



SAINTS PETER & PAUL DRESS CODE:

In an effort to convey the image of a Catholic School and to enhance the individual self-respect of our students, we have established a dress code. ***School attire should always be within the limits of Christian good taste with an emphasis on modesty.*** As parents and educators, we have a responsibility to teach our students these boundaries. We ask that parents/guardians insist that their children take pride in their appearance. Since parents are the primary educators of their children, it is their responsibility to have them adhere to the dress code.

All Saints Peter and Paul School children must wear a school uniform. The uniform description and purchasing information (Schoolbelles) are given to each family and are available in the school office throughout the school year. The Schoolbelles code for SSPP is **S1662**.

Students who choose not to follow our dress code will be given two warning slips (for parents to sign) per report card period. The third warning slip will result in a demerit form given to the student. Warnings will be given for the following:

- Shirts not tucked in;
- No belt;
- Shoes that are not part of the expected dress code;
- Skirts too short;
- Other.

The following dress code will be enforced:

- Shirts (red/navy polo) and plaid skirts/jumpers are to be purchased from Schoolbelles;
- White polo shirts may be purchased at any store and do not need the required school logo;
- White button-down shirts of any brand may be worn;
- Slacks (pants) must be navy or khaki and of the "school style" with no 'painter style' pockets;
- Skirts must not be rolled to raise the length level above the knee;
- Slacks (pants) must be worn at the waist;
- Shirts are to be tucked in at all times with the exception of the polo with the band at the bottom;
- Belts are to be worn with slacks (pants) by (both girls and boys) at all times.

Skirts

Girls today are very active, thus their attire should model the fact that when they are stretching, sitting on the floor, at recess, etc., their skirts should not reveal anything that is considered inappropriate! Skirt length **MUST** be modest. We expect the length of the skirt to be SLIGHTLY above the top of the knee. We do not want short skirts so that there is discussion among the boys!! Here is a rule of thumb:



When a young lady is sitting down correctly in a chair, her skirt should be at her knees or slightly above the knee...thus not worrying about the showing of underclothes (even though most girls seem to wear shorts or garments under their skirts).

The picture at the left is to simulate the modesty of the skirt length when sitting





These skirts are too short and are not permitted to be worn at Saints Peter & Paul. Pants can and will be considered as the only attire that can be worn by girls if this becomes an on-going problem.

- We are permitting girls to wear skorts as part of their uniform (a skort looks like a skirt but has a divider that makes the skirt a 'skort', which looks like dressy shorts). Skorts are practical, comfortable, and modest for today's active girls! Skorts may be navy or khaki, the same color as our school pants (slacks). Same rule applies for the length, slightly above the knee.

Gym Uniforms/shoes

- Gym clothes are to be purchased from Schoolbelles;
- If a student chooses to wear sweats or hoodies on gym day, they must be SSPP sweats or hoodies (purchased from Schoolbelles or a SSPP team hoodie) or **solid** black, red or gray colors only (no promotional signs, letters, words, etc.);
- Students must have tennis shoes for gym class. Street shoes are not permitted in the gym;
- Students are permitted to wear their gym uniform on gym day.

Shoes/Socks

- Shoes are to be **low-cut**, solid color black, navy, or brown;
- Boots, uggs, etc., are only allowed to be worn between December 1st and March 15th;
- Girls' shoe's heels should be less than 2 inches high;
- **Clogs, sandals, open-toed shoes and flip-flops are never permitted;**
- **Shoes with eyelets are to have shoelaces tied at all times.**

Boys may wear a Tennis shoe but **MUST** be all black, no different color soles



Girls may wear the Tennis shoe style below but **MUST** be all white, no different color soles



Please use good judgment on shoes and not allow your child to dictate the choice

- Socks are to be worn with shoes at **all times**, including worn with tennis shoes. Socks are to be the appropriate color that meets the dress code standard.

Shorts

- Shorts are allowed from opening of school until November 15th and again from March 15th to the end of the school year;
- Shorts are to be the school style and can be purchased at Schoolbelles or other store that sells the “school” style clothing. The length of shorts is to be just above the knee for both girls and boys.

Jewelry/Accessories

- Student jewelry is to be worn modestly and consistent with Christian values;
- Girls may wear small ear studs or small hoop pierced earrings. Dangling earrings, necklaces and other decorative jewelry are not to be worn;
- Religious crosses/medals on light chains are acceptable;
- Students in grades K-5 are not to wear makeup;
- Students in grades 6-8 may wear light makeup (including eye-liner/mascara);
- No pierced body area is to be exposed;
- No tattoos are to be exposed;
- Excessive jewelry is not permitted;
- Boys in 7th & 8th grade **only** may wear a studded earring, **in one ear only**.

FADS:

A fad is a practice or interest followed for a time with exaggerated zeal – a craze. Fads are **not permitted** at SSPP, especially the following:

- Exaggerated haircuts, styles and colors (shaved heads, Mohawks, design cuts into the hair, etc.);
- Exaggerated use of jewelry and accessories including the size of medals;
- Exaggerated styles of clothing oversized or tight;
- Skin tight leggings, yoga pants or any spandex style pants are never to be worn by girls.



HAIRSTYLES

- Hair should be neat and clean and kept out of the face by both genders;
- Boys are not permitted to wear tails of any length, Mohawks, designed cuts into the hair or any other fad style;
- Boys' hair length should not hang below the top of the collared shirt;
- Hair must not impede the face/eyes;
- Hair color must be natural. Exotic colors and/or styles are not permitted.

Deciding if a hairstyle is appropriate is up to the discretion of the administration

SWEATERS, VESTS, SWEATSHIRTS

During the colder months, students may wear sweaters, vests, and sweatshirts. Schoolbelles does offer the above with our school logo. We will also allow for sweaters, vests, and sweatshirts without the school logo to be worn but must follow the expectations below:

- Red, navy, white in solid color only;
- No designer names written on clothing;
- V-neck, crew-neck, button-down, or zipper.

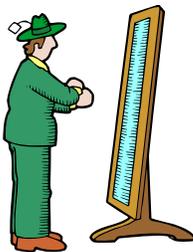
If your child chooses to go against the stated policies of the dress code, the following steps will be taken:

- Student will be required to remove inappropriate article;
- Parents will be called to bring the appropriate articles to school;
- The student will be given items from the used clothing bins.

The dress code has been established based on the following guidelines:

- School attire should always be within the limits of Christian good taste with an emphasis on modesty;
- Students should take pride in their appearance;
- Safety precautions;
- Consistency and fairness to all students;
- Protection from losing any valuable articles brought into school.

The faculty and administration appreciate your cooperation in supporting us to follow the guidelines we have established. It is extremely important that we work as a team and be the positive role models that our children need today.



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Parents, please assist us in making sure that your child/children are following our school dress code. Do not assume anything. If you are not sure, it is always best to check with the office or email the principal. This will limit needless demerits and a possible heated discussion!

Please do not allow your child to make a drastic change (against school policy) in his/her appearance during the last few days of school. This only creates chaos and will not be tolerated. Please use your best judgment!

If your child out-grows his/her school uniforms or gym clothes, please consider donating them to our used clothes stock, located at the back end of the school cafeteria. These clothes are free for the taking at all times during the year.

Thank you