

SJS Student Dress Code  
2019-2020 School Year

**Dress Code: PreK 3 – 8th Grade**

**RATIONALE:** St. Joseph Catholic School believes that appropriate dress and grooming are marks of self-respect and one's appreciation of the precious worth of the human individual. Dress code provides an exceptional teaching-tool for self-discipline that will be necessary throughout the duration of professional activity in a student's life. We also believe that a student's behavior is partly influenced by his/her manner of dress, grooming and appearance.

\*\*\*Pre-K 3 & 4, Kindergarten, and First Grade: All students should follow the same dress code as defined below, with one exception: Elastic-waist denim, khaki or navy skirts, shorts and pants are allowed for all first floor students. However, mesh athletic-type shorts are not allowed.

**Male Dress Code**

**Tops**

Approved Shirt Colors:

SJS Blue (royal blue), Gold, White, Yellow (NOT Neon), Black, Gray, Navy

Approved Types of Shirts:

- Solid colored polo type shirts in any approved shirt color
- Solid colored Oxford (western style or button-up style) shirts in any approved shirt color
- Solid colored shirts/T-shirts (such as Hanes brand) in any approved shirt color
- Administration approved SJS spirit shirts (Shirts must be an approved shirt color and the design ink colors on the shirt must be colors from the approved shirt color list)

General Guidelines:

- All shirts (except approved spirit shirts) will be free of words and/or pictures, etc.
- Logos (Polos, Under Armour, Dockers, etc) may not be any larger than 1 inch square
- All shirts will have sleeves. Sleeveless shirts (including sleeveless athletic shirts) are **not** appropriate for school wear, event practices or official school events – (this does not include sleeveless tops that are approved SJS team uniform tops)
- The original construction of all shirts cannot be modified
- No oversized t-shirts or other shirts will be allowed
- Existing spirit shirts considered appropriate include shirts with a St. Joseph School logo, Tigers, SJS or St. Joseph School on the shirt, **professionally**, as long as the basic shirt color is from the approved shirt color list and the design/ink printed on the shirt is from the approved shirt color list

\*NOTE: Solid colored shirts are not required to have school-related logos printed or embroidered on them (with the exception of the gold Mass polo)

- Shirts may **NOT** be longer than shorts
- Yoakum Bulldog shirts will **not** be considered acceptable
- The principal will have the final say on the acceptability of the shirt
- **Required gold Mass polos must be worn for weekday Liturgy. These shirts will be available at the beginning of each school year. Shirts are to be tucked in for Mass on Mass days.** Please contact the SJS Office for purchasing options.

### Outerwear:

- All light outerwear that will be worn in class throughout the day, including hoodies, pullover jackets, windbreakers, sweaters, cardigans, long-sleeves worn under school-approved shirts, etc. are allowed in the following solid or combined colors, only: SJS (Royal) Blue, Tiger Gold, Yellow, White, Gray, Black or Navy
- Logos (Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, etc) of the designer or professional SJS spirit logos will be acceptable as long as they are in the approved colors
- Heavy winter coats/jackets/parkas **that will be taken off for the day upon entering the classroom/building** are allowed in any color; students will be asked to take them off in school buildings/church.

### **Bottoms**

#### Slacks, Jeans:

- Denim, Khaki, Black, Gray and Navy are acceptable slack/jean colors
- Pants of any kind should **not** have any holes, rips, tears, etc
- Pants must fit in proportion to the student's body – the waistline of all pants should comfortably fit above the hip and should not sag
- Low-rise and tight-fitting pants, including skinny jeans, long, mesh-type athletic (basketball) shorts or any other athletic type shorts and athletic pants, sweatpants or wind pants are **not** acceptable for daily school wear

#### Shorts:

- Solid colored Denim, Khaki, Black and Navy are acceptable shorts colors
- Shorts must be no shorter than 4 inches from the top of the knee cap and longer than the middle fingertip when the arms are extended straight down by the side, with relaxed shoulders
- Shorts must fit in proportion to the student's body – the waistline of all pants should comfortably fit above the hip and should not sag

