

## UNIFORM POLICY

Uniforms are a part of life at St. Joseph School. It is school policy that students wear uniforms and that each student follows the uniform code. The uniform policy is established to promote fairness and equality, instill discipline, prevent disruption, and avoid safety hazards. All students P-8 will wear uniforms during the school day including class trips away from the school, unless otherwise noted by the supervising teacher. Students failing to follow the policy will receive a uniform infraction notice, and if possible, the school will correct the problem with uniforms in our used uniform closet. If we are unable to correct the situation, parents will be notified to bring the correct uniform apparel to school. Students will remain in the office until the correct uniform is brought. (See uniform components in next section.)

- **PARENTS**, we ask that you enforce the uniform code with your children by making sure that they are properly dressed before leaving home. This will cut down on classroom time being taken away by dealing with uniform infractions. Not only do we have concerns that children are allowed to come to school with adequate dress for the weather; we are also concerned that children come to school without proper uniform dress.
- The approved vendors for the SJS uniforms are Shaheen's in Louisville and the Lands' End School Uniform catalog. **There are NO approved vendors through any Bowling Green merchants. If uniform components are purchased from other vendors, they must look identical to the components from Shaheens and Lands End.** This includes style as well as color. Keep in mind that there are varying shades of navy and khaki and only the ones from our vendors are the approved colors. **ORDERING INFORMATION IS INCLUDED. PLEASE USE THE LIST OF APPROVED ITEMS FROM LANDS' END BEFORE ORDERING FROM THAT VENDOR.**
- **Uniforms should be clean and intact. Faded, torn, discolored, or stained components are unacceptable. If families are passing shorts and slacks down among children, they must not be faded when used, (try dye).**
- **SHIRTS/BLOUSES** must be totally white and should not have lace, embroidery, or logos on them. Shirts/blouses must be tucked in at all times, except P.E. or recess. If T-shirts are worn under the uniform shirt for warmth, they must be plain white with no printing or logos on the front or back.
- **SHOES:** White-soled or non-scuffing rubber soled shoes are required, athletic shoes are preferred. No open toe or open back shoes, sandals, cowboy boots, jelly shoes, heels, dress boots, platform, wooden sole, or fad shoes may be worn with the uniform. Boots may be worn during inclement weather but must be changed after arriving at school.
- **SOCKS:** Socks may only be solid white or navy and must be worn at all times. **SOCKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. ANKLET SOCKS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. SOCKS MUST HAVE AT LEAST A ONE INCH CUFF OR HIGHER.** Socks may not have stripes, logos, lace or other ornamentation. Navy or white tights are approved to be worn under the skirt, jumper, or skort but must be solid without cable or ornamentation. Leggings are not approved.
- **BELTS:** Belts are required for all students, except Preschool, if the pants or shorts being worn have belt loops. The belts must be brown, black, or navy blue and must be worn completely through the belt loops. No chains, scarves, or other novelty belts are allowed.
- Non-uniform sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, coats, etc. may not be worn indoors. **They may be worn over to church but must be taken off before mass begins.**
- **HEADWEAR:** Hats, caps, bandanas, hair scarves, or head wraps may NOT be worn indoors. Headbands (without bandanas attached), hair bows, barrettes, pony-tail holders are acceptable. Extreme hair styles and/or coloring are not permitted. Scrunchies, pony-tail holders, and rubber bands must be worn in the hair and not on the wrist.
- **JEWELRY AND MAKEUP:** Jewelry should be limited to watches, rings, and crosses or religious medals on a narrow silver or gold chain (rope or beaded chains are not acceptable). Girls with pierced ears may wear earrings that are small and unobtrusive, and they may not hang down past the earlobe. No other jewelry may be worn. Students that use make-up must be conservative in its use. It should not be apparent that make-up is being worn. Tattoos or any kind and body

