

# **Saint Dominic Academy Dress Code**

We are Saint Dominic Academy. We are proud of the image we present and who we are. Therefore, every student is expected to dress and be groomed to reflect high standards of modesty, self-respect and pride in personal appearance. The school and home shall share responsibility for teaching that there are proper modes of dress for certain times, places, and activities. The goals of our academy's uniform and dress codes are to have a school conducive to learning and teaching; to encourage distinctions of character and personality; and, to prepare our students to enter the world of work knowing how to dress for success.

Saint Dominic Academy students in grades Pre K through 6 are required to abide by a uniform code. The uniform is established to allow all students to be appropriate in appearance, comfortable throughout the day, and dressed in a practical fashion for the activities of an elementary school curriculum. The uniform code also establishes a "Mass Day" dress which must be worn on designated days.

For grades 7 through 12, clothing choices should reflect an academic institution that espouses integrity, community and excellence. Articles of clothing that are distracting or disruptive to the educational atmosphere of the school are prohibited. It is the responsibility of the student and the parents/guardians to insure that students arrive at school in compliance with the dress code. No dress code can cover all contingencies so students are expected to exercise judgment in their choice of clothing worn to school. Students are encouraged to inquire, in advance, whenever in doubt about the acceptability of particular apparel for a given occasion. A good rule to follow is if you need to ask, it most likely is not acceptable.

The dress/uniform code must be adhered to at all times unless special and specific permission is given for an alternative mode of dress, for example, field trips. Conformity to the dress/uniform code will be checked on a regular basis at the beginning of each school day. Permission to be out of dress code may only be given by the Administration.

The Administration will exercise discretion in determining the acceptability of questionable dress or new fashions. The determination of the Administration is final. A student in clear violation of the spirit of the code, regardless of his or her compliance with the letter of the code, will receive the appropriate, natural consequence. Saint Dominic Academy will not tolerate personal un-cleanliness or persistent violations of the spirit of the code.

Clothing must be kept neat and clean and in good repair. It should fit properly and be worn with pride. Students should be covered from the neck (or collarbone) to the knee at all times including during dress down days. Jewelry should be kept to a minimum and is subject to approval by the school Administration. Hairstyles and colors should be moderate and of natural tints. Any deviation from acceptable standards of dress,

grooming, appearance or cleanliness on the part of the student is cause for suspension or other disciplinary action until such condition is corrected.

**The Student Dress/Uniform Code is in affect until the completion of all athletic seasons up to and including all play-off and championship games.**

## **Pre K through 12**

### **Non-gender Specific Dress/Uniform/Grooming Requirements**

- In all cases and at all times, any garment acceptable under the dress code must be neat, clean, modest and in good repair and meet dress code requirements.
- Bandanas, headwear and hats are **not** acceptable indoors **at any time**.
- Clothing that may be viewed as offensive because of vague or direct references or pictures that deal with race, alcohol, drugs, sexual activity, status, or anything that contradicts the teachings of the Catholic Church is not acceptable at any time (**including dress down days**).
- Shoes/footwear must be secured to the foot and not in danger of “falling” off.
- For safety concerns, flip-flops, flip-flop style sandals (with or without a heel), slip-on athletic sandals, “water” shoes, crocs, slippers, moccasins, and spike heeled shoes are prohibited.
- Closed-toe shoes must be worn in science labs for safety purposes.
- Cleats of any kind are prohibited inside the building.
- Tank-tops, backless or strapless tops, and tops with spaghetti straps are not allowed.
- Jeans, jean style pants/shorts, and jean-cut khakis are not allowed.
- Pajamas, flannel pants, exercise, spandex, or other form-fitting pants, overalls and leggings are never allowed unless specific permission has been granted by the Administration.

### **Gym Uniform Attire:**

- White or grey long or short sleeve t-shirt with the school logo. \*\*
- Grey, black, or white sweatshirt without hood with the school logo.\*\*
- Solid black athletic shorts with or without school logo.\*\*
- Solid black sweatpants with or without the school logo.\*\*
- Sneakers

\*\* All items with the school logo must be purchased from the Spirit Shop.

