

Purpose:

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School's uniform is to help our students grow intellectually in habits of ordered, logical thinking. School uniforms also have a corollary effect in social growth as well, in that uniforms can help students get to know each other for who they really are rather than just for the kind of clothes they wear. The school uniform also serves to unify the student body, becoming an outward sign of the common mission and purpose of SSPP Catholic. No dress code can possibly anticipate all situations; therefore, the administration will ultimately determine what is and what is not acceptable.

All students are expected to dress in uniform each day unless notice to the contrary is issued. These days are generally referred to as "Free dress days" or "Spirit days". Shirts must be tucked into pants, shorts, skirts or skorts. The following information provides specific details regarding the SSPP dress code policy.

Shirts:

- Solid color shirts with collar or turtleneck in white, light blue, or navy blue
- Shirts may be pull-over or button-up styles in short or long sleeves. Sleeveless shirts are not to be worn.
- Long sleeve shirts worn under short-sleeve shirts are to be of uniform color, white, light blue, or navy blue.
- Shirts are to be tucked in.
- Sweater or sweatshirt (in white, light blue or navy blue) may be worn over collared shirt or turtleneck.
- SSPP Crest Shirts/Sweatshirts: Solid color hunter green sweatshirts or shirts with collar, both with school-issued SSPP crest. Items must be purchased through school-approved vendor to match color and style. Contact the school to verify the items will be approved.
- No visible insignia allowed on any shirt, sweater or sweatshirt except for school name, logo or mascot.

Pants:

- Solid color pants or skirts in navy blue, black or khaki. No nylon, Spandex, denim or sweatpants.
- Knit material acceptable up to 3rd grade.
- If pants/skirts have belt loops, a belt must be worn (grades 4 - 8 only.)
- Skirts must fall to at least the tips of the student's finger tips with arms hanging at the side.
- All pants are to be worn at the waist and be neat in appearance.
- No logos or insignias allowed.

Shorts/Skorts:

- Solid color walk shorts/skorts in navy blue, black or khaki may be worn in lieu of long pants from April 1 -October 31.
- No nylon, Spandex, denim or sweatpants.
- Knit material acceptable up to 3rd grade. If shorts/skorts have belt loops, a belt must be worn (grades 4 - 8 only.)

- Shorts/skorts must fall to at least the tips of the student's finger tips with arms hanging at the side.
- All pants are to be worn at the natural waist and be neat in appearance. No logos or insignias allowed.

Socks/Leggings/Tights:

- Socks, leggings and tights with school dress code must be matching solid white, navy, or black (except socks that are below the ankle).
- Leggings and tights are only to be worn under a dress or skirt/skort.
- No logos or insignias allowed.

Shoes:

- Students must wear shoes at all times.
- Shoes with laces must be tied securely.
- No shoes with high heels, strapless sandals or flip-flops are permitted (safety requirements.)
- Students will not be allowed to wear light up shoes or shoes with wheels.

Outer Wear:

- These items are to be removed upon the start of the school day, unless the items are the school issued SSPP crest jackets/sweatshirts.
- Individual classroom teachers may permit these items if the temperature situation warrants.

Accessories:

- Students are not to wear sunglasses, hats or inappropriate headwear while in the school building.
- Headbands must be free of logos/brand markings.
- No jewelry is to be worn in visibly-pierced body locations. Modest (no hoop/dangling) earrings for girls will be allowed.
- Facial jewelry is not permitted.

Grooming and Hygiene:

- No makeup is to be worn except to cover blemishes.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Mustaches, beards, and sideburns are not permitted.
- For boys, hair is not to fall over the back collar, eyes, or ear lobes.
- For girls, hair is to be out of eyes.
- Hair dye must be of one of the natural colors.
- With regard to both boys' and girls' appearance, the principal and pastor shall be the judge of hair, neatness, extremes in appearance, and other aspects of grooming.

Free Dress Days: There will be days announced in advance on which the normal dress code does not apply. Students are permitted to wear clothing that does not conform to the dress code subject to the following:

- For those days when the dress code is not enforced, clothing is to be clean, neat, free of holes or tears, and appropriate for school.
- Normally, articles of clothing such as “pajama pants” and other items intended for sleepwear are not permitted for free dress days.
- Girls “leggings” must be appropriately covered with a long top that extends over the torso and over the thighs.
- Any writing or graphics on clothing is to be appropriate for a Catholic school (free from profanity, sexually suggestive language and images, other offensive language, etc.).
- Sleeveless shirts for boys, sleeveless blouses or dresses, tank tops, or spaghetti straps for girls are not permitted. Shorts are permitted prior to October 31 and after April 1.

The principal and/or pastor reserve the right to determine appropriateness of any item of dress not listed above.

Spirit Days:

There will be days announced in advance in which students will be allowed to wear Saints Peter and Paul spirit shirts. These include any t-shirt from a Saints Peter and Paul sponsored event such as BBQ, 5K, Field day, spirit club shirts. If a student doesn't have one of these shirts, they can choose to still participate in spirit day by wearing uniform or any solid white or green shirt.

- The school will include in the announcement if dress code pants are to be worn on this day or if non-dress code pants are acceptable.

8th Grade Graduation Attire:

Purpose: 8th grade graduation is an important moment in the lives of Saints Peter and Paul students, their families and the school. It marks a significant milestone and is worthy of special recognition and celebration. As a parish school, graduation is celebrated in the church with Mass as part of the larger church community. Appearance and dress for the event always needs to be in keeping with Christian values and reflective of the significance of the event and its location.

Guidelines:

- Robes selected by the school will be worn by graduating students and provided at a nominal fee.
- Attire under the robe is to be modest and reflective a positive example of good taste as well as avoiding extremes in appearance.
- Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, and/or tennis shoes are not to be worn for graduation Mass or for the reception following.
- For the young men, shirts are to have a collar.
- For the young ladies, slacks, blouses, skirts, pantsuits, dresses are to be in keeping with modest dress that would be appropriate for the setting.

The principal and/or pastor shall be the final arbiters of these guidelines.

Dress Code Enforcement: The school board policy is in effect in regard to the enforcement of the uniform code:

- First violation: The office will call the parents and inform them that the child is out of uniform.
 - All subsequent violations: The parents will be required to provide the child with the proper uniform immediately. Student will remain in the office until rectified.
 - Persistent violations may result in further disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.
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- For information on ordering SSPP crest shirts/sweatshirts please contact the school office:
 - It may be possible to purchase spirit wear from previous events. Please contact the school office for additional information.
 - School Spirit shirts are ordered once in the fall and once in the spring. Please contact: Kelly Rohrbach, kelschuster@gmail.com