



School Dress Code and Good Grooming Policy (PreK – 8th)

Scope: The policy addresses everyday attire as well as clothing worn during designated dress-down days. We recognize that the parents / guardians are the primary enforcers of the dress code by ensuring their children are in compliance upon arrival at school. Children should be clean, dressed modestly, and exhibit good personal grooming.

Purpose:

- **To promote a sense of pride and community among the students of St. Athanasius's School.**
- **To enhance the image of the students and the school to the public.**
- **To safeguard the children by having them adequately dressed for seasonal weather**

Policy:

Clothing: General attire is to be neat, clean, simple, unobtrusive, and appropriate for a learning environment.

- The final decision on the appropriateness of student dress code will come from the teachers and principal.
- **Students who arrive in attire that does not meet the code described in this policy will:**
 - 1st offense: be given temporary appropriate clothing and parents will be notified.
 - 2nd offense: Parents will be notified with the expectation that appropriate clothing will be delivered.
 - 3rd offense: follow 2nd offense and the student will have loss of recess or detention.

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All students are to abide by the following:

Shirts: may be long or short-sleeved, solid colored polo or button down with a collar and tucked in. No ties, zippers or snaps allowed. The collar may be a turtleneck, mock turtleneck, buttoned, or turned-down style. A small manufacturer's logo will be allowed. A St. Athanasius polo may also be worn. No long sleeve shirts under a short sleeve shirt.

- Shirts should not be tight/form fitting.

Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Fleece Shirts: Black, white, gray or royal blue solid color waist/hip length sweater may be worn. Solid color sweatshirts or fleece shirts with the St. A/Wildcats logo may be worn. A collared uniform shirt must be worn under the sweater, sweatshirt, or fleece shirt.

Slacks: Any solid dark blue, tan khaki (no green khaki), brown, gray, or black slacks, or jeggings with back pockets may be worn. Black denim is also allowed (not faded or stone washed). All pants should fit at the hip.

- No nylon (windpants), knit, joggers (elastic cuffs), or sweatpant material allowed.
- No tan or navy denim is allowed.

Walking Shorts: Must have at least fingertip length and not extend beyond mid-calf length with a back pocket. Same colors as slacks and may be of twill/woven, corduroy, and cotton/poly material.

- **No Shorts from November 1st – March 31st.**

Additional Options for Girls:

- **Capri Pants:** Any solid dark blue, tan khaki (no green khaki), gray, or black twill/woven Capri pants may be worn. No ties/strings on the leg of the Capri pants.
- **Jumper:** PreK-4 may wear a navy or tan jumper. Length must reach the fingertips with extended arms.
- **Skorts:** Any uniform style skort in navy, khaki, or black may be worn. Length must reach the fingertips with extended arms.

Friday is Spirit Day Attire: Any St. A's t-shirt long or short sleeved may be worn along with uniform slacks, capris, shorts, or skorts. Jeans or denim Capri pants or shorts (fingertip length with arms extended) may be worn with the spirit shirt. Shirts must be tucked in. No jeans on field trips. The teacher will advise students about whether a spirit shirt is allowed.

Jeans/Out-of-Uniform Day: Jeans worn on Spirit Days or out-of-uniform days should not be tattered or have rips or holes. Tank tops are not allowed. Shorts – fingertip length with arms fully extended.

Footwear: Students must wear appropriate footwear for all physical activities

- All shoes or sandals must have closed toes and a back or a back strap with socks.
- Shoes should be flat-soled (no high soles or heels) for safety reasons. No boots, clogs, flip-flops, or open back shoes. **This includes Spirit Days and Out-of-Uniform Days.**
- Physical Education (PE): All students will have a separate pair of non-marking tennis shoes that will stay at school.

Hats: No hats, caps or hoodies may be worn in the school building during the school day.

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Outerwear: No jackets (clothing worn in the outside elements) may be worn inside during school hours.

- A sweatshirt does not qualify as a jacket.
- Coat, mittens / gloves, hat, boots, and snow pants are to be worn when weather warrants, or at the discretion of the administrator.
- Snow pants and snow boots are required for recess when there is standing snow.
- In winter weather, all students are expected to be dressed appropriately to go outdoors for recess unless they have a doctor's excuse.
- Recess is outdoors unless it is raining or the real feel temperature is below 10 degrees (actual or wind chill).

Hair and Jewelry: Hairstyles are to be neat and well groomed.

- Only natural coloring and highlights are permitted and must be in good taste.
- Boys' hair length must not reach their collar, cover more than half their ears, or reach their eyebrows.
- Mohawks are not permitted.
- Standard earrings (only in the ears) are allowed and must be in good taste.
- No other body piercing is allowed.
- Tattoos are not allowed
- Make-Up: No heavy make-up for girls in grades 5-8.

