

School Dress Code Guidelines

St. Joseph and St. Francis Catholic School

Families are asked to make careful judgment when considering what kind of clothes their children will wear to school. Students are expected to be in uniform, as well as being modest, clean, and neat in their dress attire and hairstyle each day. Research shows that student dress affects self-esteem, learning attitudes and behavior.

Dress Your Way Days

Approximately twice a month, students are allowed to 'dress their way' in non-uniform clothing. Clothing worn must be properly fitting and appropriate. These days will be picked by the school and communicated to parents.

Dress Code Violations

When a student is found to be out of compliance with the uniform/dress code, they will first be given a verbal reminder, followed, if necessary, by a written reminder. If repeated violations occur, the student will be sent to the office to phone a parent/guardian for a change of clothing or be required to select something appropriate from the school's uniform exchange box.

Uniform Exchange Program:

St. Joseph's School offers a Uniform Exchange program to reuse gently used uniform clothing. Items are donated by parents whose children have outgrown the clothing and anyone in the school can take what they need at no charge! The exchange is typically offered at Back to School Night, Conferences, and other various times throughout the year.

Uniform Dress Code

Preschool: Preschool students are not required to follow the uniform dress code.

Kindergarten: Kindergarteners should follow the guidelines below with the exception that they may wear their choice of pants/bottoms.

Grades 1-8 as follows:

Tops/Shirts:

Polo shirts: Long or Short Sleeve ___ Solid Colors: Navy Blue, Red, White, Forest Green

Oxfords: Long or Short Sleeve _____ Solid Colors: Navy Blue, Red, White, Forest Green

Turtlenecks: Mock or Regular,

Long or Short Sleeve _____ Solid Colors: Navy Blue, Red, White, Forest Green

Sweater or Sweatshirt: Crew Neck, V-neck

Or Cardigan _____ Solid Colors: Navy Blue, Red, White, Forest Green

School Logo Sweatshirts: Hooded, pull-over and zipped Spirit Shop sweatshirts are allowed.

Tops/Shirts Guidelines:

- Shirts are to be collared and not to have any emblems or logos on them with the exception of a St. Joseph's logo
- Sweaters/Sweatshirts may not have any emblems or logos on them with the exception of a St. Joseph's logo.
- A long sleeve red, white, navy blue, or forest green non-collared shirt may be worn underneath of a uniform top.

Pants/Shorts/Capri's:

Pants: Casual Dress Pants (example-"Docker Style")

With or Without Pockets _____ Colors: Tan, Navy Blue, Corduroy Tan or Navy Blue

Walking Short: (example "Docker Style")

With or Without Pockets _____ Colors: Tan and Navy Blue

Capri's:

With or Without Pockets _____ Colors: Tan and Navy Blue

***Note that Black Jeans have been removed from the School Uniform Policy with the exception of Kindergarten.**

Pants/Shorts/Capri's Guidelines: (Some wording changes in this area)

- Shorts may be worn when temperatures reach 60 degrees F each day. Check www.weather.com
- Shorts, Capri's and Pants must all have a finished hem
- Shorts may not go below the knee and may not be more that 4" above the knee.
- Capri's may be worn when temperatures reach 60 degrees F each day. Check www.weather.com.
- May include any waistband and must be worn at the waist- No low ride waist lines
- No oversized Cargo-style pants
- Pants must be nice fitting (not overly baggy)

Skirts/Jumpers/Shorts:

Skirts/Skorts _____ Solid Colors: Navy Blue, Tan, or Designated Plaid

Jumper _____ Solid Colors: Navy Blue, Tan, or Designated Plaid

*Girls can wear shorts under their skirts as long as the shorts do not show.

Skirts- Guideline:

- Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers must be worn no more than 4" above the knee

Shoes/Socks:

Socks/Leggings/Tights _____ Any Color

Socks must be worn with all shoes or sandals

Tennis Shoes are a requirement for gym class

Fitting:

All clothing must be appropriately sized for the students

No over-sized or under-sized clothing will be allowed

School Day Dress:

All students must follow the dress code guidelines until the end of the school day.

FORMAL UNIFORM DAY:

*A Formal Uniform Day will be used for Mass days and designated formal Field trips

Guidelines:

- Shirts tucked in (for Mass or the special event). Upon return to the school, shirts may be un-tucked as for a normal school day.
- Sweatshirts: No hooded sweatshirts
- Tights/Leggings must be solid red, white, or navy blue

Uniforms Available at the Following Stores and Websites:

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| 1. JC Penney's
Fargo Store
www.jcpenney.com/schooluniforms | 6. The Gap
Fargo Store
www.gapkids.com
www.gap.com |
| 2. Kohl's
Fargo Store
www.kohls.com | 7. French Toast Uniform Superstore
www.frenchtoast.com |
| 3. Target
Fargo and Moorhead Stores
www.target.com | 8. Wal-Mart
Fargo and Moorhead Stores
www.walmart.com |