

DRESS CODE 2016-2017

This code has been formulated through communication with parents, teachers, administration and the St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School Advisory Council. We believe students should use the Life Skill of responsibility and take pride in himself/herself in the school and to always dress using common sense within the dress code without being reminded to do so.

We expect that parents will offer the first and best counsel to their sons and daughters in this matter and recognize that the student shares in this responsibility. It is the joint responsibility of the classroom teacher and the school administration, along with the full cooperation of the parents to enforce this dress code. Furthermore, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns is committed to educating students to understand that self-expression is best illustrated by the quality of one's character that can be revealed through behavior and attitudes. We are aware of the impact that student attire has on these attitudes and behavior and believe that higher standards of dress results in better behavior. Our desire is to foster a respectful environment where individuals are appreciated for themselves, not for their apparent social, economic or peer group status. The use of discretion is often necessary. The ultimate interpretation and enforcement of the dress code must rest with the school administration.

PLEASE NOTE: A dress code violation equals 1 check for grades 3-8. Two checks in one week for being out of dress code will receive 1 demerit.

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School has contracted with Schoolbelles for their jumpers, skorts, and skirts. Please Note: Previously purchased jumpers and skirts purchased from Educational Outfitters will be allowed until unwearable under the discretion of the school office. All uniforms or alternate wear must be neat and clean.

GIRLS Grades K-3 Uniform Guidelines

During the months August, September, May and June the following options may be worn:

- Plaid Jumper from Schoolbelles (with dress code approved shirt)
- Previously purchased Educational Outfitters' plaid jumper (with dress code approved shirt)
- Schoolbelles plaid, navy or tan skort (with dress code approved shirt)
- Navy or tan school shorts (with dress code approved shirt)
- Navy or school tan pants (with dress code approved shirt)

During the months October thru April the following options may be worn:

- Plaid Jumper from Schoolbelles (with dress code approved shirt)
- Previously purchased Educational Outfitters' plaid jumper (with dress code approved shirt)
- Navy or tan school pants (with dress code approved shirt)

GIRLS Grades 4-8 Uniform Guidelines

During the months August, September, May and June the following options may be worn:

- Schoolbelles plaid, navy or tan skort (with dress code approved shirt)
- Previously purchased Educational Outfitters' skirts or skorts (with dress code approved shirt)
- Navy or tan school shorts (with dress code approved shirt)
- Navy or tan school pants (with dress code approved shirt)

During the months October thru April the following options may be worn:

- Schoolbelles plaid, navy or tan skort (with dress code approved shirt)
- Previously purchased Educational Outfitters' skirts or skorts (with dress code approved shirt)
- Navy or tan school pants (with dress code approved shirt)

Grades K-8 BOYS

During the months August, September, May and June the following options may be worn:

- Navy or tan school shorts with dress code approved shirt (see shirt and pant criteria)
- Navy or tan school pants with dress code approved shirt (see shirt and pant criteria)

During the months October thru April the following may be worn:

- Navy or tan school pants with dress code approved shirt (see shirt and pant criteria)

NEW FOR 2016-2017: Middle School students will all receive one hunter green logo short sleeve polo shirt as a gift from the school at the beginning of the school year. Then every year after, the sixth grade and new students in seventh and eighth grade will receive this shirt. The logo shirt is not required as of yet; it is encouraged.

SHIRTS/BLOUSES: White, hunter green or pale yellow logo polo shirts may be special ordered from Schoolbelles. White, hunter green or pale yellow polo shirts may also be purchased without logos from Schoolbelles or any other store. Students may also wear a blouse, a dress shirt with a collar or a turtleneck. No store/company logos are permitted and dress shirts may only have one pocket. Shirts/blouses must be buttoned (only top button may be unbuttoned) and tucked in. Banded Polos do not need to be tucked in. If not banded, shirts must be tucked into pant or skirt at all times. Shirts may be short or long sleeve. Short sleeves are to fall no longer than two inches above the elbow. T-shirts may not be worn. Undershirts, if worn, must be white with no writing on them and may not hang out beyond the sleeve or hem. No long sleeve shirts are permitted to be worn under short sleeved shirts.

