The St. John's Dress Code

Fostering Excellence, Honoring Community

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for a new school year, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the trust you place in St. John's School. We are committed to ensuring that every student experiences our Graduate Promise: to **Grow in Faith**, **Excel in Education**, and **Thrive in Community**.

Our Dress Code is one way we live out that promise. As we listen to your feedback and remain committed to honoring individuality and personality, we ask for your full support of two key expectations:

1. Dressing for Scholarship
To help our students **Excel in Education**, we encourage them to come to school dressed neatly and appropriately. Tidy clothing sets the tone for a productive day, fosters a sense of self-respect, and builds habits that prepare students for future academic and professional environments.

2. Dressing for Community
To help our students **Thrive in Community**, we ask all families to support modest dress. As a Christian school, we teach modesty as an expression of respect—for oneself, for others, and for God. Clothing choices shape the atmosphere in which children learn and grow, and our goal is a community that honors God and supports each student's journey.

What's New
This year, when male or female students in grades 5–8 choose to wear shorts, skirts, or dresses, those items must reach at least the **top of the kneecap**. This change supports consistency across families and classrooms, minimizes distractions, and keeps the focus on learning.

How We'll Support Students
During the first week and a half of school, our staff will work supportively with students as they adjust to the updated dress standard. After that, students who are out of dress code will be asked to either borrow an item from the school office or contact a parent to bring in a suitable replacement.

Thank you for your partnership in building a positive and respectful learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our staff.

We're looking forward to a wonderful year of growth for all our students.

Sincerely,

Phillip Barnard, PhD

Principal, St. John's School ELC-8th Grade

ALL K-8 GRADES

Above the waist:
Tops should cover the shoulders and midriff, even when moving or stretching. Tank tops (including tank-style sports jerseys) and crop tops are not allowed without additional covering.

Below the waist:
Jeans, neat athleisure, and Bermuda/golf-style shorts or pants are permitted, according to grade-level requirements below.
Sweatpants, basketball-style shorts, and running shorts are not allowed.

On the feet:
Shoes should be worn at all times. For safety reasons, open-toed shoes—including Crocs and flip-flops—are not allowed. Shoes with wheels are also not permitted.

Other:
Clothing with offensive language or images, that is torn, or that is contrary to our Christian faith is not permitted, as determined by St. John's School staff.
Hats and hoods may be worn outside but must be removed when inside the building.

Grades K–4 Requirements

Below the waist:
Shorts, skirts, dresses, and pants should reach at least mid-thigh.
Leggings are permitted.

Gym:
Students are expected to dress appropriately for physical education classes, which require athletic shoes.

Grades 5–8 Requirements

Below the waist:
Shorts, skirts, dresses, and pants should reach at least the top of the kneecap.
Leggings are only permitted if worn under other clothing that complies with the dress code.

Gym:
Students in Grades 6–8 must wear the St. John's physical education uniform during gym class and return to regular dress code attire afterward.