

VI. Uniforms

The purpose of the uniform policy at Saint Susanna School is to help provide a safe learning environment that acknowledges the dignity of each student as well as developing pride in our school. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade are required to wear uniforms. Parental cooperation is necessary for the policy to be effective. Please make sure your child is wearing clothing that is within the approved, written uniform policy.

Uniforms may be purchased from a variety of retail outlets; however, certain clothing must be purchased through Educational Apparel (www.educationalapparel.com) or through Avon Sports Apparel at a PTO uniform sale, as indicated below. **School uniforms will be worn Monday through Thursday**, with some extra restrictions on Mass days. **Fridays are Spirit Days** (see proper dress for Spirit Days.) Special dress down days will be announced at school and published in parent communications.

Please note, preschool and pre-kindergarten students are not required to wear uniforms.

****All uniform items must be purchased from Avon Sports Apparel at a PTO Uniform Sale, the uniform company (Educational Apparel – “EA”), or from the UNIFORM SECTION of various retail stores. Please note, items purchased from local retailers must come from their specific uniform line to ensure they meet our uniform dress code in terms of color, quality, and durability. ****

Shorts/Pants

- Khaki shorts or pants. No cargos allowed.
- Navy Twill shorts or pants. No cargos allowed.
- *Shorts may be worn August until Fall Break, then from After Spring Break through the end of the year.*
- Shorts may NOT be worn on Mass days.
- *Shorts must be AT LEAST fingertip length and purchased from a uniform line or EA.*

Girls: Jumpers/Skirts

- ONLY Uniform Plaid jumper, skirt, or skort - must be purchased from EA
- Plain Black, white, or navy leggings or shorts **must** be worn underneath skirts/jumpers
- **Skirts and jumpers must be knee-length (to the top of the knee). Please make sure there is a hem that may be lengthened, as girls will grow quickly over the school year!**

Shirts

- Plain white or light blue collared uniform shirts, with or without Saint Susanna embroidery.
- Red embroidered polo shirts (long or short sleeve) – **must** be purchased from PTO uniform sale or EA.
- May be long or short sleeve and may be oxford/button down or polo style
- Students may choose to wear a short sleeved WHITE t-shirt under their uniform shirts.
- Middle School (grades 6-8 ONLY) may wear gray, embroidered uniform polo purchased from EA or PTO sale.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts

- Plain Navy or red sweater (cardigan or pull over)
- EA red cardigan, crewneck, or V-neck sweaters - **must** be purchased from EA
- Saint Susanna embroidered uniform crewneck sweatshirt
- Red or navy uniform crewneck sweatshirt purchased from uniform sale ONLY. (Previous uniform sweatshirts are now considered Spirit Wear and may be worn on Fridays or as outer wear.)
- Approved 8th grade class sweatshirt
- Students will wear a uniform polo shirt under an approved uniform sweatshirt or sweater.

Shoes

- **Athletic shoes or dress flats.**
- Nothing above ankle (standard basketball shoes OK)
- All shoes must cover the toe and heel and stay on the child's foot when running
- Athletic shoes are required on the child's P.E. day
- Shoes should have *soft, non-marking soles*
- Snow/Rain boots may be worn as weather dictates, but only if change of shoes is brought.

Socks/Tights

- White, navy, black, or "Spartan Elite" matching socks must be worn with shoes
- Girls may wear plain white, black, or navy tights under their skirts/jumpers

Belt

- Any color belt with small buckle is required in grades K-8 for ALL students wearing shorts or pants

Spirit Days

- **Every Friday - *unless it is a Mass day*** (Regular uniform on Mass days)
- Any approved Saint Susanna Spirit Shirt/ Sweatshirt purchased from a school Spirit Wear Sale
- Previous or "vintage" uniform sweatshirts not part of current uniform
- Any CYO team shirt or Saint Susanna School activity/team/club/class shirt
- *Do not create or print a Saint Susanna Shirt on own.*
- Uniform bottoms (unless directed otherwise by the principal)

Mission/Special Dress Days

As announced by the principal

Physical Education

All students are required to wear athletic shoes on their assigned gym days. Students in grades 6-8 are required to purchase a P.E. uniform t-shirt and short and must change for class. Students are required to bring proper school uniform to change after P.E. class.

Additional Dress Code Requirements

1. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
2. All clothing must be in good repair.
3. Tank tops, muscle shirts, or clothing with inappropriate words or pictures may not be worn by ANY child at ANY time, regardless of grade level.
4. All shorts and skirts must be knee-length or longer, including clothing worn on dress down days.
5. Hair must be neat, clean, and groomed in a style suitable for a school environment (at the principal's discretion).
 - a. Hair hanging in the face is not acceptable.

- b. Hair color must be natural. Altering hair in any color other than the child's natural shade is unacceptable. Students may be sent home and/or may return to school only after the hair color has been corrected, as directed by the principal.
6. Tattoos (including temporary) are not permitted.
7. Students participating in a Saint Susanna CYO team, School Club, or Scout troop may wear their team shirt or official troop uniform on meeting/game day in lieu of their school uniform shirt *unless it is a Mass day*. On Mass days, proper uniform must be worn.
8. Students are encouraged to keep a Saint Susanna uniform sweatshirt or approved sweater in their backpack should they get cold. Non-uniform sweaters and sweatshirts are not permissible during the school day, except on dress down days or during recess. Students will be asked to remove non-uniform sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts during class.
9. Accessories must not interfere with the learning environment. Should an accessory become problematic the child will be asked to remove the item, take it home, and not wear/bring it back to school.
10. Students should not wear makeup to school and may be asked to remove the makeup with a mild cleaner.
11. Fingernails must be neatly trimmed and not too long. Nail polish is okay as long as it is not distracting. Artificial nails of any sort may not be worn.

Students who choose to come to school out of uniform will receive a uniform violation. Repeat offenses will result in parent contact to request that appropriate uniform clothing be brought to school and may result in consequences, such as a detention, for the student.

******Since fashions and trends cannot be predicted, any questionable items will be left to the discretion of the Principal/Office Staff*****