**The dress code is in effect from your student’s arrival to school until the end of the academic day. Modesty requirements remain in effect while on school property. The Administration will occasionally hold “dress up”, or “dress down” days. Guidelines for these days will be announced and posted by the**

**main office. Those students who fail to follow the guidelines established by the Administration will be considered in violation of the dress code.**

It is the responsibility of the students to be in dress code. If a student is repeatedly out of dress code and cannot easily correct the offense, the school has the right to send that student home. Parents accept the responsibility of picking up that student and transporting him/her home. The student will not be readmitted until he/she is in appropriate dress.

The Administration will make the final determination as to the suitability of a student's dress and/or appearance. The sanction imposed for violation of dress code will be in accordance with the discipline rubric.

Any student who arrives at school not in complete dress code or is found out of dress code during the school day will be required to fix the dress issue. If the student cannot immediately fix the issue, they will be suspended from classes and asked to return home to correct their dress (unless their dress code violation is considered minor in which case they will receive a detention.) Continuous minor dress code violations, 6 in a semester, will result in being suspended from classes and being sent home.

## **Pre Kindergarten**

The "Gym Uniform" option may be worn as the daily uniform. The uniform for the K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students may also be worn.

The students must wear the "Mass Day" attire on designated days.

### **Mass Day Attire:**

#### **Boys:**

- White oxford, collared, button-down shirt from quality vendors.\*
- Black tie from quality vendors.\*
- Black uniform-style pants.
- Uniform-style sweaters and sweater vests may be black, grey, or white, cardigan or pullover (crewneck or v-neck) from quality vendors.\*

#### **Girls:**

- White short- or long-sleeved dress blouse with Peter-Pan collar.
- Black uniform-style pants or skirt.
- Uniform-style sweaters and sweater vests in black, grey, or white, cardigan or pullover (crewneck or v-neck) from quality vendors.\*

\* Uniform style clothing without the school logo may be purchased at quality vendors including but not limited to: Land's End, Sears, JC Penny, Kohl's, Old Navy, Burlington Coat Factory(Portland), and Flynn and O'Hara (on line).

# Grades K through 6

## Boys Uniform

### Tops:

- White uniform style polo shirt (2 to 4 buttons) **with or without** the school logo purchased from the Spirit Shop or other quality vendors.
- Black or gray uniform style polo shirt (2 to 4 buttons) **with** the school logo purchased from the Spirit Shop.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Uniform-style sweaters and sweater vests in black, grey, or white, cardigan or pullover (crewneck or v-neck) from quality vendors\*.
- Gray, black or white sweatshirts (crewneck or v-neck) without hoods and black fleece vests and jackets all with the school logo purchased from the Spirit Shop may also be worn.

### Bottoms:

- Black or khaki uniform-style pants or shorts from quality vendors\*.
- Shorts may only be worn between April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> on a day with an expected temperature of 65 degrees or higher.
- Shorts must extend below the fingertips when standing with arms and fingers extended downward.

### Footwear:

- Plain black, tan, white, or grey socks.
- Safe shoes that are tied or fastened securely and must cover toes and back of heels.
- Soles should be of non-slippery material.
- Boots must be removed in school and appropriate school shoes worn indoors.
- Sneakers must be worn for physical education classes.
- Shoes with cleats or wheels are not allowed.
- Sandals, clogs, crocs, slippers, or moccasins are not appropriate for any grade.

### Mass Day Attire:

- White oxford, collared, button-down shirt from quality vendors\*.
- Black tie from quality vendors.
- Black uniform-style pants.
- Uniform-style sweaters and sweater vests in black, grey, or white, cardigan or pullover (crewneck or v-neck) from quality vendors\*.

## **Girl's Uniform**

### **Tops:**

- White uniform style polo shirt (2 to 4 buttons) **with or without** the school logo purchased from the Spirit Shop or other quality vendor\*. Feminine Fit style polo shirts are acceptable from the Land's End Collection.
- Black or gray uniform style polo shirt (2 to 4 buttons) **with** the school logo purchased from the Spirit Shop.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Uniform-style sweaters and sweater vests in black, grey, or white, cardigan or pullover (crewneck or v-neck) from quality vendors\*.
- Gray, black or white sweatshirts (crewneck or v-neck) without hoods and fleece vests and jackets in the same colors purchased from the Spirit Shop may also be worn.

