



St. Stephen School

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St. Stephen School Uniform Policy Grades K-8

“Set an example for those who believe in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.” 1 Tim 4:12

General Uniform

- Uniforms should be clean, neat, in good repair, and appropriately sized.
- School-approved sweaters, cardigans, vests, zip fleece, or crewneck sweatshirts may be black or red and may display the school name or crest. Grey crewneck sweatshirts are permitted with the school crest.

Shirts

Boys: White, black, or red polo (short or long sleeve). White Oxford shirt on Mass days.

Girls: White, black, or red polo (short or long sleeve). White tailored blouse on Mass days.

Bottoms

Boys: Traditional khaki dress pants or khaki walking shorts (through Oct. 15 and after Easter break).

Girls: K-3 plaid or khaki jumper; Grades 4-8 plaid or khaki skirt; traditional khaki dress pants; or khaki walking shorts (through Oct. 15 and after Easter break).

All khaki pants should be traditional uniform-style dress pants. Athletic, cargo, jogger, denim-style, or fashion stretch pants are not permitted. Skirts should be no shorter than two inches above the knee and should not be rolled at the waistband.

Footwear

- Dress shoes must be black, brown, or tan with non-marking soles.
- Canvas loafers (such as TOMS or HeyDudes) must be solid black, brown, or tan with dark soles.
- Sneakers may be worn only for recess and physical education.
- Sandals, Crocs, slides, clogs, open-toed shoes, glitter, and patterned shoes are not permitted.

Socks & Belts

Boys: Black or brown dress socks; belt required when pants have belt loops.

Girls: White or black knee-high socks, tights, or rolled dress socks.

Mass Uniform

Boys: Khaki dress pants, white Oxford shirt, tie (black, red, or school plaid), and black or brown belt.

Girls: School plaid skirt or jumper with white dress blouse.

General Appearance

- Shirts should remain tucked in throughout the school day.
- Hair should be clean, neatly groomed, and kept out of the eyes.
- Unnatural hair colors and distracting hairstyles are not permitted.
- Hair accessories should be school plaid, black, red, or white.
- Jewelry should be simple and age-appropriate. Facial piercings are not permitted.
- Makeup is not permitted.
- Boys may not wear earrings.
- Fingernails, including artificial or acrylic nails, must not interfere with classroom instruction, learning activities, or student safety.
- Novelty or costume accessories (such as cat ears, tails, wings, or similar items) are not permitted during the school day.

Dress Down Days

Throughout the school year, students may have opportunities to participate in dress down or spirit days. These occasions are a privilege and students are expected to dress in a manner that reflects the values of St. Stephen School while remaining appropriate for a learning environment.

The following guidelines apply unless otherwise communicated for a special event:

- Clothing must fit appropriately and be clean, neat, and in good repair.
- Shorts, skirts, dresses, and long shirts worn with leggings must extend to at least mid-thigh.
- Shirts must provide appropriate coverage. Bare midriffs, halter tops, tube tops, and spaghetti straps are not permitted. Shoulder straps must be at least three fingers wide.
- Leggings may only be worn with a dress or long shirt that extends to fingertip length.
- Clothing displaying inappropriate, obscene, suggestive, discriminatory, or offensive language or images, or advertising alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, drugs, or other inappropriate content, is not permitted.
- Pants must be worn at the waist and may not drag on the floor. Excessively torn or ripped clothing is not permitted.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. For safety reasons, footwear may be restricted for certain activities.
- Hats, hoods, sunglasses, and other head coverings may not be worn inside the school building unless approved for a school-sponsored event.
- Novelty or costume accessories (such as cat ears, tails, wings, or similar items) are not permitted unless they are part of an approved school spirit day or special event.
- School administration reserves the right to determine whether clothing or accessories are appropriate for the school environment.

Students who do not meet these expectations may be asked to change into appropriate attire, contact a parent or guardian for a change of clothes, or forfeit future dress down privileges.