **rivets, external patches, oversized or zippered pockets.** Cargo pants are **NOT** 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. 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 visible. Turtlenecks are not permitted.
- Solid color navy blue sweaters or vests may be worn. Sweaters may be cardigan or pullover style (without hoods). Sweatshirts/hoodies are not part of the school uniform, with the exception of the official crewneck sweatshirt.
- 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 or Argyle 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.*

Polo shirts (long or short sleeved) must have a collar and no emblem except our school logo. Dress shirts can be light blue or white ONLY. Polo shirts can be light blue, white, or navy.

**NAVY IS PREFERRED** but white or light blue are acceptable.

**\* Shirts and undershirts are to be tucked in always.**

The above-mentioned items are available from the uniform supplier, SCHOOLBELLES, but items comparable in style and material may also be purchased elsewhere. Check with the uniform supplier before purchasing any items elsewhere (especially slacks for both boys and girls) to make sure that they meet dress code standards.

### **ALL STUDENTS (GIRLS & BOYS)**

**“Dress slacks” means that no sports pants, jeans or jean type fabric may be worn. Painter or cargo pants, pants with external pockets, rivets, and/or zippers on the pockets are not permitted, this includes Dickies brand pants that have pockets on the legs. The above stipulations also apply to shorts.**

Extravagant hairstyles (teased, extreme colored, sculpted, etc.) are forbidden. Hair should clear the eyebrows. Boys’ hair may not extend over the collar.

For safety reasons, open-toed and open-backed sandals, shoes, clogs, or boots of any kind are not permitted. **Solid, dark colored shoes** that are practical and safe for the school environment are required. Shoes with a measurement of 2 inches in combined height of sole and heel (no skinny heels) may not be worn. In addition to dress shoes, each student in every grade is expected to have a pair of tennis shoes specifically for use in the gym (shoes do not have to be new).

Students are not permitted to wear moccasin or Ugg-like shoes. Fabric or suede shoes are not permitted (for example TOMS, Vans or the like). Sperry boat shoes are permissible as long as they are free of any design, bling or color other than a solid dark color, beige or brown. Grey is not acceptable. These guidelines will be strictly enforced.

**JEANS (DENIMS OF ANY KIND OR COLOR), JEAN JACKETS,  
T-SHIRTS OR SWEATSHIRTS, OR OUTDOOR CLOTHING MAY NOT 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Renee Phister, Principal