

## St. Francis of Assisi Uniform and General Appearance 2011-2012 Policy

*School uniforms promote unity, modesty, and neatness. They should in no way be worn or altered to make a fashion statement. Our uniforms prevent unnecessary fashion competition.*

All students enrolled in St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School must wear uniforms as described below. All uniforms are available for purchase at True Grits, 3600 Madison Avenue, Suite 56 (off Highway 80). Twill pants or shorts and white uniform shirts may also be purchased elsewhere. Students must be in uniform beginning the first day of school.

### ALL STUDENTS

- Solid white undershirts only (optional)
- **NO** unauthorized sweaters or sweatshirts are permitted in the classroom; Jr. High specified sweatshirts and St. Francis Club sweatshirts, per the principal's approval, are allowed. 8<sup>th</sup> graders may wear their high school-to-be sweatshirt after Easter break.
- School sweatshirt (available in the office)
- Mandatory Mass Day and Special Event Uniform must include a navy (dark) blue cardigan sweater, navy (dark) blue pull-over v-neck sweater, or navy (dark) blue pullover v-neck sweater vest. **NO SWEATSHIRTS are allowed at Mass.**
- St. Francis Spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays.

### GIRLS

- Grades TK - 3            Plaid jumper (no shorter than 3" above mid-knee front and back)
- Grades 4 - 8            Plaid skirt (no shorter than 3" above mid-knee front and back)
- All grades (optional) Plaid skirt (no shorter than 3" above mid-knee)
- All grades (optional) Navy (dark) blue twill uniform long pants, or twill walking shorts (length must be just above the knee.).
- Uniforms must fit properly and modestly; no tight, "figure-fitting" clothes

### Girls, all grades

- **Shirts:** Solid white short-sleeved blouse with Peter Pan collar, white long-sleeved turtleneck, standard white short-sleeved or long-sleeved polo shirt; no designer logos.  
**Grades 7 – 8 may wear white or burgundy polo shirts**
- **Shoes:** Flat, closed, sturdy shoes with laces, Velcro, or buckles; any color, must be fitted and tied appropriately. No boots, sandals, slip-ons, ballet slippers, clogs, moccasins, or fad shoes.
- **Socks:** Solid white or navy (dark blue) only; anklets, crew, knee-highs or tights -- no stripes or decorations; **SOCKS MUST BE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES;**
- **Leggings:** Footless, solid (no lace) white or navy leggings are acceptable as long as they 1) cover the ankle 2) are worn with socks of matching color.
- **Belts:** Girls in grades 4-8 must wear a solid navy, brown, or black belt when wearing shorts or pants that have belt loops.

## **BOYS**

### **All grades**

- **Pants:** Navy (dark) blue twill uniform long pants, or twill walking shorts (length must be just above or at the knee.)
- **Shirts:** White short or long-sleeved knit polo shirt, or long-sleeved turtleneck shirt. **Boys in grades 7 and 8 may wear white or burgundy polo shirts.**
- **Shoes:** Flat, closed, sturdy shoes with laces or Velcro; any color, must be fitted and tied appropriately. No boots, sandals, slip-ons, clogs, or fad shoes.
- **Socks:** Solid white or navy only -- no stripes or decorations; **SOCKS MUST BE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES**
- **Belts:** Boys in grades 4-8 must wear a solid navy, brown, or black belt
- Boys must wear uniforms that fit appropriately; no sagging shirts or pants

### ***General Appearance for all Students***

#### **Students will:**

- have school and PE shirts tucked in during the school day while in the school building and in church.
- wear their uniform (regular and PE) in a neat and clean manner; no holes, cut, or torn clothing, or “decorated” with words, designs, or hand-drawn pictures
- not wear make-up
- not wear colored nail polish (clear nail polish is acceptable)
- not have unnatural hair dye or bleached hair
- keep hair styles neatly groomed and maintained. **Boys must have hair neatly trimmed. (Hair must be above the collar, above the bottom of ear lobes, and above eyes.)** No fad haircuts such as mohawks or shaved designs.
- be clean shaven (boys, when applicable)
- wear baseball caps (when applicable) in the proper, traditional manner on the playground

#### **Jewelry**

Girls may wear post earrings only. Boys may not wear earrings. Students may wear wrist watches; they are discouraged from wearing expensive watches. One rubber bracelet, promoting a positive cause (such as the yellow Livestrong bracelets) may be worn. Students may only wear necklaces of a religious nature, such as crosses or medals which have a simple chain. The school is not responsible for lost jewelry. **No other jewelry is allowed.**

#### ***PE UNIFORM***

PE uniforms are required to be worn by all students, K-8, on given PE days. PE uniforms are available for purchase in the school office. **Properly tied, non-black soled athletic shoes are mandatory on PE days.**