

## **UNIFORM AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

Uniforms encourage students to focus on an educational atmosphere that emphasizes learning rather than the latest fashion. It is the school's desire to keep the school uniform simple and easy to enforce. **Uniforms should be neat and clean, reflecting pride in our school and respect for oneself.** The following rules are not meant to disregard a child's heritage but to make a uniform policy easier to administer.

### **Jewelry**

Jewelry, makeup, and hairstyles also form part of our dress code. Jewelry should be simple and not distract from the school uniform appearance; inappropriate jewelry will be taken and returned at the end of the year upon request.

**Earrings: Girls only** - One set of small **stud** earrings; no hoops or dangles

**Nail Polish** – Clear nail polish may be worn on natural nails

**Rings:** One finger ring may be worn

**Wristwatch:** One small wristwatch may be worn; Apple watches and other “Smart” devices are not allowed

**Bracelet:** One single bracelet may be worn. No charm bracelets are allowed. Bracelets with words should be appropriate for school and reflect the core values of St. John School.

**Religious medal/cross:** One small (max. 2”) medal or cross necklace on a thin chain may be worn

### **Hair Style**

Hairstyles should be clean, neat, well-groomed, and out of the face. Hair must be the natural color. Hair accessories should complement the uniform and not be distracting. Boys' hair should be kept to the top of the neck/above the collar, off of ears, and above the eyebrows; no tails, mohawks, extreme fade-shaven side cuts or designs/parts shaved into the head (a groomed fade is appropriate). No excessively spiked/gelled styles may be worn.

**\*\*Note: Due to the changing nature of hairstyle trends, the administration reserves the right to classify any hairstyle in violation of the uniform code.**

**Restricted Items** - The following items are not allowed:

\*Makeup, including lip gloss; \*Nail polish (clear polish on natural nails is acceptable), fake, gel, or acrylic nails; \*Tattoos; \*Sideburns, mustache, facial hair

**\*\*Note:** These restrictions apply during all designated school times (including free dress days, field trips, and other outside school related events) The school reserves the right to determine the inappropriateness of dress, hair, or other deviations from the dress code.

**Free Dress Days** – special occasions that are announced

- Dresses/Blouses with sleeves (no spaghetti straps, cut out sleeves, tank tops)
- Shirts/T-shirts of an appropriate length (Language/pictures should be appropriate for school)
- Shorts (no shorter than two inches above the knee)
- Dresses/skirts that measure no shorter than two inches above the knee

- Leggings/skinny jeans may be worn with an appropriate length tunic/top (extending beyond the fingertips when standing with hands at your sides)
- No cutoffs or jeans/pants with holes in them
- No flip-flops. Sandals/Crocs with a backstrap may be worn.

If free dress day is on a PE day, PE shoes are required. Free dress clothes must be in good condition and worn at the natural waistline – no worn, torn, or outgrown clothes allowed.

**Because of the unique and constantly changing nature of fashion, the school reserves the right to classify any style of dress, grooming, or appearance inappropriate.** Students may be subject to loss of privilege of free dress if they do not come appropriately dressed. Students inappropriately dressed will be provided with a uniform to wear if available. The borrowed uniform must be washed and returned promptly. If a borrowed uniform is not available, the parent must pick up the student or bring an appropriate sized uniform.