

# Dress Code Policy

## **Dress Code**

Neatness and cleanliness in personal attire are part of a child's education and the responsibility of the parents. When a child looks and feels good about himself/herself, he/she acts and works accordingly. Personal appearance that constitutes a distraction is not permitted. Dress will reflect pride and dignity in themselves and John Paul II. **Final approval/disapproval is at the discretion of the principal.**

- All students must maintain an appropriate level of personal hygiene that is neat, clean, and pleasant.
- Shorts may be worn during August, September, April, and May with discretion based on weather conditions because students will be required to go out for recess. Under no conditions may shorts be worn to mass.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses shall be long enough to be considered modest.
- Shirts should be long enough to cover the midriff. Tank tops need to have broad straps as no spaghetti straps are allowed.
- Leggings, stretch pants, and stirrup pants are allowed only when worn under skirts, dresses, jumpers, blouses, and sweatshirts that cover the hip.
- T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other clothing with profanity, alcohol advertisements, or any other suggestive slogan are not allowed.
- Pants will not be allowed to drag on the ground or hang below the hip.
- Jewelry for both boys and girls shall be simple and modest.
- No cap or hat will be worn in the classroom unless given permission.
- For safety purposes, no "flip flop" type shoes or heels over 1 inch are allowed.

## **The following dress code will be required for mass days, field trips, and special school activities:**

- a red school logo top or a **plain** red polo shirt that is either long or short sleeved. Red shirts must either be tucked in or hemmed to an appropriate length. These shirts must be worn all day.
- the John Paul II sweatshirt with an approved logo or a solid red sweatshirt
- khaki or any other solid-color slack, jumper, skirt, or capri
- Blue jeans, sweats, shorts, skorts, or wind pants will NOT be allowed.

## **Out of Uniform**

If at any time during the year an exception in uniform is necessary, a note of explanation must be sent to the child's teacher who will forward it to the principal. This note should indicate the expected date by which the uniform will be complete. If your child forgets his/her uniform, they will be sent to the office. We will try to contact the parent so the proper uniform can be brought to school. We may give your child a red shirt that is kept in the principal's office.

- \* When snow is present, boots are strongly encouraged for student warmth and health. Snow pants, head coverings, and hand coverings are required to play in the snow.