- piercing (except earlobes) is not allowed. **Rubber wrist bands or rubber bands may not be worn.**
- **PANTS/SHORTS/SKIRTS/SKORTS** must be worn at the waist and not pulled down or rolled up. All shorts, skorts, and skirts must be Bermuda length (AT THE KNEE LENGTH).
  - **SCOUT UNIFORMS:** Official scout uniforms may be worn on meeting days. Scouts should wear official uniforms, not scout leisurewear. All members of the same group (troop, den, etc.) should wear the same uniform. **The length of shorts and skirts must comply with the length for the school uniform components.**
  - **PHYSICAL EDUCATION** It is mandatory that middle school students bring a t-shirt to change into for PE. Shirts must not advertise or refer to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, bars, use inappropriate language, convey openly or covertly unacceptable sentiments or themes. It is optional to change into shorts, but the shorts must be at-the-knee length. It is optional for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to change into a t-shirt for PE.

**UNIFORM COMPONENTS:** These components should be purchased through the two approved vendors, **Shaheen's and Lands End Uniforms**. If not, they must look exactly like the components that are sold by these two vendors.

- **BLOUSES/SHIRTS:** White only, short or long sleeved, round collar, "Peter Pan" collar, button-down collar, Knit polo, or Turtlenecks. Red short or long sleeved knit polo from Land's End for grades Pre – 8<sup>th</sup>. Navy short or long sleeved knit polo from Land's End for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Uniform shirts must always be worn under the uniform sweatshirt. Orders for polo shirts with the school logo are placed in the fall and spring through the school office. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- **SWEATSHIRTS:** Solid navy (**royal blue is not acceptable**), no pockets or hoods. Orders for the sweatshirts with the school logo are placed in the fall through the school office. Sweatshirts and sweaters may not be worn tied around the waist.
- **SWEATERS:** Navy only, plain knit only, no cable knit. Sweaters may be vee neck or crew neck pullover or a cardigan.
- **SHORTS: Pre-5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Navy Blue, tailored, Bermuda length (at the knee length). Elastic waist shorts are only approved for Pre & Kindergarten students.  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>:** Dark khaki (provided by vendors), tailored, Bermuda length (at the knee length). **Cargo Shorts are NOT approved uniform components.**
- **SLACKS: Pre-5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Navy, tailored for both boys and girls. **6<sup>th</sup> –8<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Dark khaki, tailored. **Cargo pants are NOT approved uniform components.**
- **JUMPERS:** Plaid jumpers may be purchased through approved vendors and can be worn by Pre-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls.
- **SKIRTS/SKORTS:** Plaid Skirts may be purchased through Shaheens only, **the plaid skirts in Lands' End are not the approved pleated skirt.** They can be worn by 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Pre-5<sup>th</sup> grade girls may wear the navy blue skorts, Bermuda length (at the knee length) and 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls may wear the dark khaki skorts, Bermuda length (at the knee length). **The skorts available through the approved vendors are the only skorts that can be worn.**
- **Corduroy shorts, slacks or skorts are NOT approved uniform apparel.**

#### **LANDS' END SPRING 2005 CATALOG – APPROVED UNIFORM COMPONENTS**

- Solid White shirts on pages 5-7, short or long sleeve.
- Navy sweaters or turtlenecks on page 9.
- Boys' Chino slacks or shorts on page 11 (all styles).
- Boys' Plain-front or pleated chinos on page 12 (styles a and b) (Cargo Chinos and shorts are NOT approved).
- Chino Skorts page 19 (Style a, At-the-knee length) is the only approved skort.
- Plaid jumper on page 25 (Style a).
- White blouses on page 27: Short or Long-sleeve Oxford or Short or Long-sleeve Peter Pan White Blouses (styles b, c, d, e, or f). Three-quarter sleeve is not approved.

- Girls' Pleated or Plain-front Chinos on page 29 (styles b, c, or f only).
- Girls' Chino shorts page 30 (style c).