



Saint John the Baptist Catholic School



Dress Code (Revised 7/2015)

St. John the Baptist enforces a dress code for students to ensure that all students are appropriately attired for school. The purpose of a dress code is to support Catholic identity and enhance academic achievement. Students are expected to be dressed in a manner that indicates serious engagement in the educational process. The St. John the Baptist dress code is written to defer focus from social situations that do not support the mission of the school. Meeting the responsibilities of the uniform policy/dress code is the responsibility of both parents and students.

Any type of dress which violates the spirit of St. John the Baptist School is unacceptable, and the administration reserves the right to decide if the student's style of dress and/or appearance is in violation of the dress code policy or disrupts the education process.

Furthermore, should changes and/or clarifications to the dress code be needed, parents/guardians and students will be informed and addendums will be added to the school website. All students are obligated to follow this uniform policy from the first day of school through the last day of school, unless otherwise stipulated by the administration.

Shoes: Safety is the main concern.

All students Pre-K through 8th grade must wear shoes that have a closed heel and toe. All shoes must have a solid, sturdy sole and must not be flimsy. Shoes should have laces or straps to keep them secure across the top. Students must keep laces **tied** for safety reasons.

The following are examples of shoes not permitted: Sandals, clogs, fashion boots, slipper style (slip on), wedges, lighted, roller, and shoes with extra heels.

Snow boots may be worn to school when exchanged for regular shoes in the classroom.

Pants:

Only navy blue (Docker's style) pants are acceptable in twill or cotton. Pants must be ankle length and worn at the waist. Pants should have no more than two top front and two top back pockets. Pants should be hemmed and not frayed or cut off.

The following are not permitted: skinny style, flair-legged/ bell bottom, stirrups, leggings, deck, cargo or carpenter, monograms or decorative emblems, hip-huggers or low-ride pants, bib overalls. No denim, cotton knit or nylon material pants are allowed.

Shorts: Opening day through Oct. 31st and from April 1st until the end of the year.

Shorts should follow all of the guidelines for pants except for length. Shorts must be worn at the waist and be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee from a kneeling position. Short are optional and monitoring weather conditions are the responsibility of the parents/ guardian. *Please do not expect shorts purchased and worn at the beginning of the school year to fit at the end of the school year.*

Belts:

Grades 5-8 are required to wear a belt. Any students who wears a belt should wear a solid (no holes) brown or black simple dress belt. Dress belts have a leather (not cloth) appearance.

Shirts:

Shirts must be plain solid white or solid light blue polo style in cotton or knit. Shirts in the polo style must have buttons which could be buttoned all the way to the collar. Shirts can be long or short sleeved. *Shirts must be tucked in at all times.* Solid white tank tops, t-shirt, or long sleeved shirt may be worn under the uniform shirt.

HASA sponsored uniform shirts are acceptable.

The following are not permitted: Three-quarter length sleeves, capped sleeves, denim, sheer or silk material, oversized or tight fitting shirts.

Sweaters:

Solid navy blue cardigan, v-neck, vests, or crewneck styles are acceptable.

No zippered or hooded sweaters are allowed.

Uniform polo shirt must be worn underneath all sweaters. Collar from the uniform shirt must be visible.

Sweatshirt:

Only HASA sponsored (crewneck or quarter zip style) spirit wear is acceptable.

NO HOODED SWEATSHIRTS.

Uniform polo shirt must be worn under all sweatshirts. Collar from the uniform shirt must be visible.

Socks/Tights:

Socks must be visible above top of shoe and **must** be at least above the ball of the ankle.

Solid colors only: blue, black, or white and they must be matching.

Socks cannot have any logos on them.

Girls may wear tights under their uniform skirt/jumper in the winter months, but they may only be solid white, navy, or black.

Plaid Jumpers and Skirts: Girls Only (St. John the Baptist pattern)

Jumpers and skirts may be worn by girls in grades K-8.

Jumpers – only Schoolbelles and Land’s End brands are acceptable.

Skirts – only Schoolbelles, Land’s End, and other stores such as JC Penney (with the St. John pattern) are acceptable.

Length must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee when kneeling.

Please do not expect a skirt or jumper hemmed at 3 inches in August to satisfy dress code in May.

Hair

Only natural hair color is allowed.

No extreme or fad hairstyles are allowed. Unacceptable styles include (but are not limited to) mohawks, extreme spikes, shaved heads, or lines shaved into the hair.

Boys’ hair length in the back must be above the collar. Sideburns must be above the earlobes.

Bangs for boys and girls should not extend below the eyebrows.

Jewelry

Only girls may wear earrings with only one piercing per ear. Only stud type or small hoop earrings are permitted.

One bracelet is permitted.

One simple necklace is permitted.

Make-up (girls)

No visible make-up is allowed to be worn by students.

Only clear or light pink nail polish is allowed.

The Physical Education (PE) Uniform is required for all students (kindergarten is optional) - gold T-shirt and (modest)black athletic gym shorts - an exception to this being the gym shorts and T-shirt sold by HASA with the SJB logo. Tennis shoes and socks are required. **Students not in uniform for PE will have their grade lowered.** For health reasons, borrowing or lending of PE uniforms is not allowed and regular washing should be maintained.