

UNIFORM GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Uniform regulations take effect on the first day of school in September until the last day of classes in June. The uniform is traditional at Saint Paul as it reflects Patriot pride and creates a positive atmosphere for learning. Students are to be in proper school uniform upon arrival at school **“all day, every day”** until the end of the school day. “All day, every day” includes spare and lunch periods.

Students who have a medical problem affecting the wearing of their uniform must bring a signed note from a parent or doctor to a Vice Principal before 8:00 a.m. Medical note will be required for any situation requiring more than one day. Students on field trips are expected to wear their uniform (or better if indicated by the supervising teacher / administration). The Administration's decision is final regarding the interpretation of uniform regulations.

A general policy cannot detail all possible situations. The administration will interpret the application of the general policy to any particular situation and their decision is final. Students who travel to another school within the Board to take a course must comply with the uniform policy of the teaching school.

- Students will cooperate with the school's uniform policy at all times.
- The only shirts, sweaters, shorts, pants or kilts that students will wear are the official school uniform items supplied for the specific school.
- Students will be neat in appearance and will wear uniform items properly.
- Students will keep uniform items clean and in good repair.
- Students will wear clothing that is sized appropriately: neither too large nor immodestly tight.
- Students who have outgrown their uniform items are expected to replace them.
- Students who are not wearing the uniform properly will not attend class.

SPECIFIC UNIFORM ITEMS

KILTS/SKORTS: The kilt and skort must be properly hemmed and cannot be worn more than 8 cm from the middle of the kneecap. Girls who have rolled, outgrown, cut or altered the kilt/skort in any way or persistently oppose the length policy will be requested to wear uniform pants for the remainder of the semester. Uniform tights or knee socks (navy or white) must be worn with the school kilt. Nylons are not permitted.

PANTS: Pants must be in good repair, buttoned at the waist and properly hemmed to the heel of the shoe just above the ground. School pants that have been improperly altered (i.e. slits) may not be worn until the problem has been corrected. The waist is not to be rolled down. Pants are to be done up at the waist. Only white or navy socks are allowed with the pant.

SHORTS: Shorts must be worn according to sizing provided by uniform supplier. Shorts may not be shortened or altered. Shorts can only be worn between Easter and the following Thanksgiving. The logo at the bottom must be visible. Shorts can be worn from the beginning of April until the end of October.

SOCKS: Socks must be worn with the uniform pants at all times. Uniform tights or knee socks must be NAVY or WHITE in colour and must be worn with the kilt at all times.

SHOES: Students must wear socks with uniform shoes. Only low cut, non-athletic solid black leather shoe is acceptable. Laces and soles must be solid black. No other colour may be visible anywhere on the shoe. The shoes must have a full back and closed toe. Sandals, flip-flops, clogs, boots, running shoes or athletic shoes or any kind and other styles of slip on shoes are deemed unacceptable. Uniform shoes must be worn at all times in the building, including lunchtime. If a student has a doctor's note prescribing alternate shoes or orthotics appliances he/she must wear a shoe that complies with the uniform policy.

If you are uncertain whether the style of your son's or daughter's shoes meets our policy, we recommend bringing the shoes in to show an Administrator before wearing the shoes to school.

Please refer to the following graphic if there is any question about the appropriateness of footwear PRIOR to making a purchase.



SHIRT: Uniform shirt, turtleneck, either polo or white oxford, with embroidered school logo. Oxford shirts must be buttoned to the second button from the collar and the collar must be buttoned on both sides. Shirts designed to be tucked in are to be tucked in so that the belt loops are visible. The new shirts, with the logo at the bottom, that have been designed to be worn untucked may be worn as such; the older shirts with the logo at the top of the shirt must be tucked in. Shirt sleeves may not be rolled up above the elbows.

SWEATER/CARDIGANS/TURTLENECK/VESTS/HOODIES: Only uniform sweaters/vests and hoodies embroidered with the school logo are to be worn. The uniform sweater is not to be worn around the waist or shoulders. Only uniform grad hoodies (current graduating class) are eligible hoodies and team hoodies are not part of the uniform. Sweaters and cardigans must be worn with uniform school shirt. Turtlenecks must be worn with a vest or cardigan.

UNIFORM PRICING

Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$26.00	Skorts	\$95.00
Short Sleeve Oxford	\$30.00	Cardigan	\$52.00
Long Sleeve Oxford	\$30.00	SHORTS	\$35.00
V-Neck	\$42.00	Polo Shirt	\$24.00
Pants	\$41.00	VESTS	\$35.00

ITEMS THAT MAY NOT BE WORN WITH THE UNIFORM

Belts: If belts are worn they must be plain and black. The size of the buckle must be in-line with the width of the belt. No distracting buckles are permitted.

