

STUDENT DRESS CODE – 2010-2011

General Description

The St. John Fisher School uniform is bright, attractive and practical, as well as economically advantageous to the parents. All uniform components may be purchased at Dennis Uniform Company or at local stores, with the exception of the school sweatshirt, fleece vest and 8th grade fleece pullover. Order forms for these items will be made available in late spring and at various times throughout the school year for parents to order the bright red SJF sweatshirts (required) and navy blue vests (optional), both with the St. John Fisher School logo.

In the interest of building a sense of belonging, school unity and personal pride, the school uniform will be mandatory for all students on all days of the school year with the exception of those days specified in the section entitled **Free Dress Policy** below. Initial disregard of the uniform policy will result in a referral; repeated disregard will lead to detention, suspension and/or a parent-school conference. If a student is ever in doubt about what to wear to school on a particular day, he or she should ask the classroom teacher or call the office in advance.

General Guidelines (applicable for uniform and free dress)

- All uniform items must be clean, in good repair and appropriately sized. No ripped clothing is allowed.
- Uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- No cargo or Capri style pants or shorts are allowed with uniform.
- No logos, except the St. John Fisher school logo, will be allowed on any uniform clothing item. We recommend getting uniform tops and/or bottoms through E-print (order form distributed annually), Dennis uniform or through Lands End (purchased at Sears stores) to ensure logo-free uniform items.
- Uniforms will be required beginning the second day of school (September 8th).
- Non-SJF sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts or vests are not allowed to be worn during the school day on a uniform day; examples include those items with other school names, brand name references, sports logos, etc.
- Make-up is not allowed.
- Hair must be of natural hair color and appropriate in appearance.
- Students in all grades with pierced ears may wear earrings with posts only. Earrings that hang below the earlobe are not allowed.
- Eighth grade students only will be allowed to wear the navy blue ¼ zip fleece pullover with the school logo.

Girls Uniform

Girls at all grade levels, K-8, may wear dark navy blue cords or twill pants, navy blue twill walking shorts, navy blue twill “skorts” (purchased at Dennis Uniform) or a jumper or skirt as indicated by grade level:

Gr. K-8	⇒	Woodland Plaid “Skorts”
Gr. K-4	⇒	Woodland Plaid Jumper
Gr. 5-8	⇒	Woodland Plaid Skirt

Shorts must be dark navy blue twill, with a zipper and of "walking shorts" length (no higher than three inches above the knee). Shorts or "skorts" may be worn throughout the school year as part of the girls' uniform.

All girls must wear an all white, knit or cotton shirt or short-sleeved blouse with either a sport collar or a Peter Pan collar. White turtlenecks are also an option. Shirts must be tucked in at all times whenever inside the school or parish buildings so shirts should have shirt tails long enough to stay easily "tucked in" as the year unfolds. Socks, knee-hi's or tights must be white.

Boys Uniform

Boys at all grade levels, K-8, must wear navy blue cords or twill pants and an all white, knit or cotton shirt or short-sleeved shirt with either a sport collar or a dress collar. White turtlenecks are also an option. Shirts must be tucked in at all times whenever inside the school or parish buildings. Socks must be white. Shorts must be navy blue twill, with a zipper, and of "walking shorts" length. No athletic shorts are allowed. Shorts may be worn throughout the school year as part of the boys' uniform.

Free Dress Policy

"Free Dress" Days include:

- First Friday of Each Month
- First Day of School
- School Picture Day
- Specified School Events (such as Jogathon, Field Day)
- Specified Field Trips
 - Clothing appropriate to the field trip excursion will be noted on the permission slip and/or by the teacher.

On "Free Dress" Days, student dress may be casual but appropriate for school wear. All clothing must be clean, presentable, modest and without inappropriate slogans or pictures (e.g., non-Christian in nature, or promoting drug/alcohol, sexual connotations, "put down" phrases, etc.). Jeans and shorts, without holes or writing, are allowed, but must be worn fitted at the waist, as opposed to "baggy" and oversized. Absolutely no sweat pants, athletic shorts or cut-offs of any type are permitted.

Shorts, "skorts" or skirts/dresses must be of "walking shorts" length (no higher than three inches above the knee). There are no tank tops allowed for boys or girls and no "spaghetti strap" blouses or dresses for girls. For hygienic reasons, socks or tights must be worn at all times. Shoes must fully cover the toes and heel.

On "Special Dress" Days, student dress should be more "dressy" than casual. No jeans, shorts, sweats or t-shirts are permitted. (Note: A non-uniform Mass day is always a "special dress" day.)

P.E. Clothes

There is no specified P.E. uniform. The students are expected to wear shorts, a shirt other than the one they use in class that day (free of inappropriate slogans or pictures) and gym shoes that will not scuff the floor. Children in grades K-3 will not change clothes, but the girls are expected to wear “skorts” or shorts underneath their jumpers. ***All students in grades K-8 are required to wear tennis shoes that will not leave a scuff on the gym floor.*** For further clarification, please consult the P.E. teacher.