

DRESS CODE

As a Catholic faith community, we believe that no child should be treated differently based upon his/her dress or appearance. The goal of the uniform policy at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School is to provide the best learning environment possible for our students. We believe our school uniform policy promotes school pride, unity and tolerance, while eliminating the distraction of designer label competition.

Our expectation is for the students to be neat, clean, and modest. Students are required to follow the school uniform policy—including on Mass and field trip days.

Students not properly attired will be sent to the office. They will be provided with proper attire, or if there is none available, a parent will be called. Approved changes and additions will be communicated in the Royal Times (school newsletter). Teachers, staff, and administration reserve the right to deem whether uniform or non-uniform attire is appropriate. Any dispute of a violation will be resolved by the Principal.

We do not require uniforms to be purchased from any specific vendor. Lands' End*, GAP, Old Navy, Target, Donald's and French Toast all carry items that fit our uniform policy. Plaid is "classic navy" from Lands' End.

*If ordering from Lands' End, our school code is: 900095902.

To see the uniform policy in pictures, go to school.saintvdp.org

Girls Dress Code:

Tops

- Short or long-sleeve polo shirt (cotton blend or performance) in solid white or navy blue.
- Dress shirt with plain, button-down or peter pan collar in solid white or navy blue.
- Turtleneck shirts in solid white or navy blue.
- Sweatshirts (crew neck) in navy blue with SVDP logo are to be worn with a turtleneck, polo shirt, or dress shirt underneath.
- Fleece zip-up with SVDP logo in solid navy blue.
- Sweaters with V-neck, crew neck, or cardigan style in solid navy blue.
- Shirts may be embroidered with the St. Vincent de Paul logo. No other logos are allowed.
- Vests in solid navy.

Jumpers/Skirts/Skort/Dresses

- Jumper, skirt, or skort in solid navy blue (K-6) or khaki (7 & 8) with dress code shirt.
- Jumper, skirt, or skort in uniform-style Lands' End Classic Navy Plaid of knee length with dress code shirt.
- Solid navy blue uniform-style dress of knee length.
- Jumpers, skirts, skorts, and dresses should be no shorter than 3" above knee.

Pants/Shorts

- Pants with plain or pleated front and worn at the waist. Pants must be boot cut or straight leg in solid navy blue (or khaki for 7/8 students). Pants must be loose-fitting. Pants that are tight-fitting or clingy are never allowed.
- Shorts with plain or pleated front, cotton twill in solid navy blue (or khaki for 7/8 students). The length of the shorts should be at least mid-thigh, preferably to the knee.
- Knit, nylon or stretch fabrics are not permitted.

Socks/Leggings/Tights

- Leggings, tights, or socks may be worn under jumpers, skirts, skorts, and dresses.
- Socks, leggings (blue or black), or tights (white, blue or black) must be worn at all times. Patterned and/or decorative socks will only be acceptable on out-of-uniform days.
- Modesty shorts recommended if jumper, skirt or skort does not have them built in.

Boys Dress Code

Tops

- Short- or long-sleeve polo shirt (cotton blend or performance) in solid white or navy blue.
- Dress shirt with tailored or button-down collar, or polo shirt, in solid white or navy blue may be worn under a sweatshirt, sweater or fleece.
- Turtleneck shirts in solid white or navy blue.
- Sweatshirts (crew neck) in navy blue with SVDP logo must be worn with a turtleneck, polo shirt, or dress shirt underneath.
- Fleece zip-up with SVDP logo in solid navy blue.
- Sweaters with V-neck, crew neck, or cardigan style in solid navy blue.
- Tops may be embroidered with the St. Vincent de Paul logo. No other logos are allowed.
- Vests in solid navy.

Pants/Shorts

- Pants (cotton twill) with plain or pleated front and worn at the waist in solid navy blue (or khaki for 7/8 students). Jogger khaki pants will only be allowed on non-uniform days.
- Shorts (cotton twill) with plain or pleated front, knee length, in solid navy blue (or khaki for 7/8 students).

Socks/Shoes

- Brightly colored and/or patterned socks are not acceptable. Socks must be navy blue, white, or gray.
- Shoes must be laced and tied (middle school).

Dress Code Considerations for All Students:

Footwear and accessories for girls and boys:

- Closed toe and heel shoes only.
- Fashion boots, including UGGs, are not acceptable during the school day.
- Tennis shoes with non-marking soles are required for PE classes. It is suggested to keep an extra pair of tennis shoes at school to be used specifically for PE.

Other:

- Belts must be black, blue, or tan. Necklaces, bracelets, and earrings may be worn modestly.
- Any hair style or hair accessories that draws undue attention is not permitted, such as bright colored hair dye. Fashion accessories including decorative "cat" headbands and scarves are not acceptable.
- Hair coloring and/or dye that is not a natural hair color is not allowed during the school year (purple, blue, pink, etc.)
- Excessive jewelry or make-up are not permitted.
- Clothes with rips, holes and/or frays are not permitted.
- Denim shorts that meet the uniform policy for length are permitted. Short denim shorts are not permitted.
- Caps or hats are not permitted.
- In the case of face coverings needing to be worn, they can be any color or style (face masks are preferred) but must not contain reference to activities or items conflicting with school values.
- Mass Ministers must wear long pants or a skirt, uniform dress, or a uniform jumper. Shirts must be tucked in for Mass.

Non-Uniform Days:

- Any attire containing reference to activities or items conflicting with school values is not acceptable. Examples include references to tobacco, drugs or offensive language or pictures, etc.
- Short shorts, extremely baggy pants, tight-fitting clothing, exposure of the midriff are not allowed.
- Shirts with spaghetti straps (or narrow straps) and tank tops are not allowed unless covered by a sweater.
- Shirts must cover the shoulders and chest.
- Shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer. A good rule of thumb is that the shorts should be at least "fingertip" length.
- Shoes must be closed toe and heel.

- Leggings are only permitted for students in preschool – grade 3; students in grades 4-8 are not permitted to wear leggings or yoga pants. (Leggings may be worn under a uniform skirt/jumper/dress on regular school days.)

Consequences:

- First Offense – note home
- Second Offense – call home and a change into acceptable clothing (either from the school's supply or from the parent)
- Third Offense – call home and forfeit a non-uniform day