

DRESS CODES FOR STUDENTS

PK, Jr. K & K:

The children should come dressed comfortably for school. Remember that we paint, glue, and use various art and craft materials. Gym shoes are required as we exercise inside and outside. For the safety of the children, please no flip flops, clogs, or backless shoes.

Kindergarteners are to wear their gym uniform and gym shoes on days when they have gym.

GRADES 1 – 8

A school uniform is a symbol of pride for oneself and for the school community. It also allows a student to focus on schoolwork, not clothing. We need your support and cooperation to enforce the uniform regulations. The school reserves the right to prohibit any fashion article that may distract from the learning environment.

Wearing a uniform allows students to focus on their intellectual pursuits. A student's appearance should be neat and clean and be in uniform from the first day to the last day of school. Clothes should be clean, not torn, fit properly, and be modest and appropriate for school. It is assumed that if the clothing is not listed below, it should not be worn to school.

Students may wear gym uniforms to school on their scheduled gym days. Gym uniforms should be cleaned regularly and repaired as necessary. Students in grades K-8 are expected to wear the St. Cletus PE uniform. This uniform includes a gray St. Cletus logo t-shirt and red St. Cletus logo sweatpants or shorts (August through October and April through June). Students may wear a red St. Cletus School logo sweatshirt. St. Cletus athletic socks may be worn with gym uniform on PE days. Gym shoes must be worn on PE days.

A written, dated excuse must be presented to the homeroom teacher when a student is out of uniform. When a student is out of proper uniform without an excuse, an Out of Uniform notice will go home to the parent/guardian.

Martinelli's in Evergreen Park, School Belles in Bridgeview, and Lands' End carry boy's uniforms; Martinelli's in Evergreen Park, School Belles in Bridgeview carry girl's uniforms; physical education uniforms are sold through Land's End. Order forms with approved uniform items are available in the school office.

All clothing should be labeled with names or initials.

Students will be issued an out-of-uniform notice when these uniform codes are not followed.

All t-shirts, spirit wear, etc. must contain the approved St. Cletus logos and designs must be approved by administration. The administration reserves the right to determine whether a style of

dress or a style, length, or coloring in hair is appropriate and teachers are primarily responsible for enforcing the dress code.

GIRLS: GRADES 1 – 4:

- Uniform plaid jumper, no shorter than four inches above the knee.
- White, tailored blouse, round or pointed collar, short or long sleeves. Blouses must be neatly tucked in. No designer logo may be worn on any blouse.
- A plain white polo shirt purchased through Martinelli's, School Belles or Lands End may be worn with navy pants or shorts. (No designer logos.)
- Only solid white T-shirts may be worn under the uniform.
- A red cardigan or V-neck sweater or the red St. Cletus School sweatshirt with the school logo.
- White, black, grey, red or navy SOLID color socks - socks must be above the ankle and not athletic socks. There should be NO visible markings or logos.
- Dress navy slacks may be worn with a solid color leather belt. Stretch pants or stirrup pants, jeans or cargo pants are not permitted.
- Sweatpants worn under a uniform skirt are not allowed during class time.
- Leggings may be worn. They must cover the full leg (no exposed skin), and be worn with white, red, grey, navy or black socks - socks must be visible and above the ankle and not athletic socks.
- Uniform navy shorts are an option from August through October and April through June, no shorter than three inches above the knee. A solid color leather belt must be worn with shorts.
- Students may not wear make-up or colored nail polish.
- For safety reasons, only small no hoop earrings are allowed. Multiple earrings are not allowed.
- Streaked or dyed hair is not permitted. Students' hair should be neat and clean. **Decorative headbands or headbands with ears are NOT allowed at school.**

GIRLS: GRADES 5 – 8:

- Uniform plaid skirt, no shorter than four inches above the knee.
- White oxford blouse with pointed collar, short or long sleeves or banded white polos. Blouses must be neatly tucked in unless the banded polo is worn. No designer logo may be worn on any blouse.
- A plain white polo purchased through Martinelli's, Lands End or School Belles may be worn. (No designer logos.)
- Only solid white T-shirts may be worn under the uniform.
- Red cardigan or V-neck sweater or the St. Cletus School sweatshirt with the school logo.
- White, black, grey, red or navy SOLID color socks - socks must be above the ankle and not athletic socks. **There should be NO visible markings or logos.**

