

DRESS CODE (grades K-8)

St. Peter Interparish School believes very strongly in the strict enforcement of a student appearance code for several reasons:

A uniform appearance gives students a feeling of equality, provides a visible sense of school unity and identity, and contributes to the professional atmosphere that should exist in a school.

School is not a recreational or social activity and the appearance / clothing of our students should normally reflect the seriousness of the educational process.

What students wear and how they look speaks of the pride they take in themselves and St. Peter Interparish School.

Respect of self and others is shown through personal appearance and neatness.

Abiding by the appearance code creates self-discipline.

With this in mind, St. Peter Interparish School has a uniform dress code which lists specifically what may be worn to school.

Students are expected to be in "Uniform Dress" Monday – Thursday. On Faculty Meeting Days (2nd Tuesday of the Month) students are allowed to "dress down". Fridays are designated as "Spirit Days". For guidelines on "Dress Down" and "Spirit Days" see below.

The following items of clothing are provided by vendors selected by St. Peter Interparish School. All shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters will have the St. Peter Interparish School logo embroidered on the left chest and are purchased through St. Peter Interparish School with payment at the time orders are placed. Microfleece half-zip Pullovers and girls jumpers are available through Land's End website ONLY accessible through the St. Peter website.

1. SHIRTS

One of the following **must** be worn:

St. Peter logoed Polo shirts in both long and short sleeves in navy, white and light blue,

Logoed long/short sleeved button down collar dress shirts in navy, white and light blue may be worn.

All shirts are to be long enough to be fully tucked in at all times so that the belt may be seen and no skin is showing at any time.

The following **may** be worn:

T-shirts as undershirts (must be solid white), and solid colored camisoles worn under appropriate shirts.

2. SWEATER, SWEATER VESTS, SWEATSHIRTS

Only the following may be worn:

St. Peter logoed pullover sweaters, V neck sweaters, sweater vests and sweatshirts that come down to or cover the belt line. Colors and styles are listed on the Uniform Order Form. If worn, must be with an approved collared shirt (see above), or with a navy or white turtleneck.

St, Peter logoed Fleece Pullovers may be worn in the classroom but must be worn over an approved collared shirt.

(Turtlenecks can only be worn under an approved sweater.) The St. Peter hooded sweatshirts may only be worn on 'Spirit' or 'Dress down' days.

3. PANTS, CAPRIS, SHORTS, SKORTS, JUMPERS, SKIRTS

These **must** be:

Solid, hemmed, navy blue, khaki or stone only-including stitching, and zippered or buttoned areas. The material must appear pressed and not wrinkled (cargo pants are acceptable).

Shorts, skorts, skirts and jumpers are to be no shorter than 2 inches from the top of the knee. Shorts need to be worn under skirts and jumpers.

Jumpers must be purchased from the Land's End Uniform store, must have the St. Peter School logo, and can only be worn over an approved collared shirt (see above).

Not to be worn at school are 100% cotton pants that are manufactured to have a wrinkled look, cargo pants with pockets below the knees, or polyester pants styled as cargo pants. Any frayed material on pants is prohibited. Sport shorts are not permitted.

4. BELTS

Required for grades 4-8, optional for K-3:

If pants have belt loops a solid brown, black, navy, khaki or attached matching belt with a buckle and no adornments.

Belt loops that are removed should be fully removed so that no parts of a belt loop remains.

Not to be worn at school are large/decorative belt buckles.

5. SOCKS/TIGHTS/LEGGINGS

Socks must be a solid white, navy, khaki, or black worn at all times and visible above the shoe.

Tights and leggings must be white or navy blue only and must be worn under another piece of approved clothing such as skirt, skort or jumper.

6. SHOES

Shoes must have a closed heel and toe and suitable for outdoor play. Tennis shoes are required for PE days and play in the gym. Appropriate tennis shoes have soles that will not leave black marks on the gym floor. Shoes must be laced and tied at all times.

7. DRESS DOWN DAYS

The following **may** be worn:

Clothing worn on dress down days is to be modest and have sleeves.

All shirts must be of a length so that skin does not show and a size that is not too tight.

