

# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Over the past two years, the lack of compliance with the dress code by some members of our community has been disappointing. Thanks to those who have consistently been in uniform throughout these difficult times. Masks, mask breaks, and significant delivery delays from the uniform companies have all made enforcement of the dress code more difficult. With the expectation that those issues will not exist this coming year, we are expecting all students to fully comply to universal compliance with the dress code, representing themselves and the school in a proper manner.

In an effort to make compliance easier for students, we have added some options to our uniform selections.

- A new style skort and a new style pant from Lands' End has been added as an option for girls.
- In warmer weather (the start of school until October 31 and after April vacation) boys and girls will be able to wear navy or khaki Bermuda shorts available from Lands' End.
- For those students who feel cool in class, a St. Paul Catholic navy crewneck sweatshirt is available from Lands' End.
- For footwear, solid color, classic slip-on Vans or knock-offs will be permitted, as well as, solid color, alpargata Toms or knock-offs.
- To insure compliance, all uniform purchases should be made through the links on the SP website ([spchs.com/student-life/uniforms/](http://spchs.com/student-life/uniforms/)). There are also updated slideshows there to help clarify the difference between acceptable and unacceptable shoes. If you have any questions about whether a given pair of shoes is acceptable, please email us a picture of them prior to purchasing them.

We have made these additions with the expectation that they will enable all students to comply with the dress code. There have been recent backorders by vendors due to supply and demand but the uniform companies have assured us of reasonable delivery times and if uniforms are ordered in the next couple of weeks, there should not be any delivery issues. Take advantage of the sales each uniform company offers over the next few weeks. We expect all students to be in full uniform on the first day of school.

The full dress and grooming code as it appears in the Student Handbook is included below. Full compliance with the dress and grooming code includes boys being clean shaven every day. No one should have blue, green, pink, etc. hair. Girls must wear skorts of appropriate length and should not be rolled. Please order skorts early enough so that if they come in and are inappropriately short, you can send them back and order ones of an appropriate length. Girls who have grown and have skorts that are now too short need to order new ones of an appropriate length. A reminder that long sleeve undershirts cannot be worn under short sleeve polos, so you might want to order long sleeve polos or plan on wearing the quarter zip fleece or the new crewneck sweatshirt.

We look forward to a year where we are not distracted by Covid regulations and dress code issues. We can all concentrate on education, faith formation, and personal growth. When we all cooperate and focus on those aspects of school life, this community flourishes and we all look forward to coming to school every day. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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St. Paul Catholic High School's uniform is designed to reinforce neatness and conformity, which are both necessary for a successful educational environment. Students who are improperly attired will be sent home to change, or their parent/guardian will be called to bring them a change of clothes. A student's appearance should demonstrate a sense of modesty. Students who frequently need to be reminded about dress code violations (i.e. tucking in of shirts, inappropriate shoes, shaving, etc.) will be liable to lose alternative dress privileges.

### **Boys Uniform**

- Uniform pants, khaki color, flat or pleated front, purchased from Dennis Uniforms (Dennis label on pants) or Lands' End School Catalog (SP embroidered on pants).
- From the start of school to October 31st and after April vacation khaki or navy chino Bermuda shorts purchased from Lands' End are allowed.
- Solid brown or black leather dress belt.
- White or navy short- or long-sleeve polo from Dennis Uniforms or Lands' End School Catalog, with SP interlocking logo. Polo shirt must be tucked in.
- Only white tee shirts under the polo shirts, without slogans or advertisements. Long-sleeve undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeve polos.
- Shoes will be brown or black leather dress shoes or brown or tan boat shoes. Solid color, classic slip-on Vans or solid color, alpargata Toms or knock-offs are allowed. No sneakers, boots, moccasins, crocs, sandals, or slippers. Please reference the slideshow on the St. Paul website.
- Socks must be worn. Socks must match.
- The Dennis or Lands' End navy fleece quarter-zip jacket is an option. The navy-blue St. Paul Catholic crewneck sweatshirt from Lands' End is an additional option. A polo shirt must be worn underneath.