BANDANAS/KEIRCHIEFS: Bandanas/Kerchiefs are prohibited and will be confiscated if seen. Parents may come to the school to retrieve that item.

HAIR AND MAKEUP: Must be styled in a way that is not distracting or conspicuous. Mohawk hairstyles are not acceptable. Only natural hair colors/styles will be deemed acceptable. The face must be fully visible and the eyes not covered.

BODY PIERCING: Visible body piercing, such as lip, eyebrow or any other facial area is prohibited, excluding a single small nose stud. (the appearance of the nose stud must be deemed appropriate by the administration) A piercing may not be covered by a bandage. Ear expanders are prohibited. Students will be sent home until all facial piercing has been removed. The student will be required to meet with administration prior to re-entry.

HATS/HOODIES: Hats and hooded sweaters may not be worn in the school building from time of arrival for the school day to time of departure. The only exception will be Grad hoodies which are worn by the current years' graduating class or the uniform hoodie. No Saint Paul athletic hoodies or club hoodies are to be worn unless during a SPIRIT day.

HEADBANDS: Headbands must be brown, navy, white, or black in colour. Strips or any design is not permitted.

JEWELRY: Must be neat, non-excessive, respectable, inoffensive, non-distracting and coordinate with the school uniform. Jewelry, including spiked or studded bracelets and necklaces, earrings, chains and expanders are considered safety hazards or distracting and are not permitted.

OUTER CLOTHING: Students must remove outer clothing as soon as possible after arrival to school, and put outer clothing on as late as possible when about to depart from school. Coats or non-uniform jackets are not allowed to be worn in the portables.

TATTOOS/BRANDING: Visible tattooing and branding are prohibited. Any existing tattooing or branding must be covered by uniform clothing items; no other covering is acceptable.

UNDERSHIRTS: Only short-sleeved **PLAIN WHITE** t-shirts are permitted under the school shirt. Plain means "without any decoration or text." The length of the sleeve of the undershirt must not exceed the length of the sleeve of uniform shirt.

NO MODIFICATIONS ARE ALLOWED AS PART OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM (I.E. PASHMINAS, SCARVES, COLOURED LACES, ETC...).

ALTERNATE DRESS DAY POLICY

One day of each month is designated as an out of uniform day so that the uniform may be properly cleaned/repared. All uniform policies on "Restricted Items" (hats, jewelry, body piercing, hair and makeup, tattoos, etc.) also apply on alternate dress days. Shirts must modestly cover from shoulders to hips (shoulders and midsection must be covered). Pant, skirt or dress length must be appropriate and modest. Jeans must be in good shape and not torn or tattered. Only knee length shorts or capris are permitted. Clothing must not display any sign, symbol or phrase, which is directed at an individual, group or culture or which contains an offensive or inappropriate message, advertisement or slogan. Students may wear casual shoes but shoes must be appropriate for the classroom environment.

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

On designated Spirit Wear Days, students will be allowed to wear their team or club jersey, hoodie, sweatshirt, etc... to represent the team or club they are on. Teams and clubs will no longer wear jerseys, hoodies, etc ... on the day of a competition or event.

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION DRESS CODE

When attending a co-op placement, a student must be in complete Saint Paul uniform. Alternatives are at the discretion of the co-op teacher in consultation with the employer and vice-principal.

FIELD TRIPS & PHYS-ED UNIFORM

All students are expected to be in full school uniform when on field trips unless explicitly communicated as an exception by the Principal. Proper Saint Paul Physical Education attire is to be worn on all days including alternate dress days.

REQUESTS FOR OUT OF UNIFORM SLIPS

Students are to report to the office, prior to the beginning of the day, to receive an out of uniform slip. A note from a parent must accompany the request. Requests, for medical reasons, to wear non-uniform shoes for an extended period must be accompanied with a note from a doctor and the shoes that are worn in lieu of the dress shoes are to be black.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Donations of uniform items are accepted from students and families who no longer require the uniform due to graduation or the changing of schools. Donations to help these students are appreciated. Please drop the donations off at the main office.

UNIFORM SUPPLIER

The official uniform supplier, for both the regular school uniform and the phys-ed uniform, to Saint Paul Catholic Secondary School is Maddalena uniforms, which operates within the school. Uniform information is also available through the website: info@maddalena-uniforms.com or by calling 1-877-553-9991.

Hours: Every Monday beginning on September 14th, 2009 until the end of the school year, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.