

Dress Code Policy for St. Louis de Montfort School

The primary purpose of any school is learning. When attire or appearance is a distraction, maximum learning cannot take place. **Parents and students are expected to respect the dress code.** If there is a question about what is acceptable, the uniform coordinators or Principal make a final decision.

Students must follow the school calendar for dress - typically Regular Uniform Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Formal on Wednesday, and Spirit Dress on Friday. Days that deviate from this schedule that will be communicated. ***Students not in proper uniform receive a uniform slip and lose spirit dress privileges the following Friday.***

Administration reserves the right to make decisions relating to dress or appearance not specifically mentioned in the parent/student handbook if dress/appearance is found inconsistent with the school's mission and address as needed including by cancelling Spirit or Free Dress for any and all students.

No added loops, trims, adornments, brand names, or logos on the articles of uniform clothing are allowed. Uniform pieces should be labeled with student's name. All uniforms will be purchased from Dennis Uniforms. All American Screen Printing provides spirit shirts, sweatshirts and school authorized jackets.

Staff works together to ensure dress code is enforced for all grades.

UNIFORM DRESS TK – 8th grade

Shirts: Girls

- SLdM approved long or short sleeved white blouse or white polo shirt with school logo from Dennis. Upper arm and shoulder must be covered.
- Solid white, royal blue, or navy blue crew or turtlenecks can be worn in cold weather.

Shirts: Boys

- SLdM approved light blue polo shirts with school logo from Dennis– not required to be tucked in, but may be no longer than hip-length.
- White polo shirt with logo, tucked in, for formal dress days.
- Solid white, royal blue or navy-blue crew or turtlenecks can be worn in cold weather.
- A white undershirt may be worn under the uniform shirt but may not be seen below the sleeves or hems of the uniform shirt.

Outer Wear:

- All American SLdM sweatshirts, fleece and Dennis Uniforms Microfiber and Microfleece with the school logo are the only approved outer wear. Several styles are available. Sweatshirts and fleece are available online through All American Screen Printing three times a year (June, September, and January) at <http://www.agpestores.com/allamerican/groups.php>
Dennis Uniforms is the only approved seller of school sweaters, vests, and microfleece jackets.

Caps, Scarves, Mittens

- Solids or combinations of black, navy, royal blue or white. No prints or designs.

Skirts/Pants: Girls

TK

- Navy elastic waist pull-on pants from Dennis Uniforms and elastic waist logo sweatpants from All American are acceptable for TK.

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- The approved plaid uniform skirt, skort, or jumper. Hem must not be any higher than **3"** above the middle of the knee. Leggings **allowed under skirt** (black, navy, royal blue or white only).
- Navy blue shorts or pants from Dennis, worn at the waist, not on the hips. No cargo pockets allowed.
- Shorts no shorter than **3"** above the middle of the knee. No cargo pockets allowed.
- No "capri" length uniform pants.

Shorts/Pants: Boys

TK

- Navy elastic waist pull-on pants from Dennis and elastic waist logo sweatpants from All American are acceptable for TK.

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- Navy blue shorts or pants from Dennis worn at the waist, not on the hips. Shorts must be no shorter than 3” above or longer than 3” below the middle of the knee. No cargo pockets are allowed.

Socks: Girls

- Solid white, royal, navy blue, black socks of any length with only white or black logo.
- Girls may wear white, navy, royal blue, or black *tights/leggings* under skirts.

Socks: Boys

- White or black socks of any length, with only white or black logo.

Shoes:

- Black or white tennis shoes or any combination of the two; **no designs or patterns**. No other colors can be on the shoes except if there is a **small brand name tag of a different color; no red swooshes, etc. Silver or gray are not allowed on shoes.**
- Shoes must be closed toe, closed back, with tie-up laces.
- TK-Kinder *ONLY* may wear slip-on style or shoes with Velcro that comply with the rest of the Shoe Policy.

FORMAL DRESS:

“Formal uniform” is worn at school Mass and other announced days throughout the year.

Boys:

Approved uniform from Dennis, white shirts to be tucked in, pants, socks, shoes and outer wear. Sweater or vest must be worn. **No shorts.**

Girls:

White blouse or polo and plaid skirt, skort or jumper, socks, shoes and sweater or vest. **No shorts.**

SPIRIT DRESS:

Most Friday’s students wear their designated class shirt and blue denim bottoms. Denim shorts or skirts must be no higher than 3” above the middle of the knees. Shorts must be no longer than 3” below the middle of the knee. Denim must be free of rips, tears, or holes. **No jeggings, leggings, or stretch material pants or shorts allowed.** Shoes, socks, sweatshirts, and jackets – regular dress code applies.

FREE DRESS:

Free dress is a privilege granted to students the first and last week of the school year and on predesignated days. Clothing must be neat and modest. Parents are asked to monitor Free Dress before your child leaves home for school. If inappropriately dressed, students will call home for a change of clothes.

No jeggings, leggings, or stretch material pants or shorts allowed.

GROOMING:

Hairstyles

Hair must be groomed, clean, and neat in appearance and must be a natural color. Exaggerated or extreme hairstyles, hair that hangs in the face or that emulates gang or criminal affiliations distract from the educational experience and are not permitted. School administration shall determine if a student’s hairstyle violates this policy.

No dying of hair allowed. **Changes in hair color must be rectified before student will be admitted to school.**

Boys’ hair must be at least ¼” long, but no longer than the top of the shirt collar in the back or longer than mid-ear on the side. Boys are to be without facial hair or clean shaven with sideburns no lower than mid-ear. Girls’ hair accessories must be black, white, royal, or navy only.

Jewelry – A watch (no alarms or internet accessibility), 1 stud earring per ear, and a religious medallion are the only acceptable jewelry for school. Earrings may be uniform colors, silver, or gold. Boys may not wear earrings.

Make-up – Make-up is not permitted. Clear nail polish is the only nail product allowable.