

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL - Uniform Dress Code Policy

Only Educational Apparel and French Toast uniforms are approved

It is the policy of St. Michael School that all students in Grades K-8 wear uniforms (optional for Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness students, **but NO BLUE JEANS**). Uniforms allow students to focus their attention on the educational and spiritual aspects of school, by lessening the competition in clothing styles, the distraction of inappropriate clothes in the classroom, and the concern for safety.

A chart listing clothing suppliers and specific clothing options is available from the school office. Clothes must be fitted properly, not sagging, oversized or too tight.

*****It is recommended that all students have either a green or white polo shirt with the school's crest embroidered on it.*****
School crest embroidery is available through Educational Apparel, Jaqua's and House of Awards.

- Sweatshirts: Only embroidered St. Michael sweatshirts (ASH GRAY or GREEN fleece) may be worn. No hoodies allowed.
- Lengths: Skirts must be no more than 2" above the knee as measured from a kneeling position. A similar length must be maintained on jumpers, shorts and skorts.
- Rolling: Skirts/Skorts/Shorts, etc. may not be rolled at the waist line to shorten the length of clothing.
- Shirts/Tops: No exterior labels/logos on the outside of shirts/tops/pants, except for St. Michael crest. **Shirts/tops must be tucked in at all times.** Button-down collars must remain buttoned. Sleeves should be buttoned (not flopping open). Only approved long-sleeved shirts may be worn under short-sleeved shirts. **UNDERGARMENTS MUST BE PLAIN WHITE-- NO WORDS OR GRAPHICS!**
- Shorts: May be worn year-round; however, students **will not be permitted** to remain indoors during recess due to lack of appropriate clothing.
- Girls: Jumpers K-6 only; Skirts 6-8 only.
- Shoes: Shoes must be clean and in good condition. Laces must be tied at all times. Tennis shoes are permitted; dress shoes recommended for Mass Day. No lighted shoes. No platform shoes of any kind. Dress shoes must have no higher than a 1½" heel. All shoes must have an enclosed heel or ankle strap. **NO FLIP FLOPS. NO BOOTS OF ANY KIND MAY BE WORN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.**
- Socks/Hosiery: Must be worn at all times. Socks/tights must be PLAIN navy blue, black, brown, khaki or white. Girls may wear hose. No visible logos on socks.
- Head Coverings: Hats, scarves, etc. are NOT permitted in class. **Headbands may be no wider than 1.5 inches.**
- Hair: Boys must be clean-shaven; boys' hair must not reach below bottom of collar and bangs for both boys and girls must not fall below the top of the eyebrows. Side burns not to reach below ear lobe. No fad-type haircuts or questionable/unusual coloring. Hair must be neat and clean.
- Belts: If worn, belts must be PLAIN black, brown, khaki or navy blue.
- Make-Up: Modest make-up is permitted in 7th and 8th grade only; no glitter. Nail polish must be clear or pale flesh tones; no glitter.
- Earrings: Ear piercing only. Only posts or small closed hoops are permitted. **NO DANGLING EARRINGS!**
- Exemptions: The classroom teacher or principal may determine necessary dress for out of school functions or special occasions. Uniforms for scouting are exempt from code on appropriate meeting days.
- Tattoos: Tattoos may not be visible during school or school activities.

TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED TO ENFORCE THE STUDENT DRESS CODE AT ALL TIMES THROUGH REASONABLE OBSERVATION OF ALL STUDENTS.

- Out-of-uniform days: **Dress-down days will not be scheduled on Mass Days or days when special occasions require uniforms or "church clothes".** When out-of-uniform days are scheduled, dress must be modest and appropriate for our Christian environment. Dress/Church clothes are appropriate and welcome. Guidelines to be followed on out-of uniform days:
- No hooded sweatshirts.
 - Shoulders must be covered. No tank tops or spaghetti straps.
 - Shorts/Skirts **MUST** be of modest length. **No shorter than 3 inches above the knee cap.**
 - NO FLIP FLOPS.**

VIOLATIONS: ***The principal has final say on any questionable items of clothing.*** If a student is dressed inappropriately, not abiding by the above regulations, the teacher will have the child sent to the office and parents will be called. The child will return to class when proper clothing is brought to school.