### **Girls Uniform**

- Uniform pants, khaki color, flat or pleated front pants purchased from Dennis Uniforms (Dennis label on pants) or Lands' End School Catalog (SP embroidered on pants). From the start of school to October 31st and after April vacation khaki or navy chino Bermuda shorts purchased from Lands' End are allowed.
- Women's Lands' End School at-the-knee-length skort or women's pleated skort from Dennis Uniforms in navy or khaki must be worn at the top of the knee.
- Solid brown or black leather dress belt required for pants and the skort with belt loops.
- White or navy banded short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with interlocking SP logo purchased from Dennis Uniforms. Long-sleeve undershirts may not be worn under short-sleeve polos.
- Shoes will be brown or black leather dress shoes or brown or tan boat shoes. Solid color, classic slip-on Vans or solid color, alpargata Toms or knock-offs are allowed. No open toed shoes. No sneakers, boots, moccasins, crocs, sandals, or slippers. Please reference the slideshow on the St. Paul website.
- Pantyhose, tights, knee socks or ankle socks must be worn. Socks must match.
- Navy blue cardigan sweater with St. Paul emblem from Dennis Uniforms or Lands' End School Catalog is optional. The Dennis or Lands' End navy fleece quarter-zip jacket is an option. The navy-blue St. Paul Catholic crewneck sweatshirt from Lands' End is an additional option. A polo shirt must be worn underneath.

## ALTERNATE DRESS ATTIRE

Students are expected to dress and groom themselves for the business of school so as to neither distract other students nor disrupt the education process, nor violate existing law. Clothing that is judged to be too revealing, offensive, or inappropriate is not allowed.

- No torn or ripped jeans.
- No t-shirts with references to alcohol, drugs, sex, or race will be allowed.
- No sleeveless tops, tank tops, midriff tops or low-cut tops.
- No sandals or flip-flops.
- No shorts that are shorter than Bermuda length.
- No skirts that are shorter than top of the knee.
- No leggings.
- No pajamas.
- No yoga pants.
- No wallet chains.

Students wearing alternate dress when ineligible will be issued Saturday detention or lose further alternative dress privileges.

## DRESS AND APPEARANCE

The student's appearance is primarily the responsibility of the individual and his/her parents and should fall within generally accepted definitions of neatness and cleanliness. School uniform should be clean, not torn, and of the appropriate size. Students will dress in a manner that provides no distraction from the learning process.

## ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

- Boys must be clean shaven.
- Boys' hair may not be longer than an inch above the top of their shirt collar and must be neat and well kept.
- Boys may not tie their hair in a ponytail, queue, or man bun.
- Boys may not wear facial makeup or paint their fingernails.
- Sideburns may not be lower than the earlobe.
- Students with hairstyles that are deemed inappropriate by school administration will not be allowed to attend school until the hair is appropriately styled. Inappropriate styles would include but are not limited to: spikes, designer lines shaved into the head or mohawks.
- No earrings for boys. If a boy decides to pierce his ear(s) while a student at St. Paul, the stud must be covered by a band-aid while the piercing heals.
- No gauges.
- No head covering.
- No facial piercing--nose, eye, lip, and tongue.
- Tattoos are not allowed; therefore, they must be completely covered at all times.
- Hair color must not be dyed to an unnatural color.
- Clothing worn to extra-curricular activities must be free from promotion of or reference to drugs, alcohol and tobacco, offensive slogans, names or titles which are defamatory toward a person(s), group(s), school(s) or other organization.

- If a student has a broken leg, uniform pants may not be expected, but a school uniform shirt must be worn. If a student has an injured arm, a uniform shirt may not be expected, but uniform pants, socks and shoes must be worn.
- Students with injuries that require them to wear anything other than uniform dress shoes must have a doctor's note stating the specific injury and the duration of the rehabilitation.

Any member of the staff will report a student who is not in compliance with the dress code. All dress code regulations are in effect for St. Paul students while on school property or attending an official school event off property. The administration reserves the right to determine violations as they occur, whether or not stated explicitly in the Student Handbook.