

UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

Corrected November 18, 2010

St. Brendan Parish School requires each student to have a uniform in good clean condition.

2010-2011 is a transition year from the previous uniform policy to the revised policy. The new uniform policy is outlined below.

Uniform navy and khaki pants, khaki skirt, plaid jumper, plaid skort, navy or khaki shorts, white blouses, white polo shirts, and red logo vests may be purchased only from Lands End or Dennis Uniform.

Navy PE uniform with athletic length shorts for grades 4 through 8 may be purchased only through Lands End.

School sweatshirts maybe purchased only through the school office.

For all daily and School Masses, church liturgies, church assemblies, and prayer services (and those in the gym), all students will tuck their shirts in and wear a school sweatshirt or vest.

Previous sweatshirts without the Voyager logo and bold/vivid or distracting shoe colors are not allowed.

Students will need to have a complete uniform which consists of:

Girls –jumper or skort (K-6), skirt (7-8), pants, or uniform shorts (as allowed); blouse or shirt, school sweatshirt or vest, socks and shoes;

Boys – pants or uniform shorts (as allowed) and a shirt; school sweatshirt; socks and shoes.

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| Boys & Girls Pants and shorts | K-6 K-6 | Navy Pants Navy Shorts | No oversize pants, zippered pant legs, pants with extra pockets, stripes, or tapered legs are allowed. |
| | 7-8 7-8 | Khaki Shorts Khaki Pants | Shorts are no more than three inches above the knee. |
| Girls Skirts / jumpers/ skorts | K-6 | Mc Beth Plaid Jumper Mc Beth Plaid Skort | Skirts and skorts are no more than three inches above the knee. |
| | 7-8 | Khaki Skirt | |

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| Boys & Girls Shirts and blouses | K-8 | White | No oversize shirts, blouses, or lace collars. |
| Boys & Girls Sweaters | | | Eliminated for 2011-2012 and thereafter |
| Boys & Girls Vests | K-8 | Red with St. Brendan logo | Purchase only from Lands End |
| Boys & Girls Sweatshirts | K-6 | Red, crewneck with St. Brendan Voyager logo | Purchase only through school office |
| Boys & Girls Sweatshirts | 7-8 | Red, crewneck with St. Brendan Voyager logo or Red with ¼ zip collar with St. Brendan Voyager logo | Purchase only from school office |
| Boys & Girls Shoes and socks | K-8 | Shoes and socks must be worn at school at all times. Only <u>solid</u> white, navy, brown, red, or black for shoelaces and socks. | Bold, vivid, or distracting shoe colors are not allowed. Shoe laces must be kept tied at all times. |

Shirts and Blouses

K-8 Short or long sleeve white knit shirts with button front placket and plain collar or plain white, button front long or short sleeve; pointed rounded button down or turtle collars.
Tee shirts worn under uniform shirts must be plain white only with no inappropriate writing, logos, designs, or contrasting colors.
Any shirt/garment that is worn under the uniform shirt/blouse must be tucked in at all times.
All shirts must be tucked in for all liturgies.

Uniform Shorts

K-8 All uniform shorts are to be purchased only through Land's End and are allowed to be worn only in September, October, April, May, and June.

PE Uniforms

K-3 Girls must wear shorts under jumpers for PE classes.

4-8 Boys & Girls: All blue PE uniform purchase only from Land's End (athletic length shorts).
Shirts are not to be turned inside out.

A student's PE grade will be adversely affected when he/she is not in complete PE uniform.

K-8 All students must have tennis shoes for PE days.

Shoes and socks

- Shoes are to be non-marking and either tennis shoes or dress shoes.
- Shoes should be appropriate in style and color for school. Shoe laces must be kept tied.
- Only solid white, navy, brown, black, or red colors are allowed for shoelaces and socks.
- Bold/vivid or distracting shoe colors are not allowed
- Shoes with lights or wheels are not allowed. Heels must not be more than 1-inch in height.
- Boots (except for snow), backless shoes, flip-flops, slippers, mules, or sandals may not be worn including on non-uniform days.
- Socks must be worn at all times and should either be knee socks, ¼ crew or higher, or tights.
- Socks should be visible. Socks with lace or frills on socks are not allowed.
- On P.E. days, students must wear socks and tennis shoes.

Accessories

- Other clothing and accessories worn by students (i.e. shoes, jackets, jewelry, etc.) must be non-endangering to the student(s), not distracting to the learning environment, nor contradictory to Christian social/moral values.
- No dangling earrings, necklaces, or bracelets of any type (including hair bands worn around the wrist) are allowed.
- No bandanas or excessive distracting headbands may be worn. One headband is appropriate.
- Girls may wear one pair of stud pierced earrings meaning one earring on each ear lobe.
- Boys may not wear any earrings.
- No hologram contact lenses are to be worn.
- Students are allowed to wear only black, brown, or navy blue belts with no ornamentation and with a belt width not to exceed the width of the belt loops.
- Non-uniform jackets or sweatshirts may not be worn in the classroom, for assemblies, or at church gatherings.
- One religious medal or religious necklace and one appropriate watch on the wrist may be worn.

Cosmetics

- No makeup, artificial nails, or nail polish are allowed for girls or boys.
- No makeup, hairspray, or nail polish containers may be brought to school.
- Tattoos of any type and body piercing(s) are not allowed.

