

DRESS CODE POLICY FOR 2023-2024

The dress code provides a standard for our students, which fosters an environment conducive to learning and respectful behavior.

New official school uniform vendor: The Uniform Guy

**1910 Whipple Ave NW Canton, OH 44708
(330) 605-9204**

General Appearance:

- Students are expected to be neat and well groomed.
- Hair should be neat, clean, and a natural color. Bangs are neatly trimmed and off of the face and out of the eyes. If hair becomes a distraction or hinders sight, students will be asked to have their hair cut. No non-natural color highlights, bleaching, or color stripes. This includes Spirit Days.
- Neither baggy nor form fitting styles of clothing are permitted.
- No rolling of skirt/short waistbands.
- Simple religious necklaces are permitted. Jewelry must be simple, tasteful, should not cause a distraction (teacher discretion) and safe due to physical education requirements.
- Small, stud style earrings (one in each ear) are permitted. No dangly or fad styles are permitted. Students will be responsible for the safekeeping of jewelry if removed.
- Students should not wear “smart watches.”
- Clear or pale pink nail polish is acceptable only.
- Natural color make-up only, modestly applied, is a privilege of 6th-8th grade students only.

Regulation School Shirts

School shirts are expected to be neat and fully tucked in at all times

- Polo shirts, long or short sleeves, in solid colored white, navy blue, or burgundy
- Dry-fit polos, **long** or short sleeved, permitted in solid colored white, navy blue, or burgundy
- **Polos with the official school logo embroidered on them are available at the official school uniform vendor: The Uniform Guy**
- Dress shirts, long or short sleeves, in solid colored white
- Turtlenecks that are solid colored white, navy blue, or burgundy
- Blouse, long or short sleeves, in solid colored white (**Girls only**)

Skirts, pants, and shorts (Girls)

- On Mass days (Tuesdays), girls should wear the uniform plaid.
- Plaid jumper (grades K-3 only)
- Plaid, plain navy blue, or khaki skirts
- Plain navy blue or khaki pants
- Plain navy blue or khaki shorts
- Cargo shorts/pants are not permitted
- A solid black, brown, or tan belt must be worn with pants/shorts that have belt loops
- Navy blue stretch pants may be worn under the uniform in extremely cold weather
- **All skirts, skorts and jumpers should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee**
- **All shorts, including PE shorts, should have a minimum length of a 5 inch inseam**
- All hair accessories for girls must match the school uniform and be solid in color (with the exception of the matching plaid headband). Accessories should be small and modest in nature – no sparkles, loud

patterns, or large embellishments. Navy, white, black, gray, burgundy, and tan accessories are acceptable as well as those that match the school plaid.

Plaid uniforms can be purchased from: The Uniform Guy.

Pants and shorts (Boys)

- Plain navy blue or khaki pants
- Plain navy blue or khaki shorts
- Cargo shorts/pants are not permitted
- A solid black, brown, or tan belt must be worn with pants/shorts that have belt loops
- Navy blue stretch pants may be worn under the uniform in extremely cold weather
- All uniforms (including P.E. shorts) should be no shorter than their longest finger when arms are held at the side of the body.

OUTERWEAR IN THE CLASSROOM **Any outerwear is to be worn over top regulation school shirts**

- **Sweatshirt**
 - Navy crewneck sweatshirt with official school logo (these can be purchased at the official school uniform vendor: The Uniform Guy). Plain navy crewnecks are also allowed. **Must be worn over a regulation shirt.**
- **Sweater**
 - Solid colored navy or burgundy crew or v-neck sweater may be worn over a regulation shirt
- **Cardigan**
 - White, navy blue, or burgundy cardigan with no embellishments may be worn over a regulation shirt
- **Lightweight Track Jackets/Fleece Jackets/Pullovers**
 - PE track jacket with official school logo in **NAVY BLUE ONLY** may be worn in the classroom over a regulation shirt. ***Royal blue PE track jacket from previous years will be grandfathered in for school years 2022-23 & 2023-24 but can only be worn during the PE class time setting***
 - Full zip fleece jackets in navy blue with official school logo may be worn in the classroom over a regulation shirt.
 - ¼ zip pullovers in navy blue with official school logo may be worn in the classroom over a regulation shirt.
 - All these options can be purchased at the official uniform vendor: The Uniform Guy.
- **Hoodies**
 - Hoodies are not permitted to be worn in the classroom during the regular school day, with the following exceptions:
 - On designated “Spirit Days”, St. Paul School hoodies in white, gray, royal blue, navy, and black can be worn in the classroom over top of approved “spirit wear” or solid blue, white, or gray t-shirts.
 - On designated “Out of Uniform Days”, hoodies that abide by the “Out of Uniform Days” dress code can be worn over a shirt that also abides by the “Out of Uniform Days” dress code
 - Spirit wear can be purchased at the official school uniform vendor: The Uniform Guy
- **Outdoor Clothing**
 - No outdoor coats or other outdoor clothing is to be worn in classrooms during the school day. **Please see the classroom “outerwear” allowed options listed above.**

- Please note that a light jacket, hoodie, or similar upper body covering should be worn outside during recess when the temperature is less than 55°F. A proper winter coat is expected when temperatures are below 40°F.

