

THE DRESS CODE (Revision on July 28, 2022)

Our school uniform is a source of pride and unity among St. John Central School students. Uniforms are required every day for grades K-8, unless otherwise specified. Hopefully, the following will simplify the expectations for our dress code for this school year:

- The uniform blouse and shirt colors should copy the shades of the American flag: (true) red, white, and navy blue. In the past few years, there have been too many shades of red (such as maroon), white (such as cream and off-white), and blue (such as light, royal, and sky) that contradicted uniformity in colors. Please note that the St. John royal blue color (found in spirit wear) is NOT an acceptable blue for uniform purposes. It may only be worn as spirit wear. Again, the colors of our flag will dictate our uniform blouse and shirt colors to eliminate any confusion.
- Non-uniform passes are not to be used on School Mass Days. During the appropriate season, uniform shorts are permitted on School Mass Days, but long pants are preferred.
- Head and neck gear are only to be worn when entering and leaving the building.
- **St. John spirit or athletic wear is permitted on Fridays only.** This includes St. John hooded sweatshirts. This means that any authentic "acceptable" clothing with the St. John Central School logo or with St. John Braves is OK for Friday wear.
- **Shorter-length clothing should be no more than 3 inches above the knee.**
- Socks must be worn with shoes; however, socks are not required when sandals are worn.
- All clothing should be free of stains and hole/tears.

Please respect the uniform policy at home, and we will do the same here at school. Thank you!

General Guidelines for BOYS & GIRLS

Shirts/Blouses

Blouses, shirts, T-shirts, sweatshirts, turtlenecks, and sweaters are permitted in solid "flag colors" AND may be long or short sleeves. There is to be no writing, stripes, or images on any apparel with the exception of a small logo at the corner or back (such as Under Armor.) All shall rest no shorter than the top of the pant waistband when arms are fully extended above the head.

Hooded/non-hooded zipper jackets, cardigans, and sweaters in solid "flag colors" are permitted in the classroom for added warmth. A uniform shirt **MUST** be worn under these items at all times.

Pants

Pants need to be navy blue or khaki in a solid color- no jeans. Skinny or jegging style pants may be worn with a top that fully covers the student's rear end.

Shorts/Skorts/Capris

These need to be navy blue or khaki and are permitted in May through October only. Shorts must be no more than 3 inches above the knee. Unacceptable shorts style are the following:

- silky/mesh athletic shorts
- biker shorts
- swim/board shorts

Shoes & Sandals

Either dress or tennis shoes may be worn. Sandals with a back strap are OK from May through October; flip flops are unacceptable. Crocs may be worn year round with the strap to the rear. Socks must be worn from November to April.

Specific Guidelines for Girls

Dresses/Skirts/Jumpers Leggings & Tights

Dresses and jumpers may be worn in solid flag colors or khaki with length being no more than 3 inches above the knee. Skirts must be solid khaki or navy blue and be no more than 3 inches above the knee.

Leggings and tights are NOT to be worn unless WITH a skirt or dress length accessory that is no more than 3 inches above the knee. These need to be navy blue or white. Leggings are not to serve as a substitute for pants.

Gym Clothes

Students may wear t-shirts and gym pants or shorts (no more than 3 inches above knee). All students MUST wear tennis shoes during gym.

Non-Uniform Days

On Non-Uniform Days, students are to wear acceptable, appropriate clothing. Clothing length requirements for tops and bottoms as found in the uniform section shall be adhered to when wearing non-uniform clothes to school. Some examples of

unacceptable clothing include frayed or torn clothing AND T-shirts or sweatshirts featuring alcohol, tobacco, any political statement or candidate endorsement or unacceptable language.

NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME

- Clothing that is frayed, suggestive, or revealing (i.e., low cut blouses, showing skin at midriff, and/or clothing that is too tight.)
- Visible underwear or undergarments
- Tank tops or sleeveless tops; spaghetti straps
- Pierced body parts (other than ears for girls)
- Excessive make-up, hair color, or jewelry

Parents, teachers, and staff will work together to enforce the dress code.

Consequences of Dress Code Violation

First offense: Student will be sent to the office to change into acceptable clothing. A note will be sent home to notify the parent/guardian of the infraction. This note must be signed and returned promptly to the school as acknowledgement. *Please note that if an acceptable alternative is not found at school, a parent/guardian will be called to bring in a change of clothing.

Second or more offenses: Parent/guardian will be called to bring a change of clothing to the school for the student.