Shorts, jeans, jean shorts, sweatpants, approved school pants, shorts or skorts. Skorts, skirts, and jumpers are to be no shorter than 2 inches from the top of the knee.

Not to be worn at school

Pajama pants, yoga pants, jeggings, leggings (unless under appropriate clothing), provocative clothing (**form fitting tight pants or shirts**), or clothing that maintains symbols or words that portray obscene, satanic, suggestive ideas, drugs, alcohol or inappropriate music. (**including pants with words across the butt area**)

The administration will determine whether clothing is modest and appropriate.

8. DRESS UP DAYS

Dress up days are days where the students may wear uniforms or dressier clothing. All clothing not permitted on regular school days is not permitted on dress up days.

9. GENERAL

- a. All clothing is to be modest, of proper fit, neat, clean, and worn as designed at all times. (I.e. All shirts must be of a length so that skin on the trunk of the body does not show, of a size that is not too tight.)
- b. Provocative clothing is not acceptable.
- c. Extremes in personal appearance are not permitted.
- d. Hair is to be of modest length; (Boys hair needs off the eyebrows; at least a portion of the ears must be visible; hair length in back may not overhang the collar) neat, clean and combed.
Female hair accessories are to be simple and not distracting. The administration will determine whether hairstyle and coloring is appropriate (No pink, purple, orange, or overly colored hair. **No extremes in hairstyle such as Mohawks, mullets, etc.**)
- e. Visible Body piercings are not permitted. Females may wear earrings, with no more than 2 earrings for each ear.
- f. Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- g. Accessories (scarves, bandannas, sweatbands, cummerbunds, etc) are not permitted.
- h. Jewelry is to be simple and appropriate for school. Males may not wear nail coloring or polish.
- i. Females may wear nail polish, except for black.
- j. **Ink marks on hands and arms are unprofessional and indicate immature behavior. A student writing on himself/herself or others is not appropriate.**
- k. Hats may not be worn in the building.
- l. **Only logoed sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleece pullovers may be worn in the classroom. Hoodies, warm-ups, jackets, and coats are not to be worn inside unless permission is given by the teacher and/or administration.**
- m. All clothing, including clothing worn on dress down days, is to be neat and not torn.
- n. No long sleeved shirts are to be worn under short sleeved uniform shirts.
- o. From Fall Daylight Savings time to Spring Daylight Savings time students must wear long pants and not shorts (girls are not to wear skirts/skorts/jumpers unless full leg coverings are worn as well). Jackets should be brought to school every day.
- p. If a particular style of clothing is not listed in this policy, it is considered **NOT** acceptable until approved by administration.
- q. Concerning dress, the school reserves the right to make the final decisions about the suitability of the clothes.

10. 'SPIRIT' DAYS

Students may wear any St. Peter Interparish School attire that contains the “Keys to the Kingdom” with dress code bottoms. They are not dress ‘down days’, so shirts shall be tucked in. Helias logo clothing is **not** St. Peter ‘spirit’ wear.

Parents are to take responsibility to see that their children comply with the school grooming and dress code. Parents are to be aware of this entire policy so that they do not have to go out of their way to bring proper attire to their children at school.

Parents are to supply children with attire appropriate to the weather, so parents are to make sure their child(ren) come(s) to school with a coat or sweater on cold days. Children will participate in recess and P.E. outside on cold days.

School items, jackets, sweaters, etc. are to be marked with the student’s name. If a student wears clothing to school that is not appropriate, parents will be contacted to bring the proper attire to school, and the student will not attend classes until proper attire is on the way.

*Students will have recess outside on cold weather days. Coats are to be brought to school on cold days.

Students not complying with The St. Peter Interparish School Dress Code/Gum/Candy Policy will earn a Dress Code Office Referral (purple slip). Students, who refuse to cooperate with the dress code, **including wearing belts**, or with the gum/candy policy, waive the right to any and all forms of dress down days for the REMAINDER OF THE YEAR upon their fourth violation of either (combined) rule/policy. **Students who continue to earn purple slips beyond the fourth for the year may lose other privileges including but not limited to: Spirit Days and then, Assemblies and special events, field trips and/or Summer Blast-off Day.**