

SAINT ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

DRESS CODE FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2015

Saint Albert Catholic Schools believe that performance in school is enhanced by setting high standards for personal appearance that reflect pride in one's self and in the school system. The uniform dress code is established to promote unity, equity, self-discipline, and respect.

Uniform items may be purchased from Dennis Uniform in Omaha, Nebraska. Saint Albert Logo Fleece jackets, uniform sweatshirts, and Carden plaid skirts are only available through Dennis Uniform. Sweaters, shirts, and slacks may be purchased anywhere provided they are consistent in quality and color with the Dennis Uniform items.

Students are expected to be in full uniform beginning with the first day of school. Students should arrive in uniform and ready for school by 8:00 a.m. and remain in uniform until dismissal at 3:10 p.m.

Uniform clothing should be clean, and uniform dress items should not have any visible cuts, rips, tears or holes.

The administration reserves the right to make final decisions regarding compliance with all aspects of the DRESS CODE POLICY. Failure to meet the guidelines of the dress code will result in demerits. In some instances, an administrator will require the violation to be corrected before the student is allowed to attend class. School time missed due to uniform violation is considered unexcused time.

Families are encouraged to contact Saint Albert Catholic Middle & High School office with their questions regarding the dress code guidelines and expectations at 712-328-2316. With the continued cooperation of families, staff, and administration, Saint Albert Catholic students will continue a proud tradition of distinctive appearance, generous service, and distinguished accomplishment in our community.

The following general guidelines and expectations apply to all middle and senior high students:

- **Body Jewelry** – except for earrings on their ears, students are not allowed to wear any pierced jewelry that is visible while they are in their school or athletic uniforms or while attending any school/sports activities. This means that nose, chin, eyebrow, etc... type body jewelry is prohibited.
- **Eyewear** – Sunglasses and non-prescription eyewear are not allowed to be worn during the regular school day or when attending detention or Tuesday Night School.
- **Facial Hair** – Male students are to be clean-shaven with no facial hair.

- ☐ **Hair/Head Coverings** – Hair length should be reasonable and look well groomed. No Mohawks, dreadlocks, or other extreme haircuts. Hair should not cover the student’s eyes. The administration reserves the right to require any student to obtain a haircut, if the student’s hair does not look well groomed or poses disruptions to the learning environment. If the student refuses to obtain an acceptable haircut when requested by an administrator, the student will be assigned In-School Suspension followed by probation until the hair is approved by the administration.
- ☐ **Saint Albert Pride/Spirit Days** – Every Friday is Pride/Spirit Day. On Fridays students may wear cargo pants, corduroy pants (khaki, navy, black, or gray), or dress Bermuda shorts (khaki or navy) and a Saint Albert Pride shirt that is purchased from the school Spirit Store (green or gold). Students must wear the Saint Albert Pride shirt in order to wear the cargo/corduroy pants or dress Bermuda shorts. The shirt must be worn tucked completely in. White, gray, black, green, or gold long sleeve t-shirts may be worn under the Pride shirt. Dress Bermuda shorts may be worn from the beginning of the school year until the last day of October and from April 1 until the end of the school year. All other dress code guidelines apply.
- ☐ **Skirt/Skort** – The length of skirt/skort should fall within the range of the student’s fingertips when the student is standing with their arms hanging in a relaxed manner at their sides. Any student who is told that their skirt/skort is too short by a teacher or administrator may not wear that skirt/skort to school until the length is corrected. Students who do not cooperate in following the dress code will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct. Young women, who repeatedly wear a skirt/skort that is too short may be required to wear dress slacks for the remainder of the school year.
- ☐ **Tattoos** – Students are not allowed to have any visible tattoos while they are in their school or athletic uniforms or while attending any school/sports activities.
- ☐ **Outerwear** – Outdoor coats or jackets may not be worn during school hours with the exception of the Saint Albert Uniform Logo fleece jackets.
- ☐ **Out-of-Uniform Guidelines** – When Out-of-Uniform days are scheduled, students choosing to participate are to observe the following guidelines:

Allowable clothing: T-shirts, sweatshirts, capri pants, jeans, or sweatpants, Bermuda shorts (whose length falls within the range of the fingertips when the student is standing with their arms resting at their sides) may be worn from the beginning of the school year through October and during the months of April and May. Clothing with writing or slogans must be in good taste as determined by school administration. Clothing should not have any cuts, rips, tears or holes in them.

The following clothing items are **not allowed** to be worn on any out-of-uniform day: bare midriffs, halter tops, hats, low necklines, short shorts, spaghetti straps or tank tops, flannel or fleece pajama pants, leggings, yoga or tight fitting legging type pants used primarily for athletics, or clothing items advertising alcohol, tobacco products or referencing illegal or immoral products or activities.

Students who choose not to follow the guidelines will be given an Off Card Infraction resulting in a Detention to serve.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

DRESS CODE DETAILS

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

BELTS - Students should choose pants with belt loops and wear a belt. Belts should have a buckle and be solid black, brown, or navy in color.

BLOUSE - Solid colors: white or light blue with collar, long or short sleeves. Blouses are to be worn completely tucked in and buttoned up to near the neck.

DRESS SHIRT - Solid colors: white or light blue with collar, long or short sleeves. Dress shirts are to be worn completely tucked in and buttoned up near the neck.

FOOTWEAR -

SHOES - Tennis, running, athletic or dress shoes are acceptable. Athletic shoes may be any color, provided that the style has a non-marking sole. Dress shoes should be predominantly black or brown with soles and trim of complimentary colors.

- Open back or open toed shoes including dress sandals or casual flip-flops are not allowed.
- Moccasins or casual slippers are not a dress shoe and may not be worn.

