

**DRESS CODE – 2021-2022**  
**ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**This dress code applies to every school day and field trip day unless excused by the school administrator. At all times, attire must be neat and clean. Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten classes do not follow the school dress code.**

**MASKS**

- Further guidelines regarding masks will be provided when we receive more information closer to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

**SHIRTS**

- Shirts must be solid colored: red, white or navy.
- Approved shirts include: knit polo, turtleneck (not sweater), solid white oxford.
- Knit polos with the St. Joseph/St. Philip or BCACS crest may also be worn (in navy, red, or white only).
- All shirts must have collars and fit properly.
- No crew neck, sleeveless shirts (including tank tops) or emblems (only St. Philip/St. Joseph/BCACS crested emblems may be worn on the shirts).
- Shirts must always be tucked in and no more than one button is to be unbuttoned.

**SWEATERS / SWEATER VESTS / SWEATSHIRTS**

- Sweaters & sweater vests must be Red, White, or Navy Blue.
- V-neck, crew-neck, or cardigan sweaters may be worn with the approved uniform shirt, and St. Joseph uniform shirts must be worn underneath.
- A cardigan is defined as a collarless, knitted sweater that opens down the front. Cardigans with hoods shall not be permitted.
- Only St. Philip/ St. Joseph/BCACS crew-neck sweatshirts may be worn, and St. Joseph uniform shirts must be worn underneath. Sweatshirts are allowed in the following colors: Red, White, Black, Gray, or Navy.
- Hooded sweatshirts are NOT allowed.
- Torn sweatshirts are strictly prohibited and should not be worn at any time.
- Black or red nylon/fleece jackets ordered through our Spirit Shop may be worn.

**PANTS**

- Cotton twill/Docker-style, waisted pants in Solid Khaki, Navy or Black are required. No Leggings, Corduroys or Denim shall be worn. (Capri pants may only be worn during the “Shorts Season”)
- Jeans or denim shall not be permitted.
- Pants with cargo pockets shall not be permitted.
- Pants with outside stitching, metal rivets, or decorations on the seams or pockets shall not be permitted.
- Pants must fit a student properly. Form-fitting pants or pants that cannot be held up without a belt shall not be permitted.
- Yoga-style or stretch pants are not allowed. **Leggings are not allowed as pants.**

**SKIRTS / JUMPERS**

- Skirts, culottes, or jumpers in Navy or Black are permitted for girls. Jean skirts in denim material shall not be permitted at any time. They must be plain with no ruffles and frills. **Skirts must be mid-thigh or longer in length** (this standard also applies to skirts on “Out-of-Dress-Code Days”).
- Plaid skirts and jumpers are allowed in our Schoolbelles plaid ONLY (plaid code: #526) school code S1500.
- Black or Navy leggings are permitted to be worn under a mid-thigh or longer, skirt or jumper.

**SHOES**

- Boots, Uggs, hee-lies, and flip-flops are not allowed. Boots can only be worn to and from school and during recess. **Fashion boots can be worn during school on out-of-dress code days only.**
- Students may wear dress or athletic shoes.
- Sandals with a strap on the back will be permitted.
- Shoes shall match at all times.
- High-heeled shoes/boots cannot be worn at any time.

## 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 the school year.
- Cotton twill/Docker-style, waisted shorts and capris in Solid Khaki, Navy or Black shall be permitted.
- Cargo pockets on shorts and capris are not allowed.
- Shorts and capris with outside stitching, metal rivets, or decorations on the seams or pockets are not allowed. They must be plain with no ruffles and frills.
- **Shorts shall measure mid-thigh or longer in length** (this standard also applies on “Out-of-Dress-Code Days”).

## SOCKS

- White, Navy, Red, or Black socks are required with shoes.
- Socks MUST be worn at all times, with all shoes and sandals.

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Hats, coats, and jackets shall not 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.
- 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.

## 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.
- St. Philip/St. Joseph T-shirts may be worn on Spirit Days.
- 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. Sleeveless shirts (including tank tops) are never allowed.
- 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.
- No high-heeled shoes/boots are to be worn on out-of-dress-code days.
- Fashion Boots can be worn only on out-of-dress code days.

**\*The school principals have the final word in what is considered acceptable and in compliance with the intent of this dress code. Dress code violations will result in a dress code notice. 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 Elementary School, please ask before purchasing or wearing questionable items.*

SCRIP certificates are available for purchase of the above items from many stores and companies, including Meijers, Kohls, JCPenney, Sears, and Target. Web address for Schoolbelles Uniform Company ([www.schoolbelles.com](http://www.schoolbelles.com); school code: #S1500)