

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

As a Catholic Elementary School, we seek to present an image of order, respect, and discipline that expresses the interior call of Discipleship. That call is to follow Jesus Christ, to see His image and likeness in each other, and to treat one another with reverence. Part of this commitment is the establishment and implementation of a Dress Code that will ensure appearances of modesty, neatness, and excellence. We hope this will help create and ensure an environment in which students are encouraged to excel and grow in the Supernatural Virtues of faith, hope, and love and the Natural Virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude. Students should be ever mindful that they are representatives of their Catholic school and faith.

Overall Standards of Modesty and Neatness: All Students Grades K-8

- Hair must always be clean and neatly combed.
- Boys' hair should be trimmed above the ears, the eyebrows, and the shirt collar. Sideburns must end at the earlobes.
- Boys are expected to be clean-shaven.
- Girls in grades 6-8 may wear only light medicated make-up for cover-up of blemishes. No eye make-up is permitted
- Only clear polish may be worn on fingernails.
- Slacks, shorts, skirts, and skorts should be worn at the waist.
- Shirts and blouses must be pressed and tucked in neatly and completely.
- Belts must be worn when apparel has belt loops.
- Shoes should fit the feet safely and be fastened securely.
- Top buttons of boys' shirts must be fastened and ties pulled up neatly and completely.
- Long sleeves should be fully extended and cuffs buttoned.
- Appropriate skirt length is between two inches below and two inches above the knee.
- Appropriate short and summer skort length is at or below the tips of the fingers when the hands are held at the sides with fingers fully extended.
- Clothing should be modestly loose fitting without being unduly baggy.

Kindergarten

Uniforms are not required for Kindergarten students. Children should wear casual play clothes and sneakers or closed back shoes; saddle shoes or styles with straps are recommended. Sneakers must be worn on gym days.

- Sleeveless shirts, tank tops and tops with spaghetti straps are prohibited.
- Flip-flops, crocs or shoes without backs are prohibited.
- Please remember that the students often play outdoors and sit on the floor in their school attire.

Grades 1 – 8

Uniforms are required for all students in grades 1 through 8 from the first day of school until the last day of school ~ Policy 5105. Flynn & O'Hara and Lands' End Uniforms are the two approved uniform providers. Each provider maintains a list, including pictures, of uniform items approved for Saint Leo the Great Catholic School. Lands' End Uniforms division does not carry all school items. Order forms and information on ordering for Flynn & O'Hara are available in the school office. The school code for Lands' End is **900099912**. For your convenience, a list of uniform items is provided here.

GIRLS:

Grades 1-5

- Plaid jumper or navy blue dress slacks.
- White long or short sleeve blouse with plain Peter Pan collar or white turtleneck.
- Navy blue knee socks or knit tights, cable or opaque.
- Navy blue uniform cardigan or V-neck sweater.
- Brown, black or navy closed back shoes. Saddle shoes are acceptable. Solid colors are preferred, patterns should only be an accent of a discreet design.
- Brown, black or navy belt must be worn with navy dress slacks.

Grades 6-8

- Plaid skirt, or navy blue dress slacks. Skirt hems should be within two (2) inches of top of kneecap.
- White long or short sleeve collar blouse or white turtleneck. (Plain – no ruffles)
- Navy blue knee socks or knit tights, cable or opaque.
- Navy blue uniform cardigan, V-neck sweater or vest.
- Brown, black, or navy closed back shoes. Saddle shoes are acceptable. Solid colors are preferred, patterns should only be an accent of a discreet design.
- Brown, black or navy belt must be worn with navy dress slacks.

