



SAINT JAMES –SAINT JOHN SCHOOL

UNIFORM & DRESS CODE

Each student attending St James-St. John School in grades PK-8 will be attired in the complete and exact uniform as described by the Principal in the Parent/Student Handbook. All staff members are expected to enforce the uniform code. No deviations in the uniform will be allowed, except in specific situations as approved by the Principal. All prescribed articles of clothing must be worn all day or the student will be considered to be “out of uniform.” It is a parental responsibility to work with the staff of St James-St. John School to ensure that the child is in the proper uniform each day. The parent must notify the school, in writing, each time the child is not in complete uniform. The reason for non-compliance and when non-compliance will be corrected must be given in the notification. In the absence of this notification, the parents will be informed of the uniform violation immediately, giving them the opportunity to remedy the situation by bringing the proper uniform item(s) to school.

Repeated non-compliance to the established uniform code will result in disciplinary action. Whenever necessary, the appropriateness, cleanliness, and neatness of student attire and accessories will be determined at the sole discretion of the Principal.

The administration may call special dress days or make exceptions to the following required uniforms, in which you will be notified in writing.

Pre-Kindergarten

- A PreKindergarten uniform is available through Donnelly’s for all students in PK
- Clothing should be neat, easy for preschoolers to wear, and allow for free movement.
- Layering works well as it is sometimes very warm in our classroom.
- Preschoolers may wear sneakers.
- Please provide proper clothing for each season. During the winter months your child must have a warm coat, hat, mittens and boots in order to take part in outside play.

There are three (3) dress codes that are allowed at St. James St. John School. There is a summer, winter, and regular code.

Summer Dress Code

All students are allowed to wear the following items:

- White or maroon polo shirt (short sleeve)
- Khaki dress short/skort (Not cargo shorts)
- Sneakers
- White socks

Regular Dress Code

Girls in grades K - 5:

- School Jumper
- White buttoned down oxford shirt
- White or maroon socks
- brown or black shoes

Girls in grades 6 - 8:

- School skirt
- White buttoned down oxford shirt
- School tie
- School Vest/sweater
- White or maroon socks
- brown or black shoes

Boys:

- White buttoned down oxford shirt
- Khaki dress slacks
- School sweater/vest
- School tie
- Belt
- brown or black shoes

Winter Dress Code

Girls:

- Khaki dress slacks
- White oxford shirt or white/maroon turtleneck
- School sweater/vest
- White or maroon socks
- Brown or black shoes

Gym Clothes:

Sneakers and School Gym Uniform

- For identification and safety purposes, SJSJ T-shirt or sweatshirt is to be worn.
- Sweatpants/sweat shorts: SJSJ with logo gym uniform.
- Sneakers are to be tied in the traditional manner.
- Long sweatpants are to be worn to the ankle. When sweatpants have been outgrown, parents may cut them to the knee and hem them.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND PERSONAL ITEMS

All Students

Haircuts and hairstyles must be traditional, simple, and combed.

- No tails, spikes, carving, shaved heads, sculpting with gel, etc.
- Hair may not be worn in front of eyes.

Any student whose hairstyle is deemed unacceptable and distracting from the learning environment may be excluded from class and the student's parents will be notified. Three days will be given to rectify the problem. If not corrected during this time frame, the student may be suspended until natural hair color is restored.

For safety reasons:

- No heavy choker necklaces are allowed - i.e. spikes, chains, dog collars, etc.
- Only one bracelet, necklace, watch, ring, etc. may be worn.
- No "jelly-jewelry."
- Expensive jewelry should not be worn to school.
- No "body piercing," (lip, nose, eyebrow or tongue piercing), body art, permanent or temporary tattoos. Students may not write or draw on skin.
- Cologne, perfume, hair products, etc. are to be used in moderation, due to potential allergic reaction of others. These may not be used in the classroom and for safety reasons may not be brought to school.

Boys: Must have traditional, combed haircuts. No braiding, spiking, gel sculpting, carving, etc.

- Hair must be trimmed around ears and may not extend below natural hairline along sides of the head and at nape of neck.
- No facial hair (beards, goatees, mustaches, etc)
- May not wear an earring or earrings.

Girls: Hairstyles must be combed and neat, and ribbons and barrettes should be simple.

- Small earrings may be worn on pierced ears no larger than the size of a quarter.
- No large dangling earrings.
- Hoop earrings are to be no larger than a nickel.
- No more than two earrings per ear with traditional placement on ear lobes only.
- No ear cuffs. If upper ear is pierced, one small stud may be worn per ear.
- Clear or light pink color nail polish only. No black or fluorescent colors, no multi-colors, no false nails, no nail art or nail jewelry.
- Makeup, glitter, or false eyelashes may NOT be worn.

SHOES

ALL STUDENTS

- Brown, black, or traditional black and white saddle shoes.
- Shoes must be traditional low heel less than 1" in height, low cut (below ankle).

GIRLS MAY ALSO WEAR:

- Black or brown leather strap shoe with safety non-skid soles, for example: "Mary Janes" or T-straps.
- Girls' shoes must follow all other requirements below.

PLEASE NOTE: NO OTHER FOOTWEAR WILL BE PERMISSABLE

- Shoes are to be properly tied at all times.
- Shoes and sneakers may not have platforms or built up heels.
- Traction or rugged soles are permissible as long as the soles are not built up.
- Sneakers may be worn only for PE or Summer Uniform.
- Boots may not be worn in the classroom.
- During cold or inclement weather, boots may be worn to school and changed before entering the classroom.

Please review these examples of acceptable uniform shoe styles and height of heel (less than 1"). Heel and sole may not be built up, chunky or platform due to safety and insurance concerns.

No Heelies.

General Appearance

It is expected that uniforms will fit the students properly. Uniform pants that are "baggy" or have the waist of the pants worn down at the hips will not be tolerated. Students will also wear a plain black or brown belt in a size appropriate to their waist. Boys' uniform shirts must be neatly tucked in with belt showing at all times. Other departures from policy that will not be tolerated are: temporary or permanent body tattoos, drawing on the skin with ballpoint pens or markers, stick-on body jewelry, body glitter, etc. Girls will wear their skirts in a modest fashion; never more than two inches above the knee while standing.