

2017-2018 UNIFORM POLICY

St. Pius X School students wear uniforms in order to promote equality, community, and academic success. The wearing of uniforms is a significant part of Catholic education tradition. Wearing uniforms encourages students to focus more on learning about their faith, developing personal character, and growing academically rather than being distracted by fashion trends or preoccupied with outward appearances. The school uniform policy and guidelines also aim to instill responsibility, neatness, and pride. The uniform policy/dress code is intended to maintain a school environment that exemplifies Catholic values and is conducive to learning. Financial burdens upon families will always be considered when changes to the uniform policy are made.

Principal's Discretion

Fashions and trends may not be specifically identified in the uniform policies and guidelines; however, the principal has the discretion to decide what attire, hairstyles, and/or fashion trends are appropriate or not appropriate for the school setting. The school administration reserves the right to require the parents to bring an appropriate change of clothes if a student is inappropriately dressed, or remove a child from the school and/or give behavior consequences until any inappropriate aspect of a student's appearance is corrected. If parents are uncertain about any of the dress code or uniform policies, please check with the school office before you make a decision about purchases or haircuts.

Dress Code Violations

In the event that a student does not abide by the school uniform policy or dress code, ANY TEACHER OR SCHOOL FACULTY OR STAFF will immediately give a verbal warning and the student must immediately correct the violation if possible. If correction is not immediately possible, the student may be sent to the office to call home, and a uniform violation notice may be issued. The notice is to be taken home, signed by the parent and returned the following school day. Students may also be issued infractions, detentions, and/or suspensions for violating the uniform policy and dress code which may negatively affect student's conduct grade and may prevent them from participating in school activities and events. In cases of serious violations, parent communication and cooperation is essential so that the parents and school may work together to remedy the situation. ANY STUDENT FOUND TO BE WEARING UNIFORM ITEMS WITH AN OUTDATED LOGO WILL IMMEDIATELY BE ASKED TO REMOVE THE ITEM (IF POSSIBLE) AND RECEIVE A UNIFORM VIOLATION.

MANDATORY DRESS* UNIFORM ATTIRE

BOYS

- Shoes: ALL black or ALL white leather/suede/synthetic athletic or dress shoes only; NO CANVAS
- Socks: White or Navy, NO LOGOS, above the ankle bone and top part of the shoe
- Pants (August-June) OR Shorts (August-October; April-June): Navy blue cotton or twill (no Dickies, corduroy, or cargo pants)**
- Belt: (required) brown or black leather/synthetic only, free of design or decoration
- Shirts: white button-down dress shirt, short/long sleeve, free of any logos or designs
- Sweaters: Navy cardigan sweater, or v-neck sweater with CURRENT SPX logo (MANDATORY for all students on dress days); MICHAEL'S UNIFORMS ONLY
- Sweater vest with CURRENT SPX logo (MICHAEL'S UNIFORM ONLY)
- School logo/striped tie (MICHAEL'S UNIFORM ONLY) for grades K-8

GIRLS

- Shoes: Maryjane(all black and free of decoration), Oxford (navy blue/black & white), or Penny Loafer shoes (black or navy blue); NO CANVAS
- Socks: White or Navy, NO LOGOS, above the ankle bone and top part of the shoe; Knee high socks are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Jumper (Pre-K-3), Skort (Pre-K-4 ONLY), or Skirt (4-8): (Pius Plaid from Michael's Uniforms only)**
- Shirts: white button-down blouse free of any logos or designs
- Sweaters: Navy cardigan sweater or v-neck sweater with CURRENT SPX logo (MANDATORY for all students on dress days); MICHAEL'S UNIFORMS ONLY
- Sweater vest with CURRENT SPX logo (MICHAEL'S UNIFORM ONLY)
- School logo/striped tie (MICHAEL'S UNIFORM ONLY) for grades K-8; bow tie for K-3 only

REGULAR DAY UNIFORM ITEMS

BOYS & GIRLS

- Shirts: Gray polo with CURRENT SPX logo (Michael's Uniforms ONLY)
- Hooded rain jackets with, CURRENT SPX logo (Michael's Uniforms only) may be worn during the months of November-March (and on rainy days)

*Mass Dress uniform will be required on ALL school Mass and/or award days. Regular Uniform items (Polo shirts) may be worn on all other days, except PE Days. Please note that announcements will be made in the school calendar, newsletter, and during daily announcements when other options may apply.

**PANTS for boys are required every day during winter months, unless announcements are made by school staff. See uniform guidelines for information regarding pants/shorts for boys and girls.

PE UNIFORM

(Mandatory on assigned P.E. days; same for BOYS and GIRLS):

- All black or all white athletic shoes that provide adequate support for activity. No canvas or dress shoes permitted.
- White or Navy socks: no logos, above the ankle bone and top part of the shoe
- Navy mesh shorts with CURRENT SPX logo or Navy blue sweat pants with CURRENT SPX logo (Michaels' Uniforms only)
- Gray P.E. t-shirt with CURRENT SPX logo (Michael's or school issue only)
- Crew neck sweatshirt or rain jackets with CURRENT SPX logo (Michaels' Uniforms only)
- ABSOLUTELY NO garments worn underneath shirts/shorts that are longer than the actual garment arms/legs length, i.e., Under Armor garments, athletic wear, thermal wear, etc.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