- Dress navy slacks may be worn with a solid color leather belt. Stretch pants or stirrup pants, jeans or cargo pants are not permitted.
- Sweatpants worn under a uniform skirt are not allowed during class time.
- Leggings may be worn. They must cover the full leg (no exposed skin), and be worn with white, red, grey, navy or black socks - socks must be visible and above the ankle and not athletic socks.
- Uniform navy shorts are an option from August through October and April through June, no shorter than three inches above the knee and worn with a solid color leather belt.
- Students may wear gym uniform and gym shoes on their scheduled gym days. Shorts are an option from August through October and April through June
- Students may not wear make-up or colored nail polish.
- For safety reasons, only small no hoop earrings are allowed. Multiple earrings are not allowed.
- No unnatural streaked or dyed hair is permitted. Students' hair should be neat and clean. Decorative headbands or headbands with ears are NOT allowed at school.

BOYS: GRADES 1 – 8:

- Solid navy dress slacks. Jeans or cargo pants are not permitted.
- Solid color belt must be worn.
- White, oxford dress shirt, a plain white polo shirt, or St. Cletus logo polo purchased through Martinelli's or School Belless, short or long sleeves. Shirts must be neatly tucked in . No designer logo may be worn on any shirt.
- Only solid white T-shirts may be worn under the uniform.
- Red V-neck sweater or the red St. Cletus School sweatshirt with the school logo.
- White, black, grey, red or navy **SOLID** color dress socks - socks must be above the ankle and not athletic socks. In general, **Athletic socks are not uniform socks. However, solid Athletic socks with simple logo may be worn.**
- Uniform navy shorts are an option from August through October and April through June.
- Students may wear gym uniform and gym shoes on their scheduled gym days. Shorts are an option from August through October and April through June
- Earrings are not allowed.
- Streaked or dyed hair is not permitted. Students' hair should be neat and clean and may not touch the shirt collar or cover the ears.

SHOES

- All students (grades 1 – 8) must wear dress shoes.
- Dress shoes must fit properly and are backed and heeled with non-marking soles and are solid black, brown, or navy leather.
- Boat shoes (ie: Sperry's) must be a **SOLID** color black, brown, or navy leather. No colored pattern may be present anywhere on shoe.

- The shoes cannot have sequins, glitter, appliques, or colored tones added. The sole and the body of the shoe must be solid black. Shoes must fit snug on ankle and must cover the heel. **All shoes with laces must be tied.**
- Students may wear gym shoes on their scheduled gym days. On all other days students should be in dress shoes.
- Boots, hiking boots, construction boots, clogs, sandals, flip-flops (anything with a strap between the toes), high-heeled shoes, moccasins, ballerina type shoes etc. are not allowed for school.
- A student not wearing dress shoes will be out of uniform. Canvas top shoes or solid black or white leather “gym” shoes are not considered dress shoes.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS

Students may be out of uniform for special occasions. There are two kinds of out of uniform days – dress up days and dress down days.

Dress-up days are more formal. Boys are to wear a collared shirt, tie and dress slacks/shorts. Girls are to be in a dress, skirt, or dress slacks/shorts. A dress or blouse must have sleeves; sleeveless or strapless dresses are not appropriate for school / school functions. On dress up days, gym shoes, sandals, or jeans (regardless of cost, designer or color) are not allowed.

On dress-down days, jeans, gym shoes and a more casual look is allowed. Students may never wear clothes with off-color comments imprinted on them, advertisements of alcohol, etc. Halters, midriffs, sleeveless, spaghetti straps, low-cut or strapless tops are not allowed. Yoga pants/leggings must be worn with a long shirt. Tight pants are not appropriate for school. Pajamas are not allowed, unless specifically designated as a pajama day. Due to safety reasons, flip flop shoes or sandals are not permitted. Parent cooperation is appreciated.

- Students will be notified through announcements posted on the school’s website and announced in school. Student dress should be comfortable and in good taste. Shorts, skirts and dresses must conform to uniform length. Sleeveless blouses with a full shoulder may be worn. Jeans, polo shirts, sandals and athletic shoes are acceptable if properly laced.
- Inappropriate images or messages, contrary to the Christian ideals and purpose of the school are not permitted on any article of clothing. Examples include, but are not limited to, messages or images dealing with illegal activity, death, violence, bad language, or designed to be a “cut down.” Students may not wear hooded sweatshirts, sun glasses, tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, see-through shirts, midriff tops, spandex shorts, athletic shorts, boxer shorts, pajama bottoms or ripped clothing.