

UNIFORM POLICY/DRESS CODE

Purpose of Uniform Policy

The purpose of the uniform policy and the importance of maintaining it address issues of learning, safety and self-esteem. School uniforms remind students and parents that we are part of a Catholic school community with certain expectations in standards of social conduct and academics. St. Anthony School also seeks to establish an environment where children are known for who they are inside, rather than for the appearance they project on the outside. Social barriers and distractions that are created by fashion damage children, damage their relationships at school and may deflect attention away from their primary goal—getting an education.

Uniforms also provide a tangible means of allowing teachers and staff to instantly identify outsiders who may or may not belong on the school grounds. It is the intent of the School Commission, principal, school staff and school community that St. Anthony School is a uniform school. The uniform should be a symbol of a student's pride in him/herself and the school.

It is our expectation that:

- Every student will be in complete uniform unless he/she has a valid, written excuse from his/her parents for that day only.
- Uniforms are to be clean, appropriately sized and appropriately worn.
- Our uniform policy is enforced by all school personnel. Failure to adhere to the uniform policy may result in non-admittance to class, referral to the principal's office, and/or a call to the parents.
- While it is not mandatory that all uniform items be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company, it is required that all uniform items be generally indistinguishable in both style and color from items available at the Uniform Store. The only exceptions are the 6-8th grade girl's skort, skirt and the 6-8 grades' PE Uniform, which must be purchased from the Uniform Store.

General Requirements for all grades K-8:

- Jackets/coats and non-uniform sweatshirts including CYO sweatshirts are not to be worn in the classroom.
- Shirts and blouses must be tucked in at the waistline, belt in belt loops and shoelaces tied.
- No logos or emblems on uniform polos or blouses.
- Jumpers, skirts, skorts or shorts cannot be more than 3 inches above the kneecap.
- Shorts that are a maximum of 3 inches above the knee cap may be worn the months of August through November 1st and again from March 1st through June.
- Leggings for K-5 girls can be worn during the colder months. The leggings must be navy blue or white and must cover the ankle along with socks.
- Boots may be worn from November 1st through April 1st.
- Hats may not be worn in the building.
- Socks must be on or above the ankle (if you purchase ankle socks they will be fine). They must be white, khaki or navy blue in color. If they have a swish or band around the top that color must be white, khaki or navy. Socks must be worn with shoes.
- No sensational shoes (this includes but is not limited to bright colored shoes, shoes with wheels, shoes with lights, etc.) may be worn. All shoes must have a back to them as well as the toes covered.
- No nail polish can be worn except on designated days such as Halloween, St. Patrick's Day etc.
- Earrings must be studs or posts-no dangling. Boys may not wear earrings.
- No makeup including colored lip gloss can be worn. If, in 6-8 grades they wear mascara, it should not be noticeable.
- Hair color needs to be natural and not stand out. No dark color with colored streaks or light colored with colored streaks. Boys cannot have facial hair. Girl's hair needs to be out of their faces. Boy's hair needs to be above the ear, above the collar and above the eyebrows-no shaved heads, no line(s) shaved in head, no spiked hair or any sensational hair style.

The basic uniform for girls in grades K-5:

- Mayfair plaid jumper or skort
- Long or short sleeve plain white blouse, white polo shirt, or white turtleneck shirt. If a T-shirt is worn under the shirt, it is to be plain white without words or pictures.

- As an alternative to the jumper or skort, girls may wear navy blue dress slacks, navy blue pants, or navy blue walking shorts.
- Plain white or navy blue knee socks or anklets are required. Plain white or navy blue tights or full length leggings with socks may be worn with the jumper in colder weather.

The basic uniform for boys in grades K-5:

- Navy blue corduroy pants, navy blue dress slacks, or navy blue walking shorts.
- Long or short sleeve white dress shirt, white polo shirt, or white turtleneck shirt. If a T-shirt is worn under the shirt, it must be plain white without words or pictures.
- Plain white or navy blue socks are required.

The basic uniform for girls in grades 6-8:

- Navy blue and/or Uniform Store khaki.
- Long or short sleeve plain white blouse, plain white or navy polo shirt, plain white or navy turtleneck shirt. If a T-shirt is worn under the shirt, it is to be plain white without words or pictures.
- Uniform Store only navy blue or khaki skirt or skorts not shorter than 3 inches from the middle of the knee cap, listed as the “longer length” option at the Dennis Uniform Store. Girls may also wear the pleated navy blue or khaki skirt purchased from the Uniform Store.
- Navy or khaki slacks or walking shorts that are no more than 3 inches above the middle of the knee cap.
- White, khaki or navy blue knee socks or anklets are required. Navy blue tights may be worn.

The basic uniform for boys in grades 6-8:

- Navy blue and/or Uniform Store khaki.
- Long or short sleeve plain white dress shirt, plain white or navy polo shirt. If a T-shirt is worn under the shirt, it is to be plain white without words or pictures. Navy blue or khaki slacks or walking shorts only.
- Plain white, khaki or navy blue socks are required.
- Belts must be worn with pants or shorts and must be either black or brown in color.

All grades may wear navy blue cardigan sweaters, navy blue V-neck sweaters (vest or long-sleeved), navy blue microfleece vest or St. Anthony School sweatshirts purchased from the Uniform Store.

ACCESSORIES

Other clothing and accessories worn by students (i.e., shoes, jackets, jewelry etc.) must meet the criteria of being non-endangering to the student(s), not distracting to the learning environment and not contradictory to Christian social/moral values. The Uniform Store “bike shorts” are accessories and may only be worn under a skirt or jumper. Any accessory that draws excessive attention to the student is highly discouraged and **may** be restricted at the teacher’s or principal’s discretion.

EXCEPTIONS

As with any policy, there will be times when exceptions are reasonable and justified. The following are anticipated exceptions to the school uniform policy:

1. Scouts wearing scout uniforms on scout meeting days.
2. Students with special fitting/sizing needs that cannot be addressed by the Uniform Store. (These situations will require prior approval by the principal.)
3. Special events (field trips, performances, etc.) that require a student to come to school out of uniform. (These situations will require prior approval by the principal.)
4. Special spirit-building days as approved by principal.

GYM APPAREL

At the beginning of the year, our physical education teacher will inform students about what clothing to have for gym days. While students need not have gym shoes that are used exclusively in the gym, they must wear gym shoes when they participate in PE classes. If students are wearing “street shoes” (non-gym shoes) to school, on PE days, they are expected to bring gym shoes into which they will change for their PE classes. **Grades 6 –8 are required to wear a PE uniform that can only be purchased at the Dennis School Uniform Store in Tukwila.**

FREE DRESS

Free Dress is allowed on the first Friday of each month unless otherwise publicized. If the first Friday is a holiday, the following Friday will be considered a Free Dress Day. It is important to note that all students on Free Dress Days must bring a canned food item for the local food bank.

Clothing and accessories worn on free dress days will need to meet the criteria of being non-endangering to the student(s), not distracting or disruptive to the learning environment, nor contradictory to Catholic social/moral values of respect for life, modesty and propriety. Any article of clothing or accessory that draws excessive attention to the student may be restricted at the teacher’s or principal’s discretion.

- Jeans may be worn, but must be in good repair and may not be ripped or have holes in them.
- Leggings below the knees may be worn with a top that comes down mid-thigh.
- Clothing that is designed exclusively for sports (shorts more than 3 inches above the middle of the knee cap or three inches below the middle of the knee cap), yoga pants, sweats, plain white t-shirts and night wear are not to be worn.
- All shirts and blouses shall have sleeves.