

## St. Michael Dress Code and Uniform Information

### Why to do students wear a uniform at St. Michael?

School uniforms are important for a number of reasons. As part of the Catholic school tradition, uniforms help to create a Catholic identity. Uniforms, which distinguish school clothes from play clothes, have been connected to better academic and behavioral performance. They help to eliminate the pressure of wearing the right brands or fashions, and can lead young people to realize that their value and worth comes from being children of God, rather than from what they wear or look like. Uniforms provide parents the advantage of lower cost for school clothing and eliminate daily battles and struggles over what clothes children will wear to school. Saint Michael School students in kindergarten through eighth grade are expected to adhere to the dress code as outlined below. The administration reserves the right to make discretionary judgments regarding appropriateness of student dress/fashion not explicitly covered by this dress code.

### Girls Uniform:

- Plaid jumper (K-4)
- Khaki or plaid skorts – average length.
- Length must be no shorter than two fingers above the knee.
- Skirts are to be worn at the waist and are not to be rolled to shorten length.
- Shorts are to be worn under the uniform.

### Boys and Girls Pants:

- Khaki and Black twill straight leg pant (no flare legs, no low rise, no slits in hem, no extra pockets, no fancy stitching)
- Pants are not to be baggy, saggy or tight. No skinny pants
- Pants may be purchased at a store of your choice as long as they comply with the stated rules.

### Shorts:

- Khaki and Black uniform walking shorts (purchased through uniform store only).
- May be worn August through October 31, and March 1 through May.
- No lower than knee length, no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- Shorts should be neither tight-fitting nor baggy and must be worn at the waist.

### Belts (optional):

- Belts, if worn, are to be solid black, white, or brown (no decorations). No cloth belts or colored belts.

### Shirts:

- White, Black, or Red - Red shirts must be bought from the uniform store.
- White, black, and red banded polos may be worn by the K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Polo or oxford (long or short sleeves).
- White or Black turtleneck.
- Girls - blouse (plain white, no lace or ruffles on collar, no cap sleeves).
- No logos
- Not too oversized.
- Shirts need to be buttoned (except for the collar button).
- Anything worn under the uniform shirt must be either solid white or black undershirts, black undershirt can only be worn underneath the black or red polo; no words, colors, pictures, logos or print.
- No long sleeve undershirts underneath short sleeve polos
- Shirts and blouses are to be tucked in at all times so that belt loops or waistbands can be seen. Banded polos do not need to be tucked in, but t-shirts underneath them do.

### Sweaters/Sweatshirts:

- Cardigan sweaters can be plain white or black button up, no zippers. Students can wear these during the day as long as they are plain, no embellishments.
- Sweatshirts need to be solid black, red or white crewneck only. No hoodies.
- Spirit wear sweatshirts that are crewnecks, can be worn to school during the day,
- No Hoodies, including the spirit wear hoodie can be worn during the school day.
- ¼ zip St. Michael fleece or sweatshirt may be worn during the day as part of the uniform.
- All jackets, coats, and outerwear need to be taken off during the school day.
- Any other jackets or sweatshirts may be worn to and from school and at recess only.
- Special club t-shirts (Adoration Club, LIFE club, Student Council, Page One) may be worn on days when the club meets.

**Shoes and socks/stockings/leggings:**

- Shoes should be comfortable footwear. Dress, tennis, loafer, and sports shoes are acceptable examples. Socks must be worn with sandals. When the students have Gym, shoes appropriate for a gym floor must be worn.
- Boots can be worn but we encourage bringing other footwear to change into during the school day. Boots with glitter or sequins are not able to be worn during the school day. Extreme styles in boots are not allowed.
- Extremes designs in footwear are not allowed and are left to the discretion of the administrator.
- Socks – need to be solid white or black but can have a small logo on the sock. Socks need to match and must be able to be seen by the teacher.
- Girls may also wear black or white leggings under the uniform skirt/jumper in cold weather (school pants, capris and dance pants are not allowed under the uniform skirt/jumper). Leggings are tight-fitting, ankle length (no capri length) leg coverings. Leg coverings that are loose fitting, fall below the ankle and/or flare at the bottom are considered pants, not leggings. Leggings need to go all the way to the ankle.

**Hair:**

- Hair must be well groomed. Extremes in hair styles/colors are unacceptable.
- Boys' hair should not touch the eyebrows in the front or the collar in the back. Sideburns and haircovering the ear should be no longer than halfway down the ear on the sides. Students will be given a warning and allowed one week to get their hair trimmed. If the hair is not trimmed after that time, parents will be called and the student will not return to school until the hair is cut.
- Girls' hair should be kept out of the eyes. Girls may wear simple hair accessories.
- Hats, bandanas, head scarves are not permitted.

**Makeup and Jewelry:**

- Makeup is not permitted. Clear or pale pink nail polish is permitted.
- Jewelry permitted: Wristwatch, religious medal pinned to uniform or worn with simple chain, religious pins. Smartwatches are not permitted.
- Girls may wear small post earrings, one on each earlobe. For safety reasons, they may not wear hoops, dangles or earrings that hang below the earlobe. Boys may not wear earrings.

**Cold Weather**

Please have your child/ren dressed appropriately (cap/ear band, mittens/gloves, boots) on cold days as they do go outside for recess unless the temperature/wind chill is below zero. When the weather gets especially cold girls may wear black or white sweats/wind pants to recess. These and any other pants girls may wear to and from school may not be worn in the school building during the school day.

**Where to purchase uniforms?**

Uniforms can be purchased from Dennis Uniform in Omaha, NE. *See flyer for additional contact information.*

Black and white polo style shirts and khaki and black pants can be purchased from any store as long as they meet the requirements as stated above. All red shirts, plaid items and shorts must be purchased from Dennis.

All spirit wear and logoed items can be purchased through the school website when the spirit wear store is open. This is done as a fundraiser several time during the year.