Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools
Education for Living – Faith for Life

DRESS CODE – 2017-2018
ST. JOSEPH MIDDLE SCHOOL

This dress code applies to every school day and every field trip unless excused by the school administrator. At all times, attire must be neat and clean.

SHIRTS

- "Uniform" is defined as an approved shirt that bears the official crest of St. Philip/ St. Joseph Catholic School, which can be obtained through the official vendor of St. Philip Catholic Schools, Action Gear.
- All students must wear the school's uniform shirt that displays the St. Philip/ St. Joseph Catholic School logo.
- Students may wear the following color *uniform* shirts: red, white, or black (long or short-sleeves are okay).
- Shirts may be worn outside the pants, and shall be appropriately sized. Only the top button may be unbuttoned. Shirts must never be form-fitting, and they shall fall below the beltline. **Only plain, white non-logo t-shirts may be worn under the approved uniform shirt. No undershirt of any color shall extend past the hemline of the uniform shirt at any time. Colored undershirts (t-shirts) are not allowed.**

SWEATERS/SWEATSHIRTS

- V-neck, crew-neck, or cardigan sweaters may be worn with the approved uniform shirt. The collar of the shirt must be visible. A cardigan is defined as a collarless, knitted sweater that opens down the front. Cardigans with hoods are not permitted. Sweaters must be red, white, or black.
- Only St. Philip/ St. Joseph/BCACS crew-neck sweatshirts may be worn, and St. Joseph uniform shirts must be worn underneath. The collar of the shirt must be visible. School sweatshirts in red, black, white, or gray can be worn.
- Torn sweatshirts are strictly prohibited and may not be worn at any time.
- Black or red fleece jackets ordered through our Spirit Shop may be worn.

PANTS

- Cotton twill/Docker-style, waisted pants in khaki or black are required. Corduroys are not permitted. (Capri pants may only be worn during the "Shorts Season")
- Jeans, denim, knit or yoga-style pants are not permitted.
- Leggings are not permitted.
- Pants with cargo pockets are not permitted.
- Pants with outside stitching or metal rivets on seams or pockets are not permitted.
- Pants must fit a student properly. Form-fitting pants or pants that cannot be held up without a belt are not permitted.

SKIRTS

- Skirts, culottes, or jumpers in khaki or black are permitted for girls. Jean skirts in denim material are not permitted at any time.
- Leggings are not permitted to be worn under a skirt or jumper. **Skirts must be knee length** (this standard also applies to skirts on "Out-of-Dress-Code" Days).

SHORTS & CAPRI PANTS

- Shorts and capri pants may be worn from the beginning of the school year until October 31, and from the first day following Spring Break until the end of school.
- Cotton twill/Docker-style, waisted shorts and capris in khaki or black are permitted.
- Cargo pockets on shorts and capris are not allowed.
- Shorts and capris with outside stitching or metal rivets on seams or pockets are not allowed.

- **Shorts shall measure no more than 3" above the knee/** (this standard also applies on "Out-of-Dress-Code Days).
- **Gym shorts** must be modest in length (basketball or soccer). Spandex and short running shorts are not permitted during gym class.

SOCKS

- Plain white or black socks are required with shoes. Socks do not have to be worn with sandals.

SHOES

- Boots and heels are not permitted.
- Sandals (non-plastic/rubber) will be permitted during "Shorts Season" only.
- Shoes shall match at all times.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Hats, coats, and jackets are not to be worn in class.
- For boys, the length of hair may not exceed the bottom of the collar or a ponytail must be worn. Hair must **always** be kept trimmed and groomed in such a way that a student's eyes and face are clearly visible at all times.
- For boys and girls, hair coloring (including colored sprays) that are unnatural are unacceptable. Facial hair is not permitted, and sideburns may be worn only to the bottom of the ear.
- Mohawk-style hair is not permitted.
- Visible tattooing or body piercing is not permitted.
- Simple jewelry may be worn. Due to safety issues, dangle and large hoop earrings are not allowed.
- Makeup must be minimal (no heavy eye makeup allowed).

SPIRIT DAYS

- On announced Spirit Days, clean, neat jeans or sweatpants may be worn. Torn jeans or sweats shall not be permitted at any time. Pajama pants may not be worn.
- St. Philip/St. Joseph T-shirts may be worn on Spirit Days.
- Unless otherwise announced, the regular dress code shall be followed if "St. Philip/ St. Joseph spirit attire" or red, white and black spirit colors are not worn.

OUT OF DRESS CODE DAYS

- Occasionally, the school administrator may announce an out of dress code day. Clean, neat, and appropriately sized clothing may be worn.
- Legging or yoga-type pants may be worn on out of dress code days with a long tunic top.
- Out-of-Dress-Code slips may be given to students to use on Monday's only, and only on a Monday when we do not have Mass.
- Articles of clothing may never advertise or refer to tobacco or alcoholic products, or anything contrary to the mission of a Catholic school, as determined by the school administrator.

***The school principals have the final word in what is considered acceptable and in compliance with the intent of the code. Dress code violations may result in a "lunch detention". Dress code violations may result in the student being asked to leave the classroom to call their parent/guardian for an appropriate change of clothes.**

If you have any questions regarding the dress code for St. Joseph Middle School, please ask before purchasing or wearing questionable items.

SCRIP certificates are available for purchase of the above items from many stores and companies (with the exception of the polo shirts, which must be bought from Action Gear), including JCPenney, Sears, and Target.