### **Bottoms:**

- Khaki or black uniform-style pants, shorts, or skorts from quality vendors\*.
- Shorts may only be worn between April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> on a day with an expected temperature of 65 degrees or higher.
- Shorts and skorts must extend below the fingertips when standing with arms and fingers extended downward.

### **Footwear:**

- Plain black, tan, white, or grey socks.
- Plain black, tan, white, or grey tights.
- Safe, flat soled, shoes that are tied or fastened securely and must cover toes and back of heels.
- Soles should be of non-slippery material.
- Boots must be removed in school and appropriate school shoes worn indoors.
- Sneakers must be worn for physical education classes.
- Shoes with cleats or wheels are not allowed.
- Sandals, clogs, crocs, slippers, or moccasins are not appropriate for any grade.

### **Mass Day Attire:**

- White short- or long-sleeved dress blouse with Peter-Pan collar.
- Black uniform-style pants or skort.
- Uniform-style sweaters and sweater vests in black, grey, or white, cardigan or pullover (crewneck or v-neck) from quality vendors.\*

\* Uniform style clothing without the school logo may be purchased at quality vendors including but not limited to: Land's End, Sears, JC Penny, Kohl's, Old Navy, Burlington Coat Factory(Portland), and Flynn and O'Hara (on line).

### **K – 6 Standard Dress Down**

- Jeans without holes, frays, or tears.
- Tee shirts without holes, frays, or tears.
- Sweatshirts without holes, frays, or tears.
- Any other clothing that conforms to normal uniform code.

## **Grades 7 through 12**

### **Boy's Dress/Grooming Requirements**

- Solid-colored Docker style or dress pants fastened at the waist with a belt. Plaid pants are acceptable when worn with a solid color shirt.
- Solid-colored Docker style shorts, to the knee, that fasten at the waist with a belt. Plaid and "Golf Style" shorts are acceptable when worn with a solid color shirt.
- Pants and shorts must be relaxed or classic fit. Overly baggy, low-rise and skin-tight fits are not acceptable.
- Colors for pants and shorts, although not restricted, should be neutral and non-distracting.
- Black, white or grey polo shirts with the school logo (must be purchased through the Spirit Shop).
- Button up, collared dress shirt and tie with a conventional tie knot. Tie must be pulled up to the neck.
- Button up, collared dress shirt and bow tie.
- Button up, collared dress shirt worn with a sweater or sweater vest (tie is optional if sweater or sweater vest is worn).
- Turtleneck or mock-turtleneck worn with or without a sweater or sweater vest.
- Fleece vest with the school logo, purchased through the Spirit Shop, may be worn with the above shirt options, with or without a tie.
- Socks, although recommended, are optional.
- Dress shirts and turtlenecks must be tucked in at all times.

*The definition of modest includes but is not limited to the following: There should be no gap between shirt and pants. No back, chest or midriff should be showing at any time. Pants should be relaxed fit, not skin tight or overly baggy; low-rise pant are not allowed. To conform to the dress code guidelines, pants must have a hem. In the course of normal activity (i.e., raising arms, bending over, sitting, normal everyday movement), clothing should remain modest without need of*

*adjustment (no undergarments should be showing at any time). In short, appropriate dress code means covered from the collar bone to the knee at all times.*

Male students are required to have clean-shaven faces. Sideburns must be kept trimmed and not extend below the bottom of the ears. Hair must not hang over the face or eyes, and although there is no expectation to length – hair must be kept neat and clean. Only natural hair colors (black, blond/e, brown, red) are permitted; punk or other distracting hairstyles such as “Mohawks” are not permitted. Hair that extends into the face or below the cheek line will be required to be tied back. Those who do not abide by these regulations will have one day to correct the problem. Administration has the final say on all hair policies.

Students who are not clean shaven will be asked to shave under supervision and will be provided with shaving cream and a disposable razor. If a student refuses to shave he will be sent home and will not be readmitted until he conforms to the grooming policy.

Body piercing of any type, including tongue, nose, and ear, are unacceptable for young men.