JUMPERS: Girls in Grades K-3 wear a plaid jumper from Schoolbelles. Jumpers should be at the top of the kneecap or no shorter than 2" above the kneecap. If a student wears any type of pant to school under their jumper, they are to be removed once they enter the classroom. Jumpers must be worn during the months of October through April.

SKIRTS/SKORTS: Girls in Grades 4-8 will wear a plaid, navy, or tan skort from Schoolbelles. Skirt/Skort length should be at the top of the kneecap but no more than 2" above the knee. Skirts/Skort are not allowed to be rolled at the waist. All previous skirts from Educational Outfitters will be allowed until unwearable under the discretion of the school office.

SHORTS/SKORTS: Navy blue or khaki (tan) walking shorts or skorts are permitted for all students in August, September, May and June. Walking shorts or skorts are to be no shorter than 2" above the kneecap in length. Shorts/skort may not have emblems or cargo pockets. Athletic shorts may not be worn. Leggings or spandex are not to be worn underneath shorts. Shorts/skort are to be no more than one inch larger than the waist and are not allowed to "sag". Shorts/skort purchased for these months of the year may be purchased through Schoolbelles, but are not required to be from Schoolbelles. In the months of October through April only Grades 4-8 girls may wear the Schoolbelles plaid, navy or tan skort.

PANTS: Pants are navy blue or khaki (tan), cotton blend or polyester. If not purchased from Schoolbelles, they need to look identical to those. Pants are to be no more than one inch larger in the waist and must be neat, clean and hemmed no longer than one inch longer in the inseam than the actual fit. This means pants are not allowed to "sag". Ripped, ragged, torn or oversized pants may not be worn. Pants with many pockets, trendy, faded, or denim pants will not be allowed. No visible logos, other than Schoolbelles, labels, rivets or buttons on pockets or seams are permitted on the slacks.

SWEATERS: Red, navy blue, yellow, or hunter green cardigan, crew neck, v-neck sweaters or v-neck vests are permitted. Sweaters for all students can be purchased through Schoolbelles. If not purchased from Schoolbelles, they need to look identical to those. Sweaters and vests need to be plain with no cables or designs. Sweaters must be worn over uniform shirts/blouses. Ripped, ragged, torn or oversized sweaters may not be worn. Sweaters must fit properly (i.e. they may not hang loosely over the skirt or slacks.)

SWEATSHIRTS: St. Patrick of Heatherdowns logo blue sweatshirts are available from Schoolbelles and may be worn over appropriate shirt/blouse during the school day. Fleece may not be worn during the day, it is considered a jacket.

SHOES: Shoes, which enclose the entire foot, are to be worn. Athletic shoes are acceptable. Tie shoes are to be tied. Shoes deemed unsafe are not acceptable. No backless shoes, sandals, clogs, roller shoes, mules, slides or slippers are ever permitted to be worn. Boots are only permitted for outside wear, (i.e. snowboots, rainboots) and must be changed while indoors.

SOCKS: Solid white, dark green, yellow, black, or navy blue socks, knee-highs, anklets, or tights are permitted. Socks must be visible to the eye. Socks with the approved colors can also have small logos or ringers (thin bands at the top of the sock). The ringers have to be of one of the above accepted sock colors. Nylons are not permitted.

BELTS: Black, brown or tan belts (with no extra colors entwined) must be worn with slacks or shorts with belt loops. Slacks/shorts with belt loops are mandatory for boys and girls in grades 4-8. Belts are not mandatory for K-3rd grade. Belts must not loop or hang and may not have oversized buckles.

HAIR: Students must keep their hair neat, clean and of natural color. All styles must be above the eyebrows. Exaggerated styles or accessories, ornamental cuts, partly shaved heads or patterns shaved in the hair are not permitted. Boys' hair must be above the collar in length and may not exceed the bottom of the earlobe. Discretion of acceptable hairstyle, length and cut is left with administration.

HATS: No hats, caps or scarves of any kind are to be worn in the school buildings.

JEWELRY: Girls may wear one pierced earring of small size in each ear. Earrings are NOT to be worn by male students. Both boys and girls are permitted to wear a watch, one ring and one bracelet. A religious necklace may be worn but must remain tucked inside shirt/blouse at all times. Chains, pins, and badges are not to be worn.

MAKEUP: Students in Pre-K through Grade 5 may not wear make-up. Make-up may be used in moderation, if at all, in Grades 6, 7 & 8. No dark colored nail polish (blue, purple or black) is allowed.