Hair Style

- Boys' and girls' hair should be neatly combed and properly groomed at all times.
- Extreme hair styles (shaved, spiked, designs or logos), including unnatural colors, (dyed, streaked or bleached), hats or other “head-dresses,” such as bandanas or excessive headbands, are not allowed. Students with inappropriate hair styles may be sent home.
- Boys' hair must be cut above the collar, ears, and eyebrows. Boys must be clean-shaven.

Uniform Exceptions

The following are anticipated exceptions to the school uniform policy:

- Boy and Girl Scouts wearing scout uniforms on meeting days or special events as approved by the principal.
- Students with special fitting/sizing needs that cannot be addressed by Land's End will require prior principal approval.
- Special events (field trips, performance, etc.) that require a student to be out of uniform will require prior principal approval.
- Other special exceptions are allowed as approved by the principal.

Non-Uniform Days

Free dress (non-uniform) is generally allowed once each month (on first Fridays) unless otherwise noted.

Clothing and accessories worn on free dress days need to meet the criteria of being non-endangering to the student(s), not distracting or disruptive to the learning environment, nor contradictory to Catholic social/moral values of respect for life, modesty and propriety.

Shorts:

- Students may wear shorts that button, snap, or zip close (no elastic waist).
- Shorts must be worn at or above the hips.
- Short-shorts or spandex shorts are not allowed.
- Shorts may not be more than three inches above the knee.

Make-Up

- Seventh and 8th grade girls may wear light make-up on non-uniform and picture days. Light make-up is to appear natural and not excessive.
- Students may be asked to remove make-up if a teacher or principal determines the make-up is excessive and distracting to the learning environment.

Accessories

- No dangling earrings, necklaces, bracelets of any type (including hair bands worn around the wrist), bandanas or excessive headbands, makeup (exception as above), artificial nails, or nail polish are allowed.
- Any article of clothing or accessory that draws excessive attention to the student or is distracting to the learning environment may be restricted at the teacher's or principal's discretion. The student may be asked to call home and sent home.
- Students are allowed to wear only black, brown, or navy blue belts with no ornamentation and belt width not to exceed the width of the belt loops.
- Students may not wear boots (except for snow), flip-flops, and sandals with no back, mules, or slippers.
- Tee shirts or any article of clothing must be appropriate with no indication of anti-Catholic/Christian messages including devil/skulls, alcohol, drug, sexual, hate, violent, or derogatory themes.
- Tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, any clothing that is extremely tight or short, pajama pants, torn jeans, cut offs, baggy pants or low necklines may not be worn.

Theme Days

- At various times during the year, students are given the chance to dress according to a particular theme (e.g. Mariners' Day, Saint Patrick's Day, or holiday wear). It is not our expectation that students buy clothes to fit the exact theme. Students who choose not to participate in the theme day will follow the guidelines for non-uniform days.
- Clothing and accessories worn on theme days need to meet the criteria of being non-endangering to the student(s), not distracting or disruptive to the learning environment, nor contradictory to Catholic social/moral values of respect for life, modesty and propriety.
- Boys and girls may not wear clothing with inappropriate themes at school at any time. Tee shirts or any article of clothing must be appropriate with no indication of anti-Catholic/Christian messages including devil/skulls, alcohol, drug, sexual, hate, violent, or other derogatory themes.

School Programs

- Students will wear neat clean church appropriate clothes for all school programs (concerts, after-school assemblies, and graduations, etc).
- Clothing and accessories worn for school programs and assemblies need to meet the criteria of being non-endangering to the student(s), not distracting or disruptive to the learning environment, nor contradictory to Catholic social/moral values of respect for life, modesty and propriety.
- Girls will wear clothes that are not contradictory to the Catholic social/ moral values of respect for life, modesty, and propriety. Dresses are modestly cut and without thin straps unless covered with a sweater, blouse or jacket.
- Boys will wear dress pants and a nice shirt with no inappropriate decoration, design, logos, or adornment.
- Boys and girls may not wear jeans or a tee shirt with an inappropriate theme at any school programs or function.

Out of Uniform

If a student will be out of uniform, a note with a satisfactory explanation (signed by a parent/guardian) is required for each day the student is out of uniform.

Other Uniform Reminders

- Uniforms are to be clean, correctly sized, and appropriately worn.
- All pieces of a student's uniform must be labeled with names.
- No cargo style or zippered pants are allowed. Pants must be worn on or above the hips.
- Oversize shirts, blouses, or pants are not acceptable.
- Students may not borrow used sweatshirts from lost and found for church liturgies or assemblies.

Failure to Follow the Uniform Policy

Any student not in compliance with the uniform policy, including inappropriate attire on non- uniform, theme days, school programs, assemblies, or field trips will be given an out of uniform notice to be signed by his/her parents. The uniform policy is enforced by all school personnel.

Failure to follow the uniform policy will result in a student's:

- 1) Loss of non-uniform privilege,
- 2) Referral to the principal's office,
- 3) Call to parents, and/ or non-admittance to class/event and sent home.

On the second out of uniform notice, the student will receive an after school detention.

All final decisions regarding uniforms, and those items not specifically addressed here, are made at the discretion of the principal and/or pastor.