- Shirts (including P.E. shirts) are to be tucked in at all times
- Oversized clothing is not acceptable, pants/shorts must be worn at the waist, above the hips, "sagging" pants/shorts is not acceptable
- Undergarments should not be visible at any time
- P.E. uniforms are to be worn on P.E. days only
- ABSOLUTELY NO HOODED Sweatshirts and or ZIP-UP HOODIES allowed (8th grade sweatshirts are the exception, but may not be worn on MASS DAYS)
- All clothing/shoes must be free from holes, not faded or excessively worn

- Skirts, shorts, and skorts are to reach the top of knee or lower; P.E. shorts may be approx. 1" above top of knee
- Shorts/pants may be worn by girls with a belt (required) on any REGULAR school day during the appropriate months, but NOT on DRESS UNIFORM DAYS (see Dress Uniform for Boys)
- Students may be allowed to wear shorts during winter months SOLELY due to extreme warm weather. Announcements will be made on these days
- Any uniform item with the OLD SPX logo will NOT be acceptable. Students will receive uniform violations for wearing these items.

Shoes

The following shoes are NOT acceptable:

- Canvas shoes (non-athletic; Vans, Toms, Converse Chuck Taylor, etc.)
- slip-on shoes or shoes without laces (Velcro straps allowed for students in Pre-K or Kinder only)
- platform or high-heeled shoes
- shoes with soles that light up and shoes that conceal roller skates
- boots

Other Shoe Guidelines:

- Soles and logos on shoes must be BLACK on ALL black shoes, or WHITE on ALL white shoes
- Shoe laces must always be visible and tied appropriately
- Shoes must be free of any writing (made by marker, pen, pencil, etc.)
- Shoes must be in good condition; free from tears or holes (on the sole, at the toe, or anywhere on the shoe)

Jewelry & Accessories

Jewelry and accessories must not distract from learning or attract unnecessary attention. Boys and girls may wear a simple necklace with a religious medal, but it must be worn underneath the shirt. Boys and girls may also wear a simple wristwatch. Girls may wear simple stud earrings and one simple ring. Fashion jewelry is not permitted. Girls may wear a ribbon or hair clip, but it should be consistent with school colors and not overly large or decorative.

Other Jewelry and Accessories Guidelines:

- NO colored contact lenses
- Additional piercings, plug or spacer earrings are not acceptable
- Earrings for boys are unacceptable
- NO bracelets/anklets allowed (unless medically required, such as Medical I.D. bracelet)
- Purses/handbags are not to be used during the day

Cosmetics and Hairstyles

- Make-up is unacceptable at school: A student wearing make-up will be sent to the office to remove it immediately
- No nail polish or fake nails
- No extreme or modern/popular haircuts or hairstyles: boys' haircuts must be neat and evenly layered; hair should never go over the collar, the ears, or cover the eyes; nor should it be cut shorter than a 'number 2' or 1/4" in length on the top of the head
- No artificially colored hair: no hair dye, highlights, tint or shampoo rinses should be used at any time during the school year. Any student with dyed hair, highlights, or any other form of additive hair color will be asked to return their hair to its natural color.

Formal Free Dress ("Sunday's Best")

For special occasions, such as Spring pictures, Christmas Program, and 8th Grade Graduation, students may be required to wear "Sunday's Best Free Dress." Please review the guidelines below:

BOYS

- Button down, collared shirts or dress polo shirts (no excessive logos, slogans, writing, or pictures)
- Ties may be required for certain occasions
- Dress pants/slacks, or twill pants (no shorts, jeans, or denim pants)
- Leather dress shoes or appropriate dress shoes
- Belt

GIRLS

- Skirts with appropriate blouses or dresses (no denim)
- Dresses/skirts should be no more than one inch above the knee (no shorts)
- Blouses/tops must have sleeves (no slogans, writing or pictures)
- Tank-top, strapless, or spaghetti strapped dresses and blouses/tops are not permitted
- Low cut blouses/tops or those that expose the midriff are not appropriate in the school setting

Casual Free Dress

Throughout the year, students may be allowed to wear casual free dress or special dress. Details regarding the special dress will be provided to students and parents when the special day is announced. Parents and students should consider the school environment when choosing their free dress attire.

Guidelines for Casual Free Dress Days

- Shirts/Tops: Appropriate cut, style for school, free from inappropriate slogans or images
- Pants: Must fit properly with no cut-offs or tears, no tight fitting pants
- Skirts/Dresses/Shorts: Appropriate length, fit, and style
- Shoes: Must be a style that is safe on the playground. Sandals, flip-flops, heels, open-toe shoes, etc. are not allowed (Eighth grade girls may wear heels for graduation activities)
- Hats: May be worn, but must be removed in classrooms and church
- Hair: see cosmetics and hairstyle guidelines

Inappropriate Free Dress* includes the following, but is not limited to:

- Thigh highs for girls
- Dresses/skirts worn without slips and/or shorts/bike shorts
- Baggy, sagging, or oversized clothing
- Short skirts or shorts more than 2" above the knee (even if leggings/tights are worn)
- Skin tight clothing -- leggings should never be worn alone; however, they can be worn beneath a dress.
- Sweatpants, sweat suits, or pajamas
- Torn clothing/shoes or any clothing/shoes with holes or rips
- T-shirts/sweatshirts/jackets with inappropriate logos, print
- Attire that expose too much skin, dresses or tops with spaghetti straps or tank tops
- Open-back and/or open-toe shoes
- Flip-flops
- Shoes with heels or platforms (students must wear flat shoes to school)
- Hair: see cosmetics and hairstyle guidelines

***These items are NOT APPROPRIATE for free dress days**