We believe that a dress code is desirable since the dress of pupils reflects what the school represents. We believe that there is a positive relation between a neat, appropriate appearance and a good learning environment. All students are encouraged to take pride in self and in their school work. To create the optimal setting for students, the following guidelines reflect our desire for student dress and they emphasize neatness, modesty, good grooming and good taste. We ask both parents and students to support the school in our dress code and creating a positive learning environment.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Dress code guidelines apply throughout the school day, including before and after school care.
- Clothing tops should display the St. John's logo. No other logos, brand names, or printing are permitted.
- St. John's logo shirts and sportswear must be ordered through the school.
- Pants and skirts may be purchased at any store.
- All clothing must be properly sized and worn appropriately.
- All pants, shorts, skirts, skorts must be worn at the waist.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- If a garment has loops, a brown or black belt may be worn.
- Outdoor clothing such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. may not be worn in the classrooms, chapel, or school rooms.
- Hair should be neat, groomed, and appropriate for all activities. No unnatural hair color or hairstyle is permitted (exception: spirit days).
- Jewelry: Earrings for girls only; no dangling earrings (injury is possible during normal school activity).
- No visible body piercings are permitted (exception: earrings for girls).
- No visible tattoos are permitted.

SPECIFIC STYLES/STANDARDS K-8

1. Pants, shorts, skirts

- Solid color: navy, khaki, black, or gray.
- No denim, corduroy, knit, gaucho, or cargo.
- Skirts, shorts, and skorts must be longer than 4" above the knee.
- Must have a hem (no cut-offs).

2. Shirts

- Must have St. John's logo.
- Solid color: white, black, navy, royal, or light blue.
- · Collar polo, long or short sleeves.

3. Long sleeve T-shirt

- May be worn under shirts listed above.
- Solid color: white, black, navy, royal, or light blue
- No zippers, ties, snaps, or hooks.

4. Jumpers and Dresses

- Must be longer than 4" above the knee.
- Solid color: black, navy, or khaki.
- No logo, graphics, or writing (except St. John's logo).
- Jumpers. Worn over collar shirt. If jumper is removed during the day, the collar shirt must be a St. John's logo shirt.

5. 1/4 Zip Jackets, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, and Fleece Jackets

- Applicable to 1/4 zip jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, and fleece jackets worn indoors during school day.
- Must be worn over a collared shirt. If 1/4 zip jacket, sweater, sweatshirt, or fleece jacket is removed during the day, the shirt must be a St. John's logo shirt.
- One solid color only: white, black, gray, navy, royal, or light blue.
- No logo, graphics, or writing (except St. John's logo).
- No hooded sweaters, hooded sweatshirts or hooded jackets worn indoors.
- Crewneck sweatshirt or sweater, V-neck sweatshirt or sweater, and cardigan sweater are acceptable attire.

6. Outdoor Coats

 Style, color, or design should reflect appropriate Christian attire.

7. Tights, leggings, and knee socks

 Solid color: white, black, gray, navy, royal, light blue, or khaki.

8. Footwear

- Must have a back or back strap.
- No open-toe footwear.
- No platforms; heels under 1-1/2".

T-SHIRT TUESDAYS

Students may wear an "official" St. John's t-shirt on Tuesdays during the school year:

- The t-shirt can be any color and must be printed with "St. John's" on the shirt (school, sports, church, VBS, or other ministry).
- If not wearing a St. John's t-shirt, then students must comply with our standard dress attire.
- Dress code bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts) apply for all students.

SPIRIT DAYS

The school or classrooms may schedule special "spirit days" during the year. On these days, students have the option of wearing the "special" dress for the day or the standard dress attire.

DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

- 1. Parents are requested to monitor what their children wear to school and should help their children develop pride in their appearance.
- Enforcement of the dress code guidelines may vary as per grade level, nature of infraction, and number of occurrences. Consequences for infractions may include, but are not limited to: written notice, phone call, change of clothing, and suspension.
- The faculty shall assume responsibility for enforcing this policy, under the direction and guidance of the principal. Each teacher has the authority to approach any student whose dress is considered in violation of the dress code, regardless of student grade level.
- 4. The school reserves the right to make final determination on the validity of student dress; the classroom teacher and/or principal may handle special circumstances on an individual basis.

SUMMARY

In our partnership between home and school, each of us has a role in complying with our dress code. Students are asked to consider their appearance before leaving for school in the morning. Parents are asked to support the school in our attempt to promote a positive and appropriate learning environment. Teachers and staff are asked to enforce the dress code guidelines consistently and fairly. The school is asked to amend the dress code as needed to reflect fashion or styles.

When the home and school work together in our dress code, we know that school time is focused more on teaching and learning, rather than dealing with the distractions and frustrations of inappropriate dress attire.