

## UNIFORM POLICY

### DRESS AND GROOMING (Archdiocesan Policy #4303.6)

**Students are expected to dress and present an appearance consistent with standards of good taste and appropriate for school and school events.** Any dress or wearing of insignia which conveys the image of gang membership, supports the beliefs of hate groups, makes sexual innuendos, or promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is inappropriate for school and should not be allowed.

**GENERAL:** The appearance and dress of the student is the primary responsibility of the student and his or her parent(s) or guardian(s).

It will be up to the discretion of the teacher, principal or pastor to determine if students meet the expectations established in this uniform code. If a student's attire or appearance is not acceptable, the student and his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified. Should additional notifications be necessary, consequences may result and will be determined by school administration.

This policy may be amended and/or changed as necessary. Notifications of such changes will always be provided in writing in advance and will be included in the school handbook upon official approval.

#### **GIRLS' UNIFORMS:**

**Pre-school through third grade:** The girls must wear the plaid **jumper**, navy shorts, or navy pants with a white or black polo or round collared shirt. White or black tights may be worn with the jumper. Girls should wear a light weight short underneath the jumper. Girls can wear the red hooded sweatshirt or zip-up fleece bearing the school logo with the jumper, pants, or shorts. All shorts and pants must be worn with a navy, black, or brown belt.

**Grades 5 through 8:** The girls must wear the red plaid **skirt**, navy shorts, or navy pants with a white or black polo shirt. The skirts can be no shorter than knee length (no shorter than the top of the knee). Shorts can be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Girls can wear white or black tights or solid white or black socks. Light weight, nylon type shorts (no short shorts) should be worn underneath the skirts. Girls can wear the red hooded sweatshirt or zip-up fleece bearing the school logo with their skirts.

**Girls in grade 4 may wear either choice listed above. Please be mindful of short or skirt length.**

## **BOYS' UNIFORMS:**

**Preschool through eighth grade:** Wear navy blue dress pants or uniform dress shorts with a navy, brown, or black belt, (no “cargo” pants or shorts, patch pockets, athletic or corduroy) red knit collared shirts, red hooded sweatshirts or zip-up fleece bearing the school logo and solid white or black or red socks. Hair must be worn in a neat, well-groomed style and may not touch the collar of the shirt and worn out of students' eyes.

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys may wear socks of their choosing as long as they do not feature inappropriate language or images.

## **SCHOOL SHOES:**

Students may wear either dress shoes or tennis shoes. For safety reasons we suggest that the school shoes not have slick soles. Tennis shoes worn must be a style that is able to be worn under the pant leg and must not cover the bottom of the pant leg. High top tennis shoes may be worn, as long as the pant leg is able to fit around the top of the shoe. If shoes are lace-up style, the laces must be worn and tied. All shoes must have a back (No mules, slides, sandals, tap shoes or Heelies). **When participating in P.E., students should wear tennis shoes.**

## **GYM UNIFORMS:**

Boys will wear their uniforms on gym day. Girls should be sure that shorts are worn under skirts or jumpers and are of appropriate length.

## **DRESS FOR WEATHER:**

Parents are asked to choose appropriate items from the above list of uniform clothes to meet the comfort needs of the students. If students come to school dressed in a manner which is not appropriate for the weather, they may be kept indoors.

## **JEWELRY AND COSMETICS:**

Jewelry is not to be worn in school except as provided in this policy. If a child has pierced ears, small posts may be worn. An appropriate wristwatch may be worn. Approved pins or wristbands in recognition of school-sponsored or approved causes may also be worn in school. Any other jewelry worn to school will be confiscated in the morning and returned to the child upon dismissal at 3:00PM. Cosmetics are not to be worn in school. Students wearing cosmetics will be asked to remove them.

Eighth grade girls are allowed to wear nail polish. Polish must be well maintained.

**No Mohawks or “Faux-hawks” or hair dye is allowed.**

## **OUT OF UNIFORM/ADD-ON DAYS:**

If a student comes to school out of uniform, parents will be called and will be required to bring the proper uniform to school for the students.

### **Out of uniform days may only be determined by St. Stephen Protomartyr administration.**

As always the appearance and dress of the student is the primary responsibility of the student and his or her parents or guardians. It will be up to the discretion of the teacher, principal or pastor to determine if students meet the expectations established in this uniform code.

St. Stephen Protomartyr School has established policies, guidelines and regulations for students' appearance. Because students are perceived as representatives of the school, the school has a reason and a right to expect students to dress and groom themselves appropriately.

## **GUIDELINES FOR OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS:**

### **Not Allowed:**

Spaghetti straps and strapless shirts and dresses are not allowed.

Bare midriffs are not allowed. No low cut tops.

Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 2" above the knee.

Pajama bottoms are not allowed.

Leggings and/or tights may not be worn alone as pants.

Sagging pants and shorts are not allowed.

Tattered and/or torn jeans are not allowed.

Shoes with heels higher than 1" are not allowed.

Sandals, flip-flops, crocs, clogs and open backed shoes are not acceptable.

### **Allowed:**

Long sleeved, short-sleeved and sleeveless tops are acceptable.

Capris, jeans and sweat pants are acceptable.

Leggings under a dress or skirt are permissible.