<u>GIRLS</u> <u>UNIFORM DRESS CODE</u> Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades

Uniform Information

We appreciate that our school families purchase the required school uniform through our St. James School Uniform Store. By purchasing school uniforms through school you are assured that all items meet the requirements. If items are purchased elsewhere they must match the uniforms we sell and if they do not those items will not be allowed. Another benefit from purchasing items through our school uniform store is that the profits go towards staff professional development. This staff professional development is essential to maintain the quality of our optimal learning environment.

GENERAL

The policy for school attire is designed to provide rules of appropriate dress for the students of St. James School and to avoid loose interpretation of the dress code. The purpose of the uniform is to eliminate differences between students based on material values and to show school pride. St. James School has adopted this policy to promote an atmosphere of respect among students in an environment where distractions are minimized and the learning climate is maximized. The following are minimum guidelines; it is up to the discretion of the administration to enforce stricter guidelines when necessary. Uniforms will be worn by all students throughout the entire school year. Exceptions to the dress code may be authorized by the principal. On these "special" days of the school year, students are allowed to be out of uniform. We ask that you refer to the non-uniform dress code to ensure that students are dressed appropriately. Violations of the Uniform and Dress Code will be dealt with using natural and logical consequences.

<u>Blouses</u>:

White oxford dress shirts with pointed or button-down collar (long or short sleeve), white or navy blue polo-knit shirts (long or short sleeve), without insignias or brand names are acceptable. Mock turtlenecks are not acceptable. Shirts must be <u>tucked</u> into slacks, shorts and skirts. White undershirts under the uniform must be without logos.

<u>Skirts</u>:

Girls may wear khaki pleated skirts purchased through the school. Skirts are to be at the knee or mid knee.

Slacks and Shorts:

Solid khaki brown, twill or cotton <u>pleated</u> slacks and <u>pleated</u> walking shorts (1-3 inches from the top of the knee). **No** cargo, knit or corduroy pants / shorts are allowed.

<u>Belts</u>:

Students are required to wear a **solid** navy, brown or black belt with their paints and/or shorts.

Shoes:

Low cut dress shoes (closed), low-cut or high top athletic shoes, and ankle high boot style shoes with soft, flexible soles are acceptable with all uniforms (no more than 1 inch

above the ankle). **No** sandals, knee high or above knee boots, cowboy boots, heavy waffle soled boots or combat style boots are acceptable during school hours.

Socks:

Solid navy blue, khaki, or white socks are acceptable. Socks must be <u>easily visible</u> above the shoe, above the ankle is recommended. Small logos on socks will be allowed. Any logo that a teacher or staff member deems inappropriate will be disallowed.

<u>Sweatshirts</u>:

Solid navy blue, or red sweatshirts may be worn over the uniform. Red sweatshirts must be Russell Athletic Brand. The red or navy sweatshirts may be purchased from the school office. No logos are allowed other than the school emblem or monogram. Sweatshirts may not be worn around a student's waist. Oversized sweatshirts are not allowed.

Girls may wear earrings no larger than a dime. Light makeup is acceptable. Tattoos, body paintings and body piercing must be covered at all times.

**Please check the website for the non-uniform day(s) dress code.*

<u>BOYS</u> <u>UNIFORM DRESS CODE</u> Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades

<u>Shirts</u>:

White oxford dress shirts with pointed or button-down collar (long or short sleeve), white or navy blue polo-knit shirts (long or short sleeve), without insignias or brand names are acceptable. Mock turtlenecks are not acceptable. Shirts must be <u>tucked</u> inside pants and shorts. White undershirts worn under the uniform must be white without logos.

Slacks and Shorts:

Solid khaki brown, twill or cotton <u>pleated</u> slacks and <u>pleated</u> walking shorts (1-3 inches from the knee). **No** cargo, knit or corduroy pants and/or shorts are allowed.

Belts:

Students are required to wear a **solid** navy, brown or black belt with their paints and/or shorts.

Shoes:

Low cut dress shoes (closed), low-cut or high top athletic shoes, and ankle high boot style shoes with soft, flexible soles are acceptable with all uniforms (no more than 1 inch above the ankle). **No** sandals, knee high or above knee boots, cowboy boots, heavy waffle soled boots or combat style boots are acceptable during school hours.

Socks:

Solid navy blue, white or black socks are acceptable. Socks must be <u>easily visible</u> above the shoe, above the ankle is recommended. Small logos on socks will be allowed. Any logo that a teacher or staff member deems inappropriate will be disallowed.

<u>Sweatshirts</u>:

Solid navy blue, or red sweatshirts may be worn over the uniform. Red sweatshirts must be Russell Athletic Brand. The red or navy sweatshirts may be purchased from the school office. No logos are allowed other than the school emblem or monogram. Sweatshirts may not be worn around a student's waist. Oversized sweatshirts are not allowed.

Boy's hair should be cut above the collar. Rat-tails, pony-tails or shaved designs are not allowed. Earrings are not allowed for boys. Tattoos, body paintings and body piercing must be covered at all times.

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