

## St. Angela Merici School Dress Code 2009 - 10

Our school uniform encourages students to focus on self-expression through the development of an individual's skills and talents not on self-expression through material goods. Neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness in dress and appearance are conducive to a Catholic academic atmosphere and will be expected of all students at all times. Daily parental supervision of personal hygiene habits results in the growth of the child's self-esteem and pride in personal appearance. The St. Angela Merici uniform is a constant reminder of the proper conduct and self-discipline required for learning. While dressed in the uniform at school and in public places, all students' conduct, actions, and language will be consistent with the Catholic philosophy and values of our school community and our Code of Conduct.

### General Regulations for all Students (1 – 8)

- ✓ **Shirts** - Solid white pullover golf shirt (with a collar) with short/long sleeves or solid white turtleneck with no visible decorations or print. Turtleneck shirt may be worn under or in place of golf shirt. Golf shirts and turtleneck shirts must be worn tucked in.
- ✓ **Sweaters** - Only solid navy blue v-neck or crew neck sweaters are acceptable. Must be worn over regular uniform.
- ✓ **Uniform Sweatshirt** - Any navy blue St. Angela Merici School pullover sweatshirt or Spiritwear. No hooded or zippered sweatshirts allowed.
- ✓ **Shorts** - Solid navy blue walking shorts may be worn August through October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> through June. No cargo shorts are permitted. Shorts should come down to child's fingertips when hands are at side. Solid navy, black or brown belt MUST be worn with shorts designed to have belts for grades 3-8.
- ✓ **Uniform Pants** - Solid navy blue tailored dress pants or corduroy pants (no rivets). Pants MUST fit properly. No pants with exterior pockets, extreme or fad styles such as cargo, bell-bottom, stretch knit, no studs, side or leg pockets or decorative stitches. Solid navy, black or brown belt MUST be worn with pants designed to have belts for grades 3-8.
- ✓ **Belts** - Grades 1-2 - Optional - If worn, belts should be solid navy, black or brown. Grades 3-8 - Solid navy blue, black or brown belt must be worn with slacks and shorts designed to have belts.
- ✓ **Socks** - Solid black, navy, white or gray crew socks, knee socks or footed tights are acceptable. No patterns, decorations, or low cut athletic socks are allowed. All socks must extend around the ankles at all times.
- ✓ **Shoes** - Soft soled, sensible, well-built school shoes which are safe. No heel or sole should be higher than 1 inch nor should the shoes have wheels or other accessories that render the shoe unsafe. Solid black, navy or brown, boat, loafer or buckle type shoes. No boot, high type, sandals, clogs, platform styles, or athletic/tennis shoes are acceptable. All shoes should have closed heels and toes. Shoe laces must be tied safely and shoes must remain on the student's feet while walking.

- ✓ **Hair** - Hair should always be neat, clean and combed. "FAD" or extreme hairstyles are not acceptable; i.e. shaved heads, tails, sculptured styles, etc. Extreme hair color is not permitted. Boy's hair should not be below top of the collar and should not hang in eyes or below ears.
- ✓ **Jewelry/Accessories** - All jewelry and accessories should be appropriate for school. Only religious necklaces are permitted. Girls only are permitted to wear no more than one earring per ear. NO cartilage piercing. Only earring studs and other small style earrings are permitted. No hoop or dangling earrings permitted. Boys may not have piercing of any kind.
- ✓ **Make Up** - NO makeup is permitted. No nail polish is permitted.
- ✓ **Tattoos** - No tattoos (temporary or permanent) are permitted.
- ✓ **Summer Uniform** -Shorts & Golf Shirt with gym shoes. (August through October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> through June)
- ✓ All school uniforms may be purchased at the following stores:
  - Stores participating in SAM Shares:** Kohl's, Kids R Us, Land's End, K-Mart, JC Penney, Schoolbelles.
  - Other vendors:** Wal-Mart, Target and SAM Uniform Exchange.

### Kindergarteners

All clothing should be in good taste. Students are permitted to wear denim jeans, sweats, and athletic warm-ups, knit pants, tee shirts, sweatshirt and tennis or athletic shoes. NO sandals or clogs. On Mass or field trip days, dress up days may be enforced. In that case, a note would be sent home with the children.

