

Uniform Guidelines 2019-2020

Uniform: Kindergarten through Grade Eight

School uniforms will be worn from the beginning to the end of the school year. The primary purpose for the school uniform and grooming standards is to insure that each and every student at St. Michael School present a **picture of neatness and cleanliness** consistent with our belief that our bodies are a gift from God to be cherished and respected. Parents are expected to cooperate with the school by having their children adhere to the uniform guidelines. **A written excuse, signed by a parent, is required if a situation arises that causes the student to be out of uniform. Students are allowed to have three excuses per year.** Skirts, jumpers and shorts should be fingertip length or longer and no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. (These lengths also hold true for dress down days.) **Shirts must be tucked in at all times. St. Michael's navy blue sweatshirts can be worn with the school uniform shirt underneath. Authorized Spirit Wear may be worn in school. The hooded gray sweatshirts are for outdoor use only.** School Uniforms are available at Target, Kohl's, Walmart, J.C. Penny catalog, Lands' End, French Toast (blue/red plaid from French Toast) or any other store that carries the appropriate uniform style. Specific items from Lands' End with the approved St. Michael Crusader can be purchased from Lands' End for an added fee.

Girls and Boys

1. Twill dress pants & dress shorts only. **Corduroy pants, jean pants/shorts with rivets, and cargo pants may not be worn.**
 - a. Dark Khaki (*not light khaki, stone or putty*)
 - b. Navy
2. Knit short sleeve/long sleeve shirt must be long enough to be tucked in – **solid color collar – no color trim, no logos with the exception of the St. Michael School logo.**
 - a. White
 - b. Light Blue (*no variation*)
 - c. Navy
3. Mock or Regular Turtleneck pullover – **solid color**
 - a. White
 - b. Light Blue (*no variation*)
 - c. Navy
4. Sweater – cardigan, vest, pull-over, (**no hooded sweaters**) **A uniform shirt must be worn underneath. Navy crew St. Michael school sweatshirt is the only sweatshirt allowed to be worn in class.**
 - a. Navy
 - b. Red
 - c. Yellow
 - d. White
5. Belts
Solid dark color belts for girls and boys in grades 4 – 8 must be worn with pants and shorts with belt loops. (Belts are optional for other grades.) Dark color braided belts are permitted. (color preference: black, brown, navy) Scarf belts are not permitted.

Girls

1. Oxford or Peter Pan Blouse - Short or long sleeves long enough to be tucked in (no $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve and no logo with the exception of the St. Michael School logo).
 - a. White
 - b. Light Blue (*no variation*)
2. Pleated Skirt and/or A-line skirts
 - a. Navy
 - b. Dark khaki
3. Navy blue or dark khaki skirt fingertip length or longer
4. **Blue/Red Plaid Jumper only (not navy or khaki jumpers), Blue/Red Plaid Skirt & Blue/Red Plaid Skirt** fingertip length or longer (**available at Frenchtoast.com on their web site.**)

Boys

1. Dress Shirt or polo shirt long enough to be tucked in – collared. No logos with the exception of the St. Michael school logo. Any shirt worn under the uniform shirt must be white in color and sleeves no longer than the uniform shirt worn on the outside.
 - a. White
 - b. Light Blue (*no variation*)

Shoes and Socks:

All students must wear socks with their shoes. **Ankle socks must be visible. Socks should be primarily solid color and match as a pair.** Tights or knee-high socks may be worn. Non-marking tennis shoes or dress shoes should be comfortable, clean and in good repair, and they must have a **closed toe and closed heel.** Shoes requiring shoelaces must be laced and tied. Students should remember they will be running and playing on the playground and appropriate shoes are a must for safety reasons. **Croc style shoes, sandals, flip-flops, clog style shoes, platform tennis shoes, shoes with heels 2 inches or higher, no fad shoes, and tennis shoes with lights, noise and rollers are not appropriate and cannot be worn for safety reasons. No boots or fashion boots may be worn in class on school uniform days.**

Dress Down Days:

On “Dress Down” Days students are allowed to wear St. Michael Spirit Wear tee shirt, tee shirts, jeans, cargo pants, jean shorts, cargo shorts or nylon athletic shorts or pants. **Cotton sweat suits, cotton sweat pants, mesh shirts and shorts, bandanas, caps and offensive language or disrespectful images on clothing are not allowed.** Shorts, dresses and skirts should be fingertip length or longer. Dress Down Days are optional. School uniforms are allowed on Dress Down Days. The school calendar may specify a specific Dress Down Day criteria and students will be expected to adhere to the specific Dress Down Day criteria. (For example, Halloween Dress Down may require students to wear black or orange top and jean or cargo bottom, or students may choose to wear their school uniform.) **Sun dresses and spaghetti strap tops and dresses should not be worn unless a sweater is worn. Shoulders should be covered during school time, recess times and school sponsored activities.**

Dress Down Guidelines Continued...

No jeans with rips, frays or holes may be worn. DRESS DOWN PASSES MAY ONLY BE USED ON MONDAYS.

Sunday “Best”:

On days requiring Sunday “Best” Dress, students should wear dresses, skirts, dress pants and dress shirts.

Gym Days:

All students must participate in the physical education classes. If a serious reason necessitates an excuse from P.E. class, a written note must be sent to the P.E. teacher. Continuous absence from P.E. class warrants a doctor’s excuse.

Uniform slacks or shorts must be worn on gym days for students in kindergarten through 4th grade. A school gym uniform is required for students in grades 5-8 and will be given to students at their first gym class. A pair of non-marking tennis shoes must be kept in the student’s locker for Physical Education purposes and assemblies.

Other Guidelines:

Safety, consideration of distracting elements, and a realization that fads are temporary are the basis for the following guidelines:

1. Boys and girls must wear their hair out of their eyes. Hair should be neat with bangs above the eyebrows. Boy’s hair should be above and not touch the shirt collar and also trimmed around the ears. Girl’s long hair should be pulled back. Scrunchies, rubber bands and pony tail holders, etc. must be in the hair, **not worn on wrists. No fad hairstyles, hairpieces, or unnatural highlighted, streaked, or dyed hair is permitted.**
2. Girls may wear post earrings only. Hoops or dangling earrings are not permitted.
3. Boys may not wear earrings.
4. Jewelry should be limited to one watch, one ring and simple necklaces. Watches with beeping devices should be disconnected during the school day.
5. Girls may not wear cosmetics on school grounds during school hours.
6. Finger nail polish worn by girls should be pink, white, or light red. Other colors are distracting and interfere with the educational process. False nails are not permitted.
7. Jr. High boys must be clean shaven.

Backpacks

Backpacks with wheels are only allowed for students in grades 4-8.

Cell Phones

If a student needs a cell phone after school due to walking home from school, entering a house where no one is home, or attending sport practices or games, he/she should bring the cell phone to the secretary’s office upon arrival in the morning to park the cell phone in the off position for the day. The cell phone may be picked up by the student at dismissal. At no time during the day should a cell phone be in a student’s locker or in his/her possession. **Items taken away from students will be returned to the parent(s)/guardian(s) only.**