



## DRESS CODE

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### **I. Rationale**

A central aim of Catholic teachings is to help students understand that a person's worth is defined by the qualities they possess as individuals, not by their material possessions. While clothing choice can reflect feelings and attitudes and affect actions and behavior, it does not define the real value of a person. To that end, students attending St. Patrick Catholic School are required to dress in accordance with the St. Patrick Catholic School Dress Code that:

- Supports student equality, health, safety, and individual dignity based on character rather than appearance
- Maintains a Christ-like atmosphere and proper academic tone
- Reduces social pressure and superficial competitiveness among students
- Provides cost effective and durable clothing for our school environment

### **II. Dress Code Details**

Parents/guardians are responsible to ensure students dress meets dress code requirements

- A. **Tops**: Solid colors: white, navy, dark green, pastel blue, pastel yellow, and gray, no logos other than the official St. Patrick School logos
1. **Shirts** – Collared shirts, tucked in, may be long or short-sleeved, not sleeveless
  2. **Sweaters** - Crew neck, v-neck, cardigan and sweater vests, with no hoods, in the aforementioned solid colors with collared shirt.
  3. **Undershirts** – Undershirts, in the aforementioned solid colors, may be worn underneath the school-approved collared shirts

4. Charger Gear - Crew-neck St. Patrick or Charger sweatshirts worn any day with the approved solid-color *collared* shirt underneath. Quarter zip dri-fit Charger shirts worn any day with the approved solid-colored shirt underneath. All other Charger gear may only be worn Charger Fridays as outlined in **Special Occasion**.
5. St. Patrick School T-shirts- Official school t-shirts, typically ordered every other year and provided to the students, worn only on Fridays or for special events as outlined in **Special Occasion**.

**B. Bottoms:**

1. Dress Pants/Walking Shorts – Solid colors of khaki, gray, navy or black with the following restrictions:
  - a. Pants and shorts must not fit too-tightly and shall be size-appropriate
  - b. No outside pockets on the leg, i.e. “cargo” style
  - c. No leggings, jeggings or yoga pants worn as pants
  - d. No elastic-gathered legs
  - e. Walking shorts worn only from April 1-October 31 and must be no more than 3 inches from the middle of the knee
2. Skirts, Skorts and Jumpers (Girls only) – May be worn in solid navy, khaki, or the Christopher plaid (Christopher plaid available only from Dennis Uniform):
  - a) Skirts, skorts and jumpers must not be more than 3 inches above the middle of the knee
  - b) Shirt-dresses or polo-style dresses may not be worn
  - c) Solid-colored bloomers or bike shorts in the aforementioned colors, must be worn under skirts and jumpers when tights or leggings are not worn
  - d) Leggings and tights worn only under skirts, skorts and jumpers, and must be at least ankle-length or longer
  - e) Leggings or tights must be worn under skirts, skorts and jumpers from November 1 through March 31

**C. Accessories:**

1. Belts – To be worn if belt loops are present for all students in the third grade and above
2. Socks/tights/leggings – May be worn in the **solid** colors of white, navy, black, gray, dark green or khaki
3. Shoes – Only tennis shoes and dress shoes with a closed-back and closed-toe allowed. Boots for wet or snowy weather may be worn to school with a change of shoes. Tennis shoes must be worn during physical education class. The following types of footwear **are not** allowed during school hours:
  - a) Boots including fashion boots or “Ugg-style” boots
  - b) Sandals
  - c) Flip flops
  - d) Crocs or “croc-style” shoes
  - e) High-heeled shoes
  - f) Moccasin or slipper-style shoes
4. Jewelry – Students may wear simple jewelry. When items appear in excess, tend toward distraction, or exhibit anti-Christian values, the student will be directed to remove the item.
5. Cosmetics – Any cosmetics or hairstyles should be tasteful and non-distracting. Students will be asked to change anything that is deemed inappropriate for school.

**C. Special Occasion Attire:**

Special occasion attire includes every Friday, field trips or special occasions determined by administrator

1. Official St. Patrick t-shirt worn with uniform bottoms
2. Charger Day, which occurs on the final Friday of every month, permits students to wear all other Charger tops, including Columbus Catholic Sailor tops
3. Regular school uniform bottoms must be worn on Charger Days
4. Students who choose not to participate in special occasion attire shall dress per regular dress code requirements

**E. Consequences for Violation of Dress Code:**

1. First Offense: Faculty or administrator will send a note home with the student, which outlines the violation of the dress code. The note shall be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to school the following day. If the violation is severe, the student will be asked to change immediately.
2. Second Offense: Student will be required to immediately contact their parent/guardian to bring the proper attire for the student to be in accordance with the dress code. A meeting with the parent or guardian may be scheduled when a third offense of the dress code occurs.
3. Repeated or continued violations of the dress code may result in a student's "Special Occasion" or Charger Day privileges taken away.

The administrator has the final word regarding the acceptability of a student's appearance. Attire deemed to be inappropriate or distracting by the administrator is in violation of the dress code.