

## **Saint Louis Catholic School Uniform Policy (2016 - 2017 school year)**

The traditions of a Catholic Education provide a standard for our students, which foster an environment conducive to learning, respectful behavior, and school pride. A school uniform assures equality in dress and reduces the cost of clothing during your child's rapid stages of growth. As the term uniform connotes, the dress must be standard.

Parents are expected to be the primary monitors of the uniform policy. Please help us by ensuring your child is in uniform each day.

The school's uniform policy will be strictly enforced. Upon each article violation, the school will assess a fine of \$5.00. The parent/legal guardian will be called to provide an appropriate uniform according to the SLCS Handbook of School Policies. The consequences of continued non-compliance will be addressed by the principal on a case by case basis.

Violations of dress code are considered a matter of discipline. Each time a student is not compliant regarding SLCS uniform requirements, the student will receive a Uniform Compliance Reminder note, which must be signed, paid, and returned by the parent/legal guardian. If the Uniform Compliance Reminder note is not signed, paid, and returned by the parent/legal guardian, the parent/legal guardian should expect a telephone call from the teacher. The consequences of continued non-compliance will be addressed by the principal on a case by case basis.

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**Parker School Uniforms** has most SLCS uniform articles for boys and girls. Articles can be purchased at their store or online.

Address: 2108 NW Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78213

Phone: 210-530-0087 or 1-800-754-9494

Website: [www.parkersu.com](http://www.parkersu.com)

**Note:** Items that require purchase from Parker Uniforms include: Girls 3k – 2<sup>nd</sup> blue plaid V-front jumper and Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade white button front Sailor blouse, tie, and blue plaid skirt. Other uniform items may be purchased from other retailers, but the garment must be identical to the garments offered by Parker Uniforms.

Optional: Parker Uniforms will have the school logo available on the shirts and cardigans.

**SLCS Uniform Room:** Gently used uniforms may be donated to the SLCS Uniform Room. These articles can then be purchased for \$1.00 a piece. The types of articles, quantities, and sizes are limited to the donations received. Please contact the office for access to the room.

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### **BOYS: 3k – 5<sup>th</sup> grades**

Tops:

- White polo shirt (short or long sleeve)
- White oxford button down collared shirt (short or long sleeve)
- \*Collared shirts must be tucked in
- Solid, navy blue or black tie (required on Mass days)

Bottoms:

- Navy blue shorts or pants (no cargo shorts/pants, athletic shorts, or sweatpants)
- Navy blue, brown, or black belt with regular standard "D" buckle is required for pants or shorts with belt loops

Socks:

- White crew socks (colored socks and no-show socks are not acceptable)

- MASS:**
- White oxford button down collared shirt (short or long sleeve)
  - Solid, navy blue or black tie
  - Navy blue pants (no shorts, cargo shorts/pants, athletic shorts, or sweatpants)
  - White crew socks
  - Navy blue, black, or brown belt
  - \*Boys may bring navy blue uniform shorts to change into after Mass.
  - \*Boys may remove the tie after Mass.

- WINTER:**
- Navy blue sweatshirt with school logo (available at Shirts n Stuff in Castroville)
  - Navy blue windbreaker jacket (available at Shirts n Stuff and Parker Uniforms)
  - Navy blue V-neck cardigan
  - Heavy coats must be solid navy blue or black
  - \*Sweatpants are not allowed

\*see below for Shoe, Friday Spirit Day, Free Dress Day, and Grooming policies

### **GIRLS: 3k – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades**

- Tops:**
- White Blouse with Peter Pan collar (rounded collar; short or long sleeve)
  - White polo shirt (short or long sleeve)

- Bottoms:**
- Navy blue shorts, pants, skirt, or skort  
(no cargo shorts/pants, athletic shorts, leggings, capri pants, or sweatpants)
  - Parker Uniforms blue plaid V-front Jumper
  - \*Girls must wear navy blue or black shorts under jumper or skirt. Non-uniform blue or black shorts are acceptable, if the jumper or skirt is not removed during the school day.
  - \*Shorts, skirt, and skort must be no shorter than 2 inches from the knee

- Socks:**
- White bobby socks
  - Parker Uniforms blue plaid trimmed socks  
(colored socks and no-show socks are not acceptable)

- MASS:**
- Parker Uniforms blue plaid V-front jumper
  - White Blouse with Peter Pan collar (rounded collar; short or long sleeve)
  - White bobby socks or Parker Uniforms blue plaid trimmed socks
  - \*White tights may be worn under the jumper on cold days (no capri leggings)

- WINTER:**
- Navy blue sweatshirt with school logo (available at Shirts n Stuff in Castroville)
  - Navy blue windbreaker jacket (available at Shirts n Stuff and Parker Uniforms)
  - Navy blue V-neck Cardigan
  - Heavy coats must be solid navy blue or black
  - \*Sweatpants are not allowed
  - \*White tights may be worn under the jumper or skirt (no capri leggings)