#### Footwear:

- Athletic (tennis shoes) or shoes with backs are required
- Athletic/tennis shoes are required for P.E./Athletics for the safety of the students
- Students should not wear shoes with crushed heel-backs – all shoes should be worn according to the design of the shoe
- Cleats, flip flops or backless shoes are not allowed for daily school wear

#### Hair:

- Hair must be neatly groomed.
- The length of boy's hair must be such that it does **not** touch the eyebrows or touch the top of the ears or touch the top of the shirt collar.
- Any hair color or hairstyle worn by a student must not be of a distracting nature. No feathered or colored extensions are allowed.

#### P.E./Athletics (4th grade - 8th grade)

All students will be required to wear long, blue athletic shorts, an SJS spirit shirt and athletic tennis shoes. Athletic sweatpants or wind pants will be acceptable during cold weather.

- Shorts/pants must be predominantly royal blue in color

- Shorts must be no more than 4 inches from the top of the knee cap **AND** longer than the middle fingertip when the arms are extended straight down by the side, with relaxed shoulders

#### General Guidelines:

- MASS: Mass Polo shirts should be tucked in **and belts should be worn** at all Mass celebrations; pants are appropriate for Mass; shorts are inappropriate for liturgical and other church-related celebrations
- No attire will be permitted that affects the safety of the student or causes a distraction to other students, or is considered inappropriate by school personnel
- Implied suggestive or offensive lettering or slogans on any garment will **not be tolerated**, including tobacco, alcohol, drug, sexual, etc. No writing that draws attention to specific body parts will be allowed
- The principal, or an administrative designee, will make the final determination of the appropriateness of the attire
- First period teachers will check dress code compliance daily

*Modification of the dress code will be considered for special activities and events with the approval of the principal.*

#### Consequences:

- **First violation:** The student will be instructed not to wear the clothing again and a note will be sent home to parents with a highlighted reminder of the dress code infraction. In some instances, especially when inappropriate attire is worn for liturgical events, the student will call home and the parent will be required to bring appropriate clothes to school.  
\*\*\*\*\*No Belt for Mass = Verbal Warning
- **Second violation+:** The student will call home and the parent will be required to bring appropriate clothes to school. Upon frequent infraction, the student will receive noon and/or after-school detention.  
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## Female Dress Code

### Tops

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#### General Guidelines:

- All shirts (except approved spirit shirts) will be free of words and/or pictures, etc.
- Logos (Polos, Under Armour, Dockers, etc) may not be any larger than 1 inch square
- All shirts will have sleeves. Sleeveless shirts (including sleeveless athletic shirts) are **not** appropriate for school wear, event practices or official school events – (this does not include sleeveless tops that are approved SJS team uniform tops)
- The original construction of all shirts cannot be modified
- No oversized t-shirts or shirts/blouses will be allowed
- Existing spirit shirts considered appropriate include shirts with a St. Joseph School logo, Tigers, SJS or St. Joseph School on the shirt, **professionally**, as long as the basic shirt color is from the approved shirt color list and the design/ink printed on the shirt is from the approved shirt color list

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- Shirts may **NOT** be longer than shorts
- Shirts should **not** have low or plunging necklines
- Tank tops, spaghetti strap shirts and camisoles are **not** appropriate as a shirt for outerwear
- Yoakum Bulldog shirts will **not** be considered acceptable
- The principal will have the final say on the acceptability of the shirt
- **Required gold Mass polos for weekday Liturgy. These shirts will be available at the beginning of each school year. Shirts are to be tucked in for Mass on Mass days.** Please contact the SJS Office for purchasing options.

