

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Good grooming is important as it promotes healthy habits and enhances one's appearance. Good grooming begins with good hygiene. Parents should check their children to be sure that they have washed thoroughly, have clean clothes, and meet the dress code. All children are expected to adhere to the school's dress code. The dress code is in effect from the first day of each school year. *Catholic schools should be an example of simplicity and a united community.* School uniforms help us recognize and reinforce these important principles. The principal has the authority to make the final decision on all matters related to the student dress code.

### MASS DAY UNIFORM

*As Catholics, we believe that the Mass is the source and foundation of our lives, and that Jesus Christ is present in His Humanity and Divinity in the Eucharist. An outward sign of that belief is our reverent disposition and behavior when we go to Mass. There will be a specific dress code for ALL Mass days. Most Mass days are on Friday, but several times throughout the year, Mass falls on a different day. Please pay attention to the school calendar. Students will be required to wear the following dress uniform on Mass days.*

- \* All learners will wear the mass day uniform on scheduled mass days for the school year. During winter months, students may layer shirt with sweaters and vests ONLY; sweatshirts are not permitted.
- \* All learners will wear a button up oxford shirt with a button down collar.
- \* Boys will wear uniform pants, belt, oxford shirt and plaid tie. Girls will wear uniform bottoms, oxford shirt and plaid cross-tie.
- \* Girls in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade may wear their plaid jumpers, skirts, shorts or pants. **Knee high socks** or tights must accompany the jumpers, skirts, or shorts. Girls are also permitted to wear uniform pants with the oxford shirt on Mass days.

### GIRLS ATTIRE

- \* Girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade may wear the jumper or skorts in the SVDP Plaid, shorts, or pants with a white blouse, white polo shirt, or white turtle neck and knee-high socks only. **Knee high socks** or tights must accompany the jumpers, skirts, or shorts.
- \* Girls in 6th grade through 8th grade may wear the SVDP plaid skirt or skort, shorts or pants with a white blouse or white polo shirt. All girls' tops should be loose fitting. **Knee high socks** or tights must accompany the jumpers, skirts, or shorts.
- \* Girls in all grades may wear navy blue uniform dress pants or shorts. (Denims, jeans like, corduroys, pants with studs or rivets, or cargo like pants are not permitted.) Plain white polo shirts, blouses, or turtle necks are to be worn with pants or shorts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Knee-high socks must accompany school appropriate shorts.
- \* Belts in a solid color of black, brown, or blue are to be worn with pants.
- \* School approved sweat shirts may be worn.

### BOYS ATTIRE

- \* Boys in all grades may wear navy blue uniform dress pants or shorts. (Denims, jean like, corduroys, or cargo like pants are not allowed.) Plain white polo shirts with a collar are to be worn with pants or shorts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. School approved sweat shirts may be worn.
- \* Belts in a solid color of black, brown, or blue are to be worn with pants.

## SOCKS

- \* Students in grade kindergarten through 8th grade must wear white or navy blue socks that are above the ankle.
- \* Girls in these grades may also wear white or navy blue tights. **If girls wear their jumpers, skirts, or skorts, or shorts knee high socks must be worn.**
- \* Students in 7th or 8th grade must wear socks in white or navy color.

## SHOES

**PLEASE NOTE: If in doubt, please bring the shoes to school before they are worn.**

- \* Dress shoes are highly encouraged. Students may wear dress shoes in solid colors of brown or black. Dress shoes in oxford style, penny-loafer, saddle-shoe (black/white), or mary-jane style with non-marking soles are permitted. ALL style of dress shoes must be black or brown color.
- \* Athletic shoes in **solid colors** of white or black are permitted. (NO markings or accent colors on athletic shoes are acceptable.) The entire shoe must be a solid color shoe. This includes the sole of the shoe and the shoelaces. All parts of the shoe must be solid white or solid black.

## HAIR

- \* All students are to have haircuts which will keep their hair out of their eyes. Ladies hair should be out of their eyes and pulled back away from their face.
- \* All students' hair is to be neatly combed.
- \* Boys' hair must be off the collar.
- \* Hair must not be dyed or bleached.
- \* Distracting styles or fads are not acceptable.
- \* Girls' hair bows and head bands should be simple.

## COSMETICS and JEWELRY

- \* Make-up is not permitted in any grade
- \* Girls in Pre-K through 8th grade may only wear clear nail polish. Artificial nails are not permitted.
- \* Jewelry for both boys and girls should be kept simple. Girls' earrings should not dangle below the earlobe. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.

## GYM UNIFORM

- \* Tennis shoes are required for gym class. Learners can keep their gym shoes in their lockers for the scheduled gym days.
- \* Girls in kindergarten through 8th grade should bring or wear shorts under their uniform jumpers on gym class.