### Girls, Grades 1-4

1. V-neck, pleated uniform jumper or navy blue uniform pants. Uniform jumper must be purchased from Schoolbelles or obtained from our uniform exchange. ALL jumpers must be no more than 2 inches above knee.
2. White short/long sleeve golf styled shirt or white turtleneck.
3. Tights, knee high or crew length socks in solid black, navy blue, white or gray.
4. Button down cardigan style sweaters are optional but must be in navy blue. Only St. Angela Merici School or Spiritwear sweatshirts may be worn with uniform.
5. Solid navy, black or brown belt must be worn with pants designed to have belts for students in grades 3-4.

### Girls, Grades 5-8

1. Uniform Kilt or kick pleat skirt or navy blue uniform pants. Kilt or kick pleat skirt must be purchased from Schoolbelles or obtained from our uniform exchange. ALL skirts must be no more than 2 inches above knee.
2. White short/long sleeve golf styled shirt OR white turtleneck.
3. Tights, knee high or crew length socks in solid black, navy blue, white or gray.

4. Navy uniform sweater vest **MUST** be worn daily with uniform, except with the summer uniform. Solid navy blue sweater, v-neck or button down vest must be worn daily as part of the school uniform except when replaced with a St. Angela Merici School uniform or Spiritwear sweatshirt. St. Angela Merici School or Spiritwear sweatshirts or navy blue crew or v-neck sweaters may take the place of the vest.
5. Solid navy, black or brown belt **MUST** be worn with pants designed to have belts.

**Boys, Grades 1-8**

1. Solid navy blue tailored dress or corduroy pants.
2. Solid navy, black or brown belt must be worn with pants designed for belts in grades 3-8 (grades 1-2 optional).
3. White short/long sleeve collared, golf styled shirt OR white turtleneck.
4. Navy blue v-neck or crew neck sweaters or a St. Angela or Spiritwear sweatshirt may be worn over shirt.

**Physical Education Uniform**

All students in Grades 1-8 are required to wear a uniform for physical education class. The St. Angela Merici physical education uniform consists of a white or navy blue logo tee shirts and navy blue logo knit shorts. Gym shirts must be tucked into the shorts. All students are required to have clean gym shoes. The soles on the gym shoes must be non-marking. Chunky heeled or platform style tennis shoes are prohibited. Physical Education uniforms are available from Jim Mayer Sporting Goods at 22078 Lorain Road, Fairview Park.

- **Students Grades 1-2** only wear their physical education clothes in lieu of their regular school uniform on the day that they are scheduled to have physical education class. During the time summer uniforms are permitted, students in grades 1 - 2 only may wear their gym uniform shorts to school on the day they have physical education class. On all other physical education days, students in grades 1 – 2 only must wear plain navy fleece sweatpants as part of their physical education uniform.
- **Students Grades 3-8** are to bring all required gym items and will change clothes for the physical education class.

**Casual Dress Days/Out of Uniform Days**

Periodically throughout the year special days may be designated as a “Casual Dress Day” or “Out of Uniform Day”. Students are permitted to wear casual clothes, (no sweatpants, swishy pants or shorts). Out of uniform days will be announced in writing or by Edline email by the principal. Some days may be specifically designated as Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, or school color day, etc. Consistent with our dress code, students must wear clean, neat, hole-, rip- and torn-free clothing that are age, length and size appropriate. ***All clothing must reflect and be consistent with Catholic values (i.e. no clothing with reference to alcohol, sexual activity, offensive musical group names, crude, lewd or generally offensive language, innuendo or graphics).*** Classes participating in a field trip

are required to dress in uniform for those events. Questions regarding the appropriateness of apparel, based upon the planned activity, are resolved by the principal.

**Dress Code Violations**

When a student violates the dress code, the parent is contacted to bring uniform clothes or clothing that conforms to the uniform policy. The child is not permitted to attend classes without the proper uniform; in addition, students must be in complete compliance with the uniform policies for physical education class. Consequences for non-compliance with Dress Code include but are not limited to:

**Grades K - 3**

1. Verbal Warning
2. Written Notice to parents or guardian
3. Conference with parents or guardians.

**Grades 4 – 8**

1. Written Notice to parents or guardian
2. Detention
3. Conference with parents or guardians.

***Since fads and fashion trends are constantly changing, it is possible to foresee all possible inconsistencies of student dress and appearance within the spirit and intent of the dress code and the mission of the school. The interpretation of the dress code, including but not limited to student dress and appearance that is not safe, not consistent with Catholic values and/or is distracting to the learning environment, rests with the principal, and the principal's decision is final.***