SOCKS AND SHOES

- Plain white or black athletic socks are to be worn at all times. Brightly colored or striped athletic socks (such as Elites) are not permitted. There should be no name brand symbols on the socks.
- Colored footies are not permitted on regular school days or for PE days. There should be no name brand symbols on the socks.
- Plain white, navy, or burgundy knee socks or tights
- Navy blue stretch pants may be worn under the uniform in extremely cold weather (30 degrees or below.)
- Solid black, brown, tan, or navy dress or casual shoes (no patterns or sparkles and no heels higher than 1 inch).
- Athletic shoes may be worn IF they are plain/one solid color of black or white. No lights, color changing features, decorative add-ons or bright shoestrings. High-top shoes, platform shoes, sandals, Crocs, Ugg boots, construction boots, combat boots or knee/thigh high boots are NOT permitted.
- Winter snow boots may be worn during inclement weather, however, they should be removed once inside the building and regular uniform shoes worn throughout the school day.

TIES

Boys in grades 6, 7, and 8 are required to wear ties on Mass days and any other special day as announced. Ties are to be plain or small print and must be worn with a dress shirt. Neckties and bow ties are acceptable. Ties with loud prints, designs, or images are not permitted. Ties should be worn the entire school day.

HAIR ACCESSORIES

All hair accessories for girls must match the school uniform and be solid in color (with the exception of the matching plaid headband). Accessories should be small and modest in nature – no sparkles, loud patterns, or large embellishments, such as bows and flowers. Navy, white, black, gray, burgundy, and tan hair bands are acceptable as well as those that match the school plaid.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM for Grades 4-8

- **The Physical Education uniform (updated style/color as of June 2022) must be worn by all students in grades 4-8 and must be purchased through The Uniform Guy: 1910 Whipple Ave NW Canton, OH 44708. (330) 605-9204**
- **The PE uniform consists of a mandatory navy t-shirt with official school logo and navy shorts. Navy track pants are optional. An optional navy track jacket with official school logo is available and is the only PE uniform item that can be worn the entire day, including in the classroom. (Please see classroom “outerwear” allowed options listed above)**
- **The PE uniform will be worn only during PE class time. It will not be allowed to be worn during the regular school day, with the exception of the PE track jacket. The regular school uniform shall be worn the rest of the day, with time given for students (grades 4-8) to change before and after PE class.**
- Students should have separate tennis shoes that are designated for PE class only and not worn outside of the gym.
- No jewelry is permitted during PE class since it presents a safety hazard.

- In grades K-3 the regular school uniform is worn for PE classes. If girls wear jumpers or skirts on PE days, they must wear a pair of shorts under their jumper or skirt.
- Students in grades K-3 must have a pair of shoes to be worn for PE class only. They will be kept in the gym. Students are expected to change into their own shoes independently at the beginning and end of each PE class.

Students without a PE uniform at the start of the school year have a one-month grace period to obtain the proper uniform. **During this time, students without a PE uniform should wear solid blue or navy athletic shorts with a plain blue or navy t-shirt.*

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

Our students are expected to display Christian values at all times, in their choice of personal appearance as well as their behavior. Therefore, students should never wear items promoting rock groups, drugs and alcohol, or those advertising questionable subjects. Students are expected to be neat and clean when in casual clothes. Ripped jeans are NOT permitted.

SPARTAN SPIRIT DAYS

Plain blue or white shirts, pants, and socks can be worn. Jeans are permitted if clean and neat in appearance. **Students may add blue and white “spirit wear” purchased through the official school vendor: The Uniform Guy. Previously purchased “St. Paul” crewneck or hoodie sweatshirts, including athletic team sweatshirts, may be worn on Spartan Spirit days.** SPS buttons, ribbons, and blue and/or white nail polish are permitted. Ripped jeans are NOT permitted.

Consequences of not following the Uniform Dress Code Policies

Any student not following the Uniform Dress Code will need to go to the school office to rectify the situation before returning to class. They may borrow clothes from the school office or may need to contact their parents/guardians in order to have the appropriate items brought to school.