



DRESS STANDARD 2017-2018

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APPEARANCE

At St. John, we believe that good grooming and a neat appearance are essential parts of the total person. Surveys show that most people make snap judgments and draw conclusions about the individual from his or her physical appearance. As Christians, we want these judgments and conclusions to be favorable so that we may spread the Gospel more effectively. Keeping this in mind, it is our goal at St. John for the students to appear neat, clean, well groomed, and tastefully dressed, as well as to withhold judgment on what other students are wearing.

Health considerations mandate that proper outdoor attire (jackets, boots, hats, and mittens or gloves) be worn when the weather indicates. The students are expected to follow the faculty's decisions in this area. Outdoor attire mentioned above may not be worn indoors.

Students attending after-school and school-sponsored functions should conform to the sanctioned dress standards below unless the teacher has given special considerations for those functions. This includes students who stay for athletic events.

SANCTIONED DRESS STANDARDS

Primary Vendors for St. John dress code items:

Kid's Choice Apparel

1424 N. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307
248-651-KIDS (5437) | www.kidschoiceapparel.com

Dennis Uniform Co.

1532 N. Opdyke, Suite 450, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
248-340-8890 | www.dennisuniform.com (school code: H3J)

French Toast

www.frenchtoast.com (school code: QS44Y9M)

Land's End, Inc.

1-800-469-2222 | www.landsend.com/school (school code:9001-2208-6)

Girls - K to 5th Grade

Jumpers	Plaid jumper with v-neck bib and knife pleat or box pleat skirt. (Belair plaid)
Skort	Belair plaid (available through Dennis Uniforms and Kid's Choice.)
Shirts/ Blouses	Plain long or short sleeved white peter pan or oxfords.

Knits	Plain long or short sleeved polo-style shirt with collar in white, light blue, gold, or red. Available in jersey or pique fabric. Turtlenecks are also available in white, light blue, or red.
Pants	Navy blue sanctioned twill/corduroy. Khaki pants are only for grades 6-8.
Socks	Navy, black, Belair plaid, or white knee socks, tights, or triple rolls, crew, and no-show footies.
Sweaters/Vests	Navy blue, dark green, white, or red sweaters and vest. (crew neck, v-neck, cardigan style)
Shoes/ Belts	Navy, black, maroon, or brown; any type of shoes on Friday. (shoes at Kid's Choice are approved styles).

Girls- Grades 6-8

Skirt	Plaid knife pleat, box pleat, hip-stitch, or kilt-style skirt. (Belair plaid)
Skort	Belair plaid (currently available only through Dennis Uniforms and Kids' Choice)
Shirts/ Blouses	Plain long or short sleeved white or light blue oxfords.
Knits	Plain long or short sleeved polo-style shirt with collar in white, light blue, gold, red, or navy. Available in jersey or pique fabric. Turtlenecks are also available in white, light blue, red, or navy.
Pants	Navy blue or Khaki sanctioned twill or corduroy.
Socks	Navy, black, plaid, or white knee socks, tights, crew socks, no-show footies, or triple rolls.
Sweaters/Vests	Navy blue, white, dark green, or red sweaters and vest. (crew neck, v-neck, cardigan style) Navy hip length vest.
Shoes/ Belts	Navy, black, maroon, or brown Students may wear any type of shoes on Fridays. Note: Shoes at Kids' Choice are approved.

Boys- Grades K-5

Shirts	Plain long or short sleeved white oxfords
Knits	Plain long or short sleeved polo-style shirt with collar in white, light blue, gold, or red. Available in jersey or pique fabric. Turtlenecks are also available in white, light blue, or red.
Pants	Navy blue sanctioned twill or corduroy.
Socks	Navy, black, or white crew socks, crew, and no-show footies.
Sweaters/Vests	Navy blue, dark green or red sweaters and vest. (crew neck, v-neck, cardigan style)
Shoes/ Belts	Black, maroon, brown, or navy. Students may wear any type of shoes on Fridays. Note: Shoes at Kids' Choice are approved.

Boys- Grades 6-8

Shirts	Plain long or short sleeved white or light blue oxfords.
Knits	Plain long or short sleeved polo-style shirt with collar in white, light blue, gold, red, or navy. Available in jersey or pique fabric. Turtlenecks are also available in white, light blue, red, or navy.

