

## UNIFORM POLICY/DRESS CODE

**All students are expected to show responsibility by wearing the school uniform correctly. Non compliance will result in the student being issued a Dress Code Violation notice. P.E. uniforms are required in Grades 5 through 8. Students without P.E. uniforms are considered not prepared for class and will be issued a Dress Code Violation notice. The Uniform Policy and Dress Code are as follows:**

### SAINT THERESA UNIFORM POLICY

After consultation with parents, faculty, and administration, the following uniform policy has been adopted. Please bear in mind the reasoning that motivates our uniform policy decisions:

- Wearing a uniform helps to promote school spirit, to create an orderly environment, and to free students from social pressure so they are better able to concentrate on their studies.
- The uniform should be modest, practical, and affordable.
- The uniform policy should be easily enforceable.

Please Remember:

Our uniform company is Dennis Uniform, 4902 E. McDowell Rd. #103, Phoenix, AZ. (602) 220-0566 (Scrip is available in the school office).

- **While it is not mandatory to purchase every part of the uniform at the uniform company, anything bought at another store must match exactly.**
- Every minute teachers have to spend on uniform infractions is a minute taken away from all the students' education.
- A used uniform sale is held at the start of every school year.
- **All articles of clothing should be clearly labeled with the student's name.**

**The Administration, faculty, and staff reserve the right to judge what is appropriate, modest, and safe. Students who repeatedly fail to adhere to the uniform code will receive an Office Referral.**

## SAINT THERESA DRESS CODE

**When a student is not in compliance with the Dress Code, a parent will be notified to bring the proper uniform to school and/or the child will serve time in detention until the correction is made.**

### BOYS

Shirts: White, red, or navy uniform knit short- or long-sleeved shirts are worn by all grades and forest green may be worn by grades 7 and 8. All shirts must have the school monogram. Only plain white T-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts. T-shirts may not exceed the length of the uniform shirt sleeve. **Shirts must be fully tucked in at all times.**

Pants: Navy uniform slacks may be worn year round. The pants must be of appropriate size and color and worn at the waist. If necessary, a plain belt will be required.

Shorts: Navy blue uniform walking shorts may be worn year round. The shorts must be of appropriate size and color and worn at the waist. If necessary, a plain belt will be required. Cargo shorts or pants may not be worn.

Socks: Solid white ankle socks must be worn and visible above the ankle bone at all times (no patterns, logos, or stripes).

Belts: Plain (navy, brown, or black). Reasonably sized belt buckles must be worn with plain belts.

## GIRLS

Blouses/shirts: Sailor collar, poly-cotton, middie blouse may be worn by grades K-3. Short- or long-sleeved uniform white, red, or navy knit shirts may be worn by K-8 and forest green shirts may be worn by grades 7 and 8. All knit shirts must have the school monogram. Only plain white T-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts and the T-shirt sleeve may not exceed the length of the uniform shirt sleeve. **All shirts must be fully tucked in at all times.**

Pants: Navy uniform slacks may be worn year round. The pants must be of appropriate size and color and worn at the waist.

Shorts: Navy uniform walking shorts may be worn year round. The shorts must be of appropriate size and color, be a modest length, and be worn at the waist.

Culottes/skorts: Navy uniform culottes or skorts may be worn year round. They must be appropriate length and size.

Jumpers: Girls in grades K-3 must wear uniform jumpers or skorts—no skirts.

Skirts: The two styles of skirts available in school plaid may be worn in grades 4-8. Shorts may be worn underneath but may not show beneath the skirt. **Skirts, worn at the waist, must measure no more than 3 inches above the middle of the knee. Skirts may not be rolled at the waistband.**

Socks: Solid white ankle socks and/or tights must be worn and visible above the ankle bone at all times (no patterns, logos, or stripes). No nylon stockings or trouser socks are permitted. Girls with skirts, skorts, or jumpers may wear white, navy, black, or red tights or knee-high socks.

## ALL STUDENTS

Hair: Must be natural, not colored or highlighted. Boys' hair must be cut above the eyebrows, ears, and shirt collar. Girls may not wear scarves. Hair accessories may not fall below the shirt collar. No extreme haircuts for boys or girls are allowed. Hair cut shorter than a #1.5 blade is unacceptable.

Jewelry: The wearing of jewelry can be distracting and is discouraged for safety reasons. Boys may not wear earrings in school. Girls may wear one pair of stud earrings in the ear lobe (no dangling or hoop earrings). Boys and girls may wear one religious necklace on a plain metal chain, a watch, and no more than two finger rings. No bracelets or other costume jewelry are allowed. Failure to comply will result in removal of jewelry.

Turtleneck shirts: All students may wear white, red, or navy uniform turtleneck shirts. Grades 7-8 may wear forest green. Turtlenecks must have school monogram.

Sweatshirts: Only red, white, or navy Saint Theresa uniform sweatshirts are allowed during the school day. Grades 7-8 may wear forest green Saint Theresa uniform sweatshirts. **All sweatshirts worn on school grounds must have our school monogram.**

Outerwear: Students may wear appropriate coats or uniform sweatshirts outdoors. Only uniform clothing may be worn in church or the classroom.

Shoes: Shoes must be a solid white athletic shoe that fastens with Velcro or are tied with white shoe laces. **All visible parts of the shoe must be solid white.** White uniform shoes are available at Dennis Uniform or any shoe store.

## NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Non-uniform days are a privilege and students are expected to choose appropriate school wear. Restrictions include, but are not limited to, tank tops, miniskirts, biker shorts, athletic (sports) shorts, short shorts, cut-offs or frayed-edged shorts, and clothing with inappropriate slogans, etc. **The staff reserves the right to judge what is appropriate, modest, and safe. Infractions will result in loss of this privilege and parents will be called to bring in a uniform. The solid white shoe, jewelry, and make-up policies remain.** Torso must be covered at all times. On “free-shoe days,” shoes must enclose the entire foot, and laces must be tightly and appropriately tied.

### HOW TO WEAR YOUR UNIFORM/GROOMING

Looks Like	Doesn't Look Like
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform – clean and in good condition</li> <li>• Uniform – appropriate size</li> <li>• Shirts fully tucked in</li> <li>• Skirt/skort/shorts – modest length</li> <li>• Shorts/pants/skirts worn at waist</li> <li>• Socks – plain, easily visible at ankles</li> <li>• Shoes – enclosing entire foot, laces tightly tied</li> <li>• Hair – natural, not colored or highlighted</li> <li>• Hair neatly combed</li> <li>• Boys – hair no longer than top of collar, cut above ears and eyebrows</li> <li>• Clean faces and fingernails</li>   <li>• Clean and healthy appearance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dirty, torn, faded</li> <li>• Too big, too small</li> <li>• Hanging out or folded under</li> <li>• Too short, rolled up</li> <li>• Worn below waist or at the hips.</li> <li>• Striped, logos, not visible below ankles</li> <li>• Backless/toeless shoes, loose shoes</li>   <li>• Colored or highlighted</li>   <li>• Tousled, unkempt, spiked</li> <li>• Hair below collar, over ears and in eyes, extreme styles</li> <li>• Make up and colored fingernail polish, French manicures</li> <li>• Dirty hair, face, body, markings on skin, body odor</li> <li>• Bringing or using sprays of any kind</li> </ul>