Tattoos must not be visible at any time. Any tattoo must be covered by dress code clothing. Covering a visible tattoo with a bandage or anything other than clothing is unacceptable.

### **Girl’s Dress/Grooming Requirements**

- Dresses and skirts with appropriate print that sit at the natural waist or slightly above and which, at a minimum, touch the top of the kneecap or are no more than two inches above the crease at the back of the knee. Leggings are not allowed.
- Solid-colored slacks or dress pants that sit at or slightly above the natural waist. Plaid pants are acceptable when worn with a solid color blouse or shirt.
- Solid-colored capri style pants that sit at or slightly above the natural waist. Plaid Capri pants are acceptable when worn with a solid color blouse or shirt.
- Solid-color "Bermuda" style shorts which, at a minimum, touch the top of the kneecap or are no more than two inches above the crease at the back of the knee. Plaid “Bermuda” style shorts are acceptable when worn with a solid color shirt.
- Colors for pants and shorts, although not restricted, should be neutral and non-distracting.
- Tights/nylons/pantyhose or stockings are the only acceptable visible accessories to be worn under appropriate length skirts or dresses. Leggings are not allowed.

- Dress blouses (including sleeveless dress blouses that cover from the collar bone to shoulder) are acceptable and must cover cleavage, collar bone, back, chest and midriff. Blouses may be worn under sweaters or sweater vests.
- Black, white or grey polo shirts with the school logo (must be purchased from the Spirit Shop).
- Black, white or grey “Feminine Fit” style polo shirts with the school logo from the Land’s End Collection are acceptable (School logo must be applied through the spirit shop).
- Turtleneck or mock-turtlenecks worn with or without a sweater or sweater-vest.
- Camisoles (or shirts of similar material) may be worn under appropriate dress blouses. Camisoles should not extend more than two (2) inches above or below the top or bottom of the blouse and should have no lace visible. If more than two (2) inches are visible, the blouse is too low or too short to wear to school.
- Shrugs and sweaters with or without hoods may be worn as long as the hood is not worn on the head. Fleece vests with the school logo, purchased through the Spirit Shop may be worn. Any attire under a sweater, shrug or fleece vest must comply with the dress code.

*The definition of modest includes but is not limited to the following: There should be no gap between shirt and pants. Necklines should frame the neck at or above the collarbone. No back, chest or midriff should be showing at any time. Camisoles should not extend more than two (2) inches above or below the top or bottom of the blouse and should have no lace visible. If more than two (2) inches are visible, the blouse is too low or too short to wear to school. Pants should be relaxed fit, not skin tight or overly baggy; low-rise pants are not allowed. To conform to the dress code guidelines, pants must have a hem. In the course of normal activity (i.e., raising arms, bending over, sitting, normal everyday movement), clothing should remain modest without need of adjustment (no undergarments should be showing at any time). In short, appropriate dress code means covered from the collar bone to the knee at all times.*

Hair must not hang over the face or eyes, and although there is no expectation to length – hair must be kept neat and clean. Only natural hair colors (black, blonde, brown, red) are permitted; punk or other distracting hairstyles are not permitted. Hair that extends into the face will be required to be tied back. Those who do not abide by these regulations will have one day to correct the problem. Administration has the final say on all hair policies.

All body piercing other than earrings are unacceptable. Any body piercing jewelry, other than earrings must be removed. It is unacceptable to cover a body piercing with a bandage in an attempt to remain in dress code.

Tattoos must not be visible at any time. Any tattoo must be covered by dress code clothing. Covering a visible tattoo with a bandage or anything other than clothing is unacceptable.

### **Dress Down Day Guidelines**

#### **Standard Dress Down**

- Jeans without holes, frays, or tears.
- Tee shirts without holes, frays, or tears.
- Sweatshirts without holes, frays, or tears.
- Any other clothing that conforms to normal dress code.

*Modesty requirements remain in effect while on school property.*

#### **Athletic Dress Down**

- Saint Dominic Academy athletic team warm-up suites (pants and jackets).
- Saint Dominic Academy athletic team jerseys.
- Sweatshirts, sweatpants and wind pants without holes, frays, or tears.
- Any items listed in Standard Dress Down.

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Saint Dominic Academy Coordinating Committee