



DRESS CODE POLICIES, 2017-18

St. Patrick's has established regulations for school attire to help make the school environment and climate as conducive as possible for Christian values and an excellent college-preparatory education.

On occasion, we have changed the dress code when it seems appropriate. For next year, **three changes have been made to the Dress Code Policies:** **1)** Boys will now be allowed to wear **bow-ties**; **2)** Socks must still be worn at all times, but there will be **no color restrictions** on socks when students are wearing slacks; and, **3)** You will **not** be required to purchase gym clothing from *Donnelly's* (though it still can be), but it does have to meet the requirements stated below.

The Academy expects that **all** students and parents assume the responsibility of complying with these regulations. Please note that there will be **no** exceptions to the dress code. **Parents and students do not have the right to make exceptions to the dress code, nor will excuses be accepted or tolerated.** If the cost of clothing articles is an issue, please see the Principal. All concerns or questions must be taken up with the Principal or the Dean of Student Life.

Students not in compliance with dress code regulations will be subject to consequences. For minor infractions, the student will be corrected. For missing or incorrect clothing items, students may be given detention, or removed from class until the proper clothing has been brought from home, or be required to wear replacement articles provided by the school. **Repeated offenses of this type may result in suspension.**

All pants, skorts, dress shirts, blouses, polo shirts, sweaters and sweater vests, must be purchased from Donnelly's Clothing Store. These clothing items have our **school logo or the Donnelly's tag** attached.

Neck-ties, bow-ties, belts, socks, stockings and shoes, as well as gym shorts, shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts and sneakers may be purchased at a store of your choice.

The **daily uniform for boys in all grades** will be as follows:

- Khaki dress pants [*Donnelly's*], with black or brown belt.
- White oxford or green oxford dress shirt (short- or long-sleeve) [*Donnelly's*], **or** – from **August 24 until November 1** and from **May 1 to the end of the school year** – white or green polo shirt [*Donnelly's*].
- Neck-tie or bow-tie (with dress shirt); appropriate styles only; no extreme colors or inappropriate messages, pictures or emblems).
- Black dress shoes.
(**Not** allowed: Sneakers, "Tams"-type shoes, boat-shoes, boots or sandals.)
- Socks, any color
- **OPTIONAL:** Green pull-over or cardigan sweater or sweater-vest in good condition.
[*Donnelly's*]

The **daily uniform for girls in all grades** will be as follows:

- Khaki skort [*Donnelly's*] **or** khaki dress pants [*Donnelly's*], with black or brown belt.
- White oxford or green oxford dress shirt (short- or long-sleeve) [*Donnelly's*], or – from **August 24 until November 1** and from **May 1 to the end of the school year** – white or green polo shirt [*Donnelly's*].
- Socks, any color, **must** be worn with uniform pants.
- Knee-socks (dark green, navy, black or white) or nylon stockings (dark green, navy, black or clear) **must** be worn with the uniform skort.
(**Not** allowed: Spandex, yoga pants and other leggings.)
- Black dress shoes.
(**Not** allowed: Heels, sneakers, “Tams”-type shoes, open-toed shoes, boat-shoes, sandals or boots)
- OPTIONAL: Green pull-over or cardigan sweater or sweater-vest in good condition.
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The **gym uniform** for **boys and girls in all grades** consists of the following:

- Sweat-pants or **mesh** shorts
- Crew-neck, short-sleeve t-shirt; sweat-shirt is optional
- Sneakers
- White or black socks

Gym clothing purchased through *Donnelly's* or *St. Patrick Academy* is completely acceptable. All gym uniform articles of clothing, including sneakers, must be **clean, modest and in good condition, without tears or holes.**

Other Dress Code policies:

- Students should come to school in dress code, but **all students must be in full dress code when they enter morning homeroom.**
- The student's overall appearance must be neat, clean, well-groomed and modest. Dress shirts and blouses must be tucked into pants/skorts.
- Pants, skorts, shirts, sweaters and foot-wear are to be neat, clean, and in good condition **without stains, tears or holes.**
- Clothing must **not** be excessively tight or baggy, and pants must not “sag” below the waistline.
- Extreme hair styles or hair colors are not allowed. If a hair-style or color is distracting to others, then it is extreme.
- Girls may wear natural color make-up only; excessive make-up is **not** allowed. If the make-up is obvious and distracting to others, then it is extreme.
- Girls may wear a minimal amount of jewelry; boys may **not** wear earrings or ear-studs.
- Rings or studs in the nose, eyebrows or face are **not** allowed for girls or boys.
- Body or face piercings are **not** allowed. Tattoos are strongly discouraged and **must not be visible.**

For all students: Gym uniforms are worn during gym class *only*; students are to change into gym clothes at the start of P.E. class and change back into school uniform at the end of P.E. class.

NOTE: These policies may be amended or added to from time to time to meet new issues and circumstances. The final disposition of all policies is the responsibility of the Principal and the Dean of Student Life.