TATOOS: Are not permissible.

OUTER WEAR: No coats, jackets or hooded sweatshirts of any kind may be worn in classrooms.

ALTERNATE DRESS or SPIRIT/LOGO WEAR DAYS

Occasionally throughout the school year students are awarded an alternate dress day. On such occasions, all clothing shall be within the guidelines of decency and good taste as appropriate for school. Spirit Wear is available for purchase 4 times per year. Students may also wear a St. Pat's sport team jerseys. On these days we are showing our St. Pat's pride and promoting St. Pat's. Students not having St. Pat's Spirit Wear may wear a SOLID green or yellow t-shirt (no logos). When students are permitted to wear jeans, they must be blue or black and may not have designs, cargo or multiple pockets, be ripped or frayed. During the months of August, September, May and June, (short/skort season) jean shorts may be worn, IF they are within 2" of the knee, have a tailored hem. On Alternate Dress days, shorts worn may have cargo pockets with the stipulation of dress material only. Pockets must be small and lay tight against the leg. Information will be given to students and/or parents as to whether it is a Spirit Day or an alternate dress day. On alternate dress days, students may choose their shirt. Shirts must be within the guidelines and of good taste. Overalls are not permitted.

DRESS-UP DAYS

The school may designate special Dress-Up Days for certain occasions. Students may also dress-up on their birthday. On these days, female students are permitted to wear slacks, dress shorts (only during those months permitted), skirts or dresses of appropriate length (no more than 2" above the kneecap), blouses or sweaters. All tops or dresses must cover the shoulders. Sandals are not permitted unless special permission has been granted. Male students are permitted to wear dress or "Dockers" style pants, dress shorts during those months permitted and must wear a collared shirt. Shorts may have cargo pockets with the stipulation of dress material only. Pockets must be small and lay tight against the leg. Jeans are not considered "dress-up" and are not allowed on Dress-Up Days.

AT NO TIME ARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PERMITTED

Offensive wording or pictures on any article of clothing, cut-off, oversized, ragged, "stressed" or torn clothing. Spandex, leggings, tank tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti, strapless, low-cut or revealing tops and dresses; pants or shorts with large baggy pockets, elastic waist "athletic" shorts or overalls. All clothing must conceal undergarments at all times. If a student does not have clothing that meet these guidelines, he/she is to wear his/her uniform clothing.

Note: Parents are NEVER REQUIRED to purchase special clothing for these days.

ATHLETIC JERSEYS

Students may wear their current St. Patrick of Heatherdowns athletic jersey/shirt with regular uniform pants/skirts on **Thursdays (new day)** during that sport season ONLY. i.e. baseball jersey/shirt during baseball season, basketball jersey/shirt during basketball season. Any jersey/shirt that does not have sleeves must have a sleeved white undershirt or their regular school shirt under the jersey/shirt. No other type of shirt may be worn under their jersey, i.e. Under Armor. No jersey/shirt other than a current SPH team jersey/shirt may be worn.

BOY/GIRL SCOUT UNIFORMS

On scout meeting days, the scout uniform may be worn in place of the school uniform.

GYM

All students must wear tennis shoes. Students in grades K-3 must wear shorts (students will continue to wear school uniform shirts). If a student wears school uniform shorts to school during August and September or May and June, they may wear them for gym class.

Students in Grades 4-8 must wear shorts and a T-shirt. T-shirts must have sleeves and may not have inappropriate logos or wording. Shorts will be of an appropriate length and not overly tight. If a student wears tights to school, she must take them off for class. Therefore, socks will be needed. If a special dress code day is awarded, students must still change to appropriate clothes for gym class.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN DRESS CODE

Pre-Kindergarten students may follow the dress code or may wear good, play clothes. They may not wear ripped or torn clothing. All clothing must be neat and clean. Elastic waist pants are recommended especially the first few weeks of school. We recommend athletic shoes for safety; boots, sandals, backless shoes may not be worn at any time. If children have difficulty tying, shoes with Velcro fasteners may be a suggestion. Shorts may only be worn in August/September and May/June. All other regular dress code rules apply. It is important that all of your child's coats, gloves, boots, hats, and other property be labeled with the child's name.