## DRESS CODE AND UNIFORM

At St. James School students wear uniforms not to hide their individuality, but to reveal it. As clothes no longer are a focus, one's personality and beauty shines through all the more clearly.

All students must be in uniform every day. There will be non-uniform days which will be announced during the course of the school year (a dress code for such days is included in this section). If there is a time when the prescribed uniform cannot for some legitimate reason be worn, a note from the parent/guardian must be written to the Principal. Students who are out of uniform without this excuse will be sent to the office and the parent will be called to bring the proper clothing. It is deemed wise for a child's name to be on the inside label of each article of clothing.

<u>Students in Preschool and Kindergarten:</u> Students in preschool and kindergarten classes do not wear the school uniform. Clothing should be weather-appropriate and in good condition without stains or holes. Shoes should be of the appropriate size and have good support. No open-toed or open heeled sandals or shoes, as these pose a danger when heavy doors are opened and closed.

**ALL Students:** Hair is to be neat and clean and away from students' eyes. Boys' hair should be above the collar and trimmed around the ears. No unusual hair styles or coloring of any kind, including tinting or highlight are permitted. The school reserves the right to request hair be trimmed if it is becoming unkempt. Fingernails should be neat and not grown beyond the end of the fingertips. Nail polish, artificial nails and makeup are not permitted. Excessive jewelry may not be worn. Large dangling earrings are not permitted. Boys may not wear earrings. No body piercings or visible tattoos, permanent or temporary. The school is not responsible for the loss of expensive jewelry or watches and recommends they be saved for wear outside of the school.

<u>Dress code for Non-Uniform Days:</u> Jeans may be worn and should be in good condition with no holes or stains. Shirts must be modest and there must be no vulgar or angry pictures or writing. Sneakers may be worn, and should be in good condition. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be no more than two inches above the knee.

	Girls' gr. 1-3	Girls' gr. 4-7	Girls' gr. 8	Boys' gr. 1-7	Boys' gr. 8
Jumper/ Kilt	Plaid Jumper <sup>1</sup>	Knee-length navy blue kilt <sup>1</sup>	Knee-length khaki or navy blue kilt <sup>1</sup>		
Shirts	White long/short sleeve peter pan blouse or polo	White long/short sleeve oxford blouse or polo	White long/short sleeve oxford blouse or red polo	White long/short sleeve dress shirt or polo	White long/short sleeve dress shirt or red polo shirt
Pants/ Shorts	Navy blue slacks <sup>2</sup> Nov-March, navy blue knee length shorts <sup>3</sup> Aug-Oct, Apr-June <sup>4</sup> , both worn with black or brown belt.	Navy blue slacks <sup>2</sup> Nov-March, navy blue knee length shorts <sup>3</sup> Aug-Oct, Apr-June <sup>4</sup> , both worn with brown or black belt.	Tan slacks <sup>2</sup> Nov- March, tan knee length shorts <sup>3</sup> Aug-Oct, Apr- June <sup>4</sup> , both worn with black or brown belt.	Navy blue slacks <sup>2</sup> Nov-March, navy blue knee length shorts <sup>3</sup> Aug- Oct, Apr-June <sup>4</sup> , both worn with black or brown belt.	Tan slacks <sup>2</sup> Nov - March, tan knee length shorts <sup>3</sup> Aug-Oct, Apr- June <sup>4</sup> , both worn with black or brown belt.
Ties	Red Cross tie with Jumper			Red tie	Red tie
Sweaters/ Sweatshirt	Red or navy blue cardigan. St. James sweatshirts only.	Red or navy blue cardigan. St. James sweatshirts only.	Red or navy cardigan. St. James sweatshirts only.	Navy or red cardigan/pullover. St. James sweatshirts only.	Navy blue or red cardigan/pullover. St. James sweatshirts only.
Stockings	Solid white/navy socks: knee highs or opaque tights w/jumper, ankle socks w/shorts <sup>5</sup>	Solid white/navy socks: knee highs or opaque tights w/kilt, ankle socks w/shorts <sup>5</sup>	Tan/brown socks: white knee highs or opaque tights w/kilt, ankle socks w/shorts <sup>5</sup>	Any dark gray, black or navy socks w/slacks, white ankle socks w/shorts <sup>5</sup>	Tan/ brown trouser socks w/ slacks, white ankle socks w/ shorts <sup>5</sup>
Shoes	Solid black, brown or navy rubber soled dress shoes <sup>6</sup>	Solid black, brown or navy rubber soled dress shoes <sup>6</sup>	Solid black, brown or navy rubber soled dress shoes <sup>6</sup>	Solid black, brown or navy rubber soled dress shoes <sup>6</sup>	Solid black, brown or navy rubber soled dress shoes <sup>6</sup>
PE	SJS red shorts White polo or grey SJS tee Aug- Oct, Apr-June; SJS red sweats or red SJS micro- poly pant Nov- March, sneakers <sup>7</sup>	SJS red shorts white polo or grey SJS tee Aug-Oct, Apr-June; SJS red sweats or red SJS micro-poly pant Nov-March, sneakers <sup>7</sup>	SJS red shorts white polo or grey SJS tee Aug-Oct, Apr-June; SJS red sweats or red SJS micro-poly pant Nov-March, sneakers <sup>7</sup>	SJS red shorts White polo or grey SJS tee Aug-Oct, Apr-June; SJS red sweats or red SJS micro-poly pant Nov-March, sneakers <sup>7</sup>	SJS red shorts White polo or grey SJS tee Aug-Oct, Apr-June; SJS red sweats or red SJS micro-poly pant Nov-March, sneakers <sup>7</sup>
Mass Day	Jumper, white blouse, tie, opaque tights, dress shoes	Navy kilt, white blouse, opaque tights, dress shoes	Navy kilt, white blouse, opaque tights, dress shoes	Dress white shirt, navy slacks, red tie, socks, dress shoes	Dress white shirt, red tie, tan slacks, socks, dress shoes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Navy blue bike shorts may be worn under jumpers and kilts. <sup>2</sup> No low-rise, skinny, or cargo styles. <sup>3</sup> No low-rise, skinny, or cargo styles, shorts should be Bermuda or walking style. <sup>4</sup> the Principal will announce the start date in April depending upon weather conditions. <sup>5</sup> No peds or socks that cannot be seen above the shoe-line, no piping or logos. <sup>6</sup> no open-back/toe shoes, such as clogs, flip-flops, etc. as these present a danger, especially on stairs, boots are considered outerwear and will not be allowed in the classroom. <sup>7</sup> No high-tops. **SNEAKERS MAY BE WORN WITH WALKING SHORTS AND GYM UNIFORMS, NOT WITH PANTS, SKIRTS, OR JUMPERS**