



DRESS CODE POLICY

Kindergarten – 8th Grade

In keeping with the principle that God does set standards for Christian modesty and appearance in Holy Scripture, our school expects its students to avoid extremes in clothing that attract undue attention, with the emphasis being on neatness and good grooming. We trust that parents share our desire to foster high standards in every area of our school program, including dress and personal appearance. Furthermore, we believe there is a correlation between student dress/grooming and student behavior/learning. Consequently, we insist that each student be dressed in a way that will not hinder the educational process and will promote a healthy, positive image among our students. It is expected that students dress in conformance with their biological sex. The following dress code policy strives to establish a code for dress that maximizes learning potential while attending a Christian educational institution. Our faculty reserves the right to make judgments concerning what they consider proper or improper dress based upon the following guidelines: (NOTE: Teachers will refer to the code of conduct policy when dealing with these issues.). Dress code applies to all K-8 students attending class and both morning and afternoon Extended Care programs at St. James.

In general:

Girls	Boys
Official St. James logo shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, polos.	Official St. James logo shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, polos.
Collar shirts – short or long sleeve.	Collar shirts – short or long sleeve.
Collared blouses, polo shirts, turtlenecks, or cap sleeves.	Polo shirts, oxfords, or turtlenecks.
Solid color slacks “Docke” style, Capri pants (below the knee in length), and skorts or walking shorts in solid colors or plaid. Shorts: fingertip or longer.	Slacks “Docke” style or walking shorts in solid colors or plaid. Shorts: fingertip or longer.
Dresses, skirts, or jumpers made of a “dress material” such as cotton twill, wool, corduroy, or polyester blend. Dresses should have a cap sleeve and may have a rounded or collared neck.	Shoes that are designed for laces must have them and must be tied at all times.
Tights or leggings <u>only</u> under shorts, skirts or dresses	Due to health code regulations, socks are required for all students (including Prekindergarten students).
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Additionally;

- Clothes should be modest. Neatness and cleanliness are very important. Clothing must fit appropriately, and be properly mended, as needed. No clothing should be frayed.
- Clothes should not reveal underwear or other undergarments.
- Clothing should be properly sized. It should not be tight nor should it be so oversized that it is baggy. Room for growth is acceptable.
- No lettering, graphics, emblems, etc. are permitted (except for a small logo no larger than 2"x2" and original to the shirt).

Prekindergarten students should wear tennis shoes to school every day.

Appearance

- Students are to avoid excess make-up. Make-up should not be brought to school.
- Because of allergic reactions, teachers may limit fragrances in their classrooms.
- Jewelry, including watches, necklaces, bracelets, and earrings should not be distracting to the student or others. Due to safety reasons, only small post-style earrings are allowed.
- Body piercing is not permitted.
- Hair must be well kept, neat, and clean.
- Unnatural hair color and/or streaks are not permitted.

INFRACTIONS OF DRESS CODE RULES

(Based on school year, not trimester)

First Infraction: The student will be informed privately by the teacher who will also notify the parent.

Second Infraction: The student will be informed privately by the teacher who will also notify the parent.

Third Infraction: The student will be informed by the teacher or the principal privately and sent to the school office. The parents will be notified with a phone call. Acceptable clothing or apparel must be brought to school before the child can return to class.

Fourth Infraction: The student will be informed by the teacher or the principal privately and sent to the school office. The principal will contact the parent/guardian to let them know of the student's fourth infraction. Acceptable clothing or apparel must be brought to school before the child can return to class. An appointment will be made with the principal and the parents to resolve the problem.

NOTE: Deliberate defiance of the Dress Code Policy by a student will result in disciplinary notices.