#### Outerwear:

- All light outerwear that will be worn in class throughout the day, including hoodies, pullover jackets, windbreakers, sweaters, cardigans, long-sleeves worn under school-approved shirts, etc. are allowed in the following solid or combined colors, only: SJS (Royal) Blue, Tiger Gold, Yellow, White, Gray, Black or Navy
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- Heavy winter coats/jackets/parkas **that will be taken off for the day upon entering the classroom/building** are allowed in any color; students will be asked to take them off in school buildings/church.

## **Bottoms**

### Slacks, Jeans, Capris:

- Solid colored Denim, Khaki, Black, Gray and Navy are acceptable slack/jean colors
- Pants of any kind should **not** have any holes, rips, tears, etc.
- Pants of any kind should **not** have frayed ends
- Pants must fit in proportion to the student's body – the waistline of all pants should comfortably fit above the hip and not sag
- Low-rise and tight-fitting pants, including skinny jeans, long, mesh-type athletic (basketball) shorts or any other athletic type shorts and athletic pants, sweatpants or wind pants are **not** acceptable for daily school wear

### Skirts, Dresses:

- Solid colored Denim, Khaki, Black and Navy are acceptable shorts colors
- Skirts and dresses must be no more than 4 inches from the top of the knee cap and longer than the middle fingertip when the arms are extended straight down by the side, with relaxed shoulders
- Dresses/skirts worn in grades Pre-K thru 2nd should be worn with shorts or thick tights underneath
- Dresses should **not** have low or plunging necklines
- Sleeveless dresses are **not** appropriate for school wear or official school event. Tank top style and spaghetti strap dresses are **not** appropriate as a top for outerwear. All sleeveless dresses should be worn with a sweater or other appropriate outer-garment with sleeves

### Shorts:

- Solid colored Denim, Khaki, Black and Navy are acceptable skirt/dress colors
- Shorts must be no more than 4 inches from the top of the knee cap and longer than the middle fingertip when the arms are extended straight down by the side, with relaxed shoulders
- Shorts must fit in proportion to the student's body – the waistline of all shorts should comfortably fit above the hip
- Long, mesh-type athletic (basketball) shorts or any other athletic type shorts are not appropriate for daily school wear
- Words are **not** permitted on the backside of pants or shorts.

### Tights/Leggings/Jeggings:

- Tights, leggings and jeggings are **not** appropriate **ALONE** as outerwear
- Tights, leggings and jeggings may **not** be worn alone with a long t-shirt
- Tights, leggings and jeggings can be worn under dresses or skirts – **ONLY** – as long as the dress or skirt meet the above-mentioned required lengths
- Solid colored Black, Gray or White, **ONLY**, are acceptable tights colors
- Tights, leggings and jeggings are **not** allowed for sporting events or practices

### Footwear:

- Athletic (tennis shoes) or shoes with backs are required
- Athletic/tennis shoes are required for P.E./Athletics for the safety of the students
- Students should not wear shoes with crushed heel-backs – all shoes should be worn according to the design of the shoe

- Cleats, flip flops, backless shoes or high-heels/wedges are not allowed for daily school wear

#### Hair:

- Hair must be neatly groomed.
- All hair bows/headbands/hair accessories should be in a solid color of the 7 approved shirt colors or a combination of the 7 approved shirt colors and should match the student's attire for the day.
- All hair color must be of a natural human hair color – not purple, blue, pink, green, etc.
- Any hair color or hairstyle worn by a student must not be of a distracting nature. No feathered or colored extensions are allowed.

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#### General Guidelines:

- MASS: Shirts should be tucked in and **belts should be worn** at all Mass celebrations
- No attire will be permitted that affects the safety of the student or causes a distraction to other students, or is considered inappropriate by school personnel
- Shorts or skorts are inappropriate for liturgical and other church-related celebrations
- Sun dresses, crop-tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, tight or revealing clothing, bodysuits, low-cut blouses, or bike shorts are **not** acceptable attire
- Implied suggestive, or offensive lettering or slogans on any garment will **not be tolerated**, including tobacco, alcohol, drug, sexual, etc. No writing that draws attention to specific body parts will be allowed
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