\*see below for Shoe, Friday Spirit Day, Free Dress Day, and Grooming policies

## **GIRLS: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades**

Tops: - Parker Uniforms white button front Sailor Blouse with cuffed sleeves  
- White polo shirt (short or long sleeve)  
\*Sailor Blouse worn with the Parker Uniforms Sailor Tie (available in button on or loop)

Bottoms: - Parker Uniforms blue plaid skirt  
- Navy blue shorts, pants, skirt, or skort  
(no cargo shorts/pants, athletic shorts, leggings, capri pants, or sweatpants)  
\*Girls must wear navy blue or black shorts under skirt. Non-uniform blue or black shorts are acceptable, if the skirt is not removed during the school day.  
\*Shorts, skirt, and skort must be no shorter than 2 inches from the knee

Socks: - White bobby socks  
- Parker Uniforms blue plaid trimmed socks  
(colored socks and no-show socks are not acceptable)

**MASS:** - Parker Uniforms White button front Sailor Blouse with cuffed sleeves  
- Parker Uniforms Sailor Tie (available in button on or loop)  
- Parker Uniforms blue plaid skirt  
- White bobby socks or Parker Uniforms blue plaid trimmed socks  
\*White tights may be worn under skirts on cold days (no capri leggings)

WINTER: - Navy blue sweatshirts with school logo (available at Shirts n Stuff Castroville)  
- Navy blue windbreaker jacket (available at Shirts n Stuff and Parker Uniforms)  
- Navy blue V-neck Cardigan  
- Heavy coats must be solid navy blue or black  
\*Sweatpants are not allowed  
\*White tights may be worn under skirts on cold days (no capri leggings)

\*see below for Shoe, Friday Spirit Day, Free Dress Day, and Grooming policies

## **Shoes - all grades**

- All shoes should be closed toe (athletic shoes, saddle shoes, Mary Janes, penny loafers, boat shoes, oxfords). Parker Uniforms has these available (but it is not required to buy from there).
- Shoes must be in school colors: white, navy blue, black, or brown
- Shoes must have non-marking rubber soles and be safe for P.E.
- *Students in 3k and 4k:* Velcro closing or tieless laces

\*No flip-flops, Crocs, sandals, or cowboy boots. No light up or skate type shoes.

## **Friday Spirit Days - all grades**

- Every Friday, unless otherwise stated, students may wear the SLCS Spirit tshirts.
- The tshirts may be purchased from Shirts n Stuff in Castroville or from other SLCS identified associations.
- *Students may also wear a short or long sleeve light blue polo (only on these Friday Spirit Days)*
- Students must wear the navy blue uniform bottoms as stated above for their grade level.

## Free Dress Days - all grades

- Opportunities for Free Dress Days can be earned throughout the year and will be announced in advance. **Free Dress Day coupons may be redeemed only on Mondays.**
- **GIRLS** may wear slacks, jeans, or a dress, skirt, or shorts (no more than 2 inches above the knee). If a shirt is sleeveless, the straps must be at least 2 inches wide. Halter tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, midriff tops, cut-offs, spandex or Lycra, gym shorts, form fitting bicycle shorts, wind shorts, and shorts/pants/jeans with holes or tears are not acceptable. No baggy clothing.
- **BOYS** may wear slacks, jeans, or shorts. Cut-off, spandex or lycra, gym shorts, wind shorts, and shorts/pants/jeans with holes or tears are not acceptable. No baggy clothing.
- The SLCS Shoe policy applies to Free Dress Days.

## Grooming - all grades

High standards of grooming are very important.

- Hair needs to be kept neat, clean, and away from face
- Dyed hair in unnatural hair colors or cut in faddish or distracting fashion is not acceptable.
- Boys may not wear their hair in ponytails, spiked, and/or shaggy styles. Hair may not cover more than half of the ear and may not touch the eyebrows. Hair may not touch the top of the collar.
- Girls' bangs may not cover the eyebrows. Extensions or feathers are not allowed.
- Tattoos and writing, temporary or permanent, may not be worn
- Body piercing is not allowed, except for earlobe piercing
- Stud earrings may be worn by girls only. Long dangling jewelry and bangle bracelets are not allowed. Other small necklaces or earrings may be allowed at the discretion of the principal.
- Students may not wear facial make-up
- Nails: Students are expected to have clean, trimmed nails. Students may not wear acrylic nails or nail polish of any kind during school hours. This includes clear nail polish, black nail polish, manicures, French manicures, and synthetic nails.
- Hair accessories: Hair bows, ribbons, headbands, and scrunchies must be in school colors (navy blue, white, or black). Ponytail holders can be any color.

## Other information:

Uniforms must always be clean, tidy, in good repair, and fit the student. ALL OUTER CLOTHING SHOULD BE LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

It is recommended that you send your child a change of clothes in a ziploc bag to keep at the school. These need not be uniform clothing. As the seasons change, please keep this in mind and change clothes accordingly.

The principal is the final arbiter of neatness, length, and what is considered faddish or distracting. The principal or the principal's designee has the authority to determine whether a student's appearance and attire are in conformity with the school's uniform code. The principal's judgment in these matters is final. The administration may call the parents/legal guardians for students who are dressed inappropriately and require that new clothing be brought to school.