Pants	Navy blue or Khaki sanctioned twill or corduroy.
Socks	Navy, black or white crew socks
Sweaters/Vests	Navy blue, dark green, or red sweaters and vest. (crew neck, v-neck, cardigan style)
Shoes/ Belts	Black, maroon, brown, or navy. Students may wear any type of shoes on Fridays. Note: Shoes at Kids' Choice are approved.

SEASONAL CLOTHING – BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND OCTOBER 31 (NOTE EXTENDED SEASON)

- All students (gr. K-8) - Navy blue sanctioned shorts.
- Grades 6-8 - Khaki sanctioned shorts

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Appropriate school shoes include loafers, docksiders, oxfords, saddle shoes (these shoes may include a rubber sole), as well as solid black or solid white athletic shoes. This does not include sandals, clogs, open-heel or open-toe shoes. It does not include indoor boots of any kind. Shoes should be neat and clean. Only use shoelaces which come with the shoes, do not change out the shoelaces.
- All clothing must be kept neat and clean, and must be of appropriate length and size. Appropriate length of jumpers/skirts is touching the top of the knee in standing position.
- Blouses and shirts must be tucked into slacks, pants, or skirts.
- Logos and insignias on any clothing items (i.e. – socks, belts, etc.) are not permitted. The exception to this might be shoes, as some manufacturers emboss their logo or name discreetly on the shoe. The school logo or athletic logo on sanctioned items is also included.
- Belts must be worn with pants and shorts that have belt loops.
- T- shirts may be worn under shirts, but must be plain white in color.
- Sanctioned pants are classic, uniform-style pants. They may not be cargo, painter, zipped, striped, leg-pocketed, or flare pants.
- Casual Shoe Friday: on Fridays regardless of casual dress or not, students may wear whatever closed shoe they desire.

SOCK COLORS: Solid navy, black, or white socks may be worn with any dress code outfit.

MAKE-UP: Make-up (eye shadow, eye liner, blush, etc.) and all colored nail polish are not allowed. Chapsticks are to be colorless only.

HAIR: It is important that student hairstyles support the overall dress code of our school and do not provide a distraction for others or impede learning. Hair should be kept neat and clean. Hairstyles for all students should leave the hair well out of the eyes. The general rule of thumb is that eyebrows should be fully visible. Hair length for boys must remain above the top of a dress shirt collar. A natural hair color should be maintained. Hairstyles should be generally conservative (i.e. – no “bedhead look”, excessive spiking, mohawks, carvings, shavings, etc.). Facial hair is also not allowed. Parents are asked to observe these guidelines for their children without waiting for school staff to say it is time for a haircut. However, once a teacher has given notification that a haircut is needed, compliance must take place within 5 school days.

JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES: Jewelry must be safe and appropriate for a Christian school. Girls may wear post earrings no larger than a dime. For safety reasons, no dangle or hoop earrings of any size are allowed. Only one earring per ear is permitted. It must be in the earlobe. Boys may not wear earrings. Body piercing and tattoos (including temporary type) are not permitted.

FIELD TRIPS: Regular dress code clothing will often be required on school-sponsored field trips. However, it is up to the teacher and administration's discretion to permit alternate dress depending on the nature of the trip. An example of a non-dress-code event would be a trip to Upland Hills Farms. A trip to the State Capitol in Lansing would be an example of a dress code trip.

CARE ROOM: Students will remain in sanctioned dress when attending care room before or after school. However, they may change shoes before playing outside if they wish.

AFTER SCHOOL AND EVENING EVENTS: For after school events (without going home) students are required to remain in their sanctioned school dress. For an evening event students will usually be permitted to wear non-sanctioned clothing. However, the administration and teaching staff are authorized to require sanctioned dress for an evening event depending on the nature of the event.

SCOUTS: Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls may wear full scout uniforms on scout meeting or scout activity days.

MISCELLANEOUS: Hats are to be worn outside only. Jackets are to be worn outside only.

CASUAL DRESS AND CASUAL FOR A CAUSE DRESS DAYS:

Standards will be the same for both Casual and Casual for a Cause Dress Days during the school year. Families may choose their children's full clothing for that day. Clothing should be tasteful and appropriate for school. Belts do need to be worn in any slacks or shorts that have belt loops. Students are not to wear questionable sayings, graphics or logos, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, short skirts, overly short shorts, overly baggy clothing, yoga pants, sweatpants or spandex. No bare skin around the waist and lower back is to show, including when the student sits down or raises arms up high. Athletic shoes or sandals with heel straps are optional shoe choices. No flip flop type sandals or flip flops are allowed. A schedule is provided for families in advance of scheduled casual days.