Boots (Uggs or similar) - Boots may only be worn with dress pants or slacks. They must be worn underneath the pant legs or slacks. The color should be predominantly black or brown. Boots may not be worn with skirts, shorts, skorts, etc.

Boots (ARMY, BIKER, COWBOYS, HIKING, WORK BOOTS, ETC) - While most outdoor boots are not acceptable in that they are not dress shoes, some dress casual boots such as leather Chukka or walking boots are acceptable. They must be worn underneath the pant legs or slacks. The color should be predominantly black or brown with complimentary colored soles and trim.

JACKET (FLEECE) - Saint Albert Uniform Logo jacket is available at Dennis Uniform in solid black or solid forest green. Navy Saint Albert Uniform Logo jackets which have been previously purchased may be worn, however Dennis Uniform has been directed to cease selling after July 2015.

POLO SHIRT - Solid colors: white, light blue, or hunter green with collar, long or short sleeves. Polo shirts are to be worn completely tucked in and buttoned near the neck.

SKORT & SKIRTS - Carden plaid skorts are available at Dennis Uniform. Skorts must be modest in appearance with length falling within the range of the student's fingertips as their arms are extended in a relaxed manner at their sides. Note: Girls who previously purchased Campbell skorts, Campbell skirts, or Carden skirts may continue to wear them; however the uniform dress code phased out skirts and transitioned to Carden plaid in 2015 with Dennis Uniform stocking only Carden plaid skorts for Saint Albert beginning in July of 2015.

SLACKS / DRESS & KHAKI PANTS - Solid color dress pants and slacks may be black, khaki, or navy. Slacks and pants from a variety of stores and styles are acceptable, provided that the pants and slacks have inside pockets, and they are not excessively tight.

- Leggings, corduroy, or "Jean Look" type pants or slacks are not permitted in the dress code.
- A helpful guideline is to avoid pants and slacks with jean-style external pockets that are sewn onto the outside of the pants.
- Slacks and leggings are too tight when students cannot place reasonable items such as house keys, coins, chapstick, etc. into their pockets without the size and shape of such items being obvious through the clothing.

SOCKS - Students must wear socks, however any color is acceptable.

SWEATER - Sweaters should be a solid color . . . hunter green, black, gray, navy, or red. Cardigan, crew neck, v-neck, or pullover sweaters are acceptable. Hooded sweaters of any kind do not meet dress code. Sweaters should be worn over a blouse, dress shirt, polo, turtleneck, or mock turtleneck or stored in student lockers. Sweaters are not allowed to be worn around the waist.

SWEATSHIRT - Hoodless crewneck sweatshirts in dark green with Saint Albert embroidery are approved for dress code, provided that the sweatshirt is worn over a blouse, dress shirt, polo, turtleneck, or mock turtleneck. Sweatshirts are not allowed to be worn around the waist.

TIGHTS - Solid color tights or leggings of any color may be worn under skorts, skirts, pants, or slacks. The tights or leggings need not cover the feet, but should be long enough to end closer to the feet than the knee.

TURTLENECK - May be worn alone or under a blouse, dress shirt, polo shirt, sweater, or sweatshirt. Turtlenecks should be solid white in color without pattern. Mock turtlenecks may not be worn alone, but may be worn under a blouse, dress shirt, polo shirts, sweater, or sweatshirt.

UNDERGARMENTS - and parts of undergarments worn on the upper body should be white, neutral, or skin tone in color and are to be covered at all times. All other undergarments should also be covered . . . and should not be visible.

UNDERSHIRT/T-SHIRT - If worn, must be solid white (without pattern), with no visible writing, graphics or trim and cannot extend beyond the sleeve of the blouse, dress shirt, polo shirt, sweater, or sweatshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

DRESS CODE DETAILS

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BELTS - Students should choose pants with belt loops and wear a belt. Belts should have a buckle and be solid black, brown, or navy in color.

BLOUSE - Refer to dress shirt

DRESS SHIRT - Solid colors: white or blue, long or short sleeve, collared, and Oxford style.

- Dress shirts and blouses are to be worn completely tucked in.
- Blouses should be buttoned up near the neck for young women.
- Dress shirts should be buttoned to the top for young men while wearing a necktie.

FOOTWEAR -

SHOES - both young men and young women are expected to wear dress shoes.

- Dress shoes should be predominantly black or brown with complimentary colored laces, trim and soles.
- The shoes must look like dress shoes not like bowling shoes, Moccasins, slippers, tennis or canvas-type shoes.
- Shoes should have closed toe, but may have an open back (i.e. Birkenstocks).
- Shoes that have fur or a plaid lining that makes the footwear look like slippers are not allowed.

BOOTS (UGGS OR SIMILAR) may only be worn with dress pants or slacks. They must be worn underneath the pant legs or slacks. The color should be predominantly black or brown. Boots may not be worn with skirts, shorts, skorts, etc.

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NECKTIES - Young men must wear a necktie that is tied at the shirt collar. Style, color and pattern should be appropriate for business dress. No string or bow ties are allowed on normal dress days. If young men elect to wear a sweater, an appropriate dress shirt and a tie are also required.

P.E. UNIFORMS - Specific P.E. uniforms are not required; however, the following dress code guidelines apply:

1. Appropriate T-shirt top in good condition (not torn) without obscene or degrading slogans or ads for alcohol, tobacco, illegal items or illegal activities.
2. Shorts - clean and in good condition. No jean shorts.
3. Socks.
4. Athletic shoes.

Students wearing P.E. attire for class, athletic practice, or activity practice are restricted to their class, practice, and dressing areas.

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SOCKS - Must be worn, however any color is acceptable. Young women may wear solid color tights, or hosiery under their skort, skirt, or slacks.

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