

DRESS CODE 2023-2024
ST. JOSEPH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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)
- 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 uniform shirt underneath. The collar of the uniform 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 Action Gear may be worn.

PANTS

- Cotton twill/boot cut-style, waisted pants in khaki or black are required – not tapered at ankle (picture on opposite side). Capri pants may only be worn during the “shorts season”.
- Jeans, denim, knit, leggings, jogger, tapered or yoga-style pants 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. **Skirts shall measure no more than three inches above the knee.**
- Leggings are not permitted to be worn under a skirt or jumper.

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 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 three inches above the knee.**

SOCKS

- Plain white or black socks are required when wearing shorts. Socks should always match.

SHOES

- Boots and heels are not permitted.
- Sandals (non-plastic/rubber) will be permitted during “shorts season” only.
- Shoes shall always match.

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 aside from ears is not permitted.
- Simple jewelry may be worn. Due to safety issues, dangle and large hoop earrings are not allowed.
- Makeup must be minimal and natural in appearance.

OUT OF DRESS CODE/SPIRIT DAYS

- Occasionally, the school administrator may announce an out of dress code day. Clean, neat, and appropriately sized clothing may be worn. Torn jeans, pants or shorts shall not be permitted at any time. Pajama pants may not be worn.
- Leggings, yoga and jogger style pants may be worn on out of dress code days.
- Shorts must be mid-thigh or longer.
- 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 principal has 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.**