Approved Accessories

- One pair of stud earrings smaller than the lobe of the ear.
- One ring per hand, a wrist watch, one small pendant or cross on a chain.
- Hair accessories must be small and plain or school plaid. (*Rule of thumb; if the first thing that catches a staff member's eye is NOT our child's bright smile or the twinkle in her eyes, then the accessory is inappropriate.*)

2017-2018 Optional Summer Uniform – Girls Grades 1 – 8

First school day through October 1st; May 1st through last school day:

- Grades 1 – 5: Navy dress shorts or navy uniform skort (*no pleats and hem should be no shorter than tips of fingers with arms extended.*)
- Grades 6 – 8: Navy dress shorts, navy uniform skort or green plaid skort (*no pleats and hem should be no shorter than tips of fingers with arms extended.*)
- White short sleeved polo shirt, plain or with Saint Leo logo on left front.
- Predominantly white sneakers; laces must be white. (*In other words, the sneaker itself must be white – a small logo may be of color.*) Winter uniform shoes with short navy socks are also permitted.
- White socks that completely cover the ankles if sneakers are worn.
- Brown, black, or blue belt must be worn with dress shorts.

BOYS: Grades 1-8

- Navy dress slacks.
- Brown, black or navy belt is required.
- Navy or black dress/crew socks.
- Brown, cordovan, black or navy closed back shoes.
- Navy blue flat-knit uniform cardigan, V-neck sweater or vest.

Grades 1-2

- White knit polo shirt, long or short sleeved, plain or with St. Leo logo on left front, or white turtleneck.

Grades 3-8

- White long or short sleeved button-down collar dress shirt or white turtleneck.
- Uniform tie.

Approved Accessories

- One chain with cross or religious medal permitted.
- A wrist watch is permitted.

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- Navy dress shorts.
- White short sleeved polo shirt, plain or with Saint Leo logo on left front.
- Predominantly white sneakers; laces must be white. (*In other words, the sneaker itself must be white – a small logo may be of color.*) High-top sneakers are not permitted. Winter uniform shoes with short navy socks are also permitted.
- White socks, plain, that completely cover the ankles if sneakers are worn.
- Brown, black, or blue belt must be worn with dress shorts.

Gym Uniform: All Students Grades 1 – 8

Gym uniforms must be purchased through Lands' End. The school code is **900099912**.

All gym uniforms must have the school logo.

Students are to wear their gym uniform on their designated gym day.

Monday –Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Heidig, Mrs. Harrington

Tuesday – Mrs. Damiano, Mrs. Timmons, Mrs. DeSolis, Miss Motyl

Thursday – Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Berger, Mrs. Navickas

Middle School Students – please see your schedule

- Lands' End gym shorts (green or black, with or without white stripe)
Mandatory
- Land's End short or long sleeved gym T-shirt (green, black or white)
Mandatory
- Land's End gym sweatpants (green or black)
Mandatory beginning October 1st
- Land's End gym sweatshirt (hoodie, crew or zipper / green, black or gray)
Optional
- White or black socks (no stripes)
- Athletic sneakers (any color)

If students have gym class on a day when Mass is scheduled, they are to wear their school uniform. Students present for school but medically unable to participate in gym should NOT be in gym uniform. They should wear the regular school uniform.

EXCEPTIONS

Dress-down Days

Certain days will be designated dress-down days. On these days, uniforms are not required, but students are still expected to dress with appropriate neatness, foot protection and modesty. Modesty is a part of temperance. Temperance is a virtue and a virtue is a mark of excellence. Therefore wearing shirts within two inches of your collar bone, staying away from excessively tight clothing, etc. is not only modest but also excellent in God's eyes. When the day is a Spirit Day, the school spirit colors – green and yellow – or clothing with Saint Leo spirit wear logos should be worn. Gym uniforms are an acceptable way to show your school spirit.

Dress-up Days

Certain days will be designated dress-up days. On these days, students should wear their Sunday best clothing with appropriate neatness, protection, and modesty. Again, modesty is a part of temperance. Temperance is a virtue and a virtue is a mark of excellence. Therefore wearing shirts within two inches of your collar bone, staying away from excessively tight clothing, etc. is not only modest but also excellent in God's eyes.

ENFORCEMENT OF DRESS CODE

At the first violation of the dress code, the student will receive a Uniform Notice. If there is a subsequent violation during the same school year, a demerit will be issued with the Uniform Notice. The third violation in a school year results in an after school detention. Once a student has received an after school detention for a Dress Code violation, all future violations for that school year will result in an automatic after school detention and referral of the family to the Pastor and/or Principal for resolution of the issue.

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