

## ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The StMCS Dress Code exists to encourage a community spirit and to enhance school and personal pride. It is provided as a means of focusing on the student as a unique person while diminishing the importance of external factors such as clothing. All clothing and appearance choices should uphold the spirit in which the StMCS Dress Code is written. It is expected that all students arrive at school each day dressed according to these guidelines unless otherwise notified by school staff. Administrative discretion may be used and special exceptions granted in unique situations.

It is expected that students maintain a neat, clean, and appropriate appearance. All dress code items must be in good condition, free of holes and fading. Items that wear or fade over time are expected to be replaced. All clothing is to be properly sized (no baggy pants, oversized shirts, undersized pants, crop shirts, short shorts, etc.). All clothing must be worn according to general standards – i.e. shirts shall not be “altered” by tying knots, adding rubber bands or incorporating under layers of lacy tanks, etc. No hats or head scarves are to be worn in school. Attire deemed as negative, offensive, or immodest by staff may not be worn at any time. The appropriateness of clothing, make-up, hair and accessories is ultimately at the discretion of the school.

### TOPS

- **Polo Shirt** – solid red or solid navy pique polo with or without school logo (short or long sleeve)  
*Polos are those with a standard knit collar AND buttons, not snaps. Collars must be free of lacy or scalloped edging. See any school uniform supplier catalog for a picture of a polo. Polos without a school logo must be free of any other manufacturer logo/label/emblem. Note: All students are required to have 1 red polo with a school logo for Mass days. There is only one athletic fabric polo approved. It is available at LaZarre Graphics and Apparel.*
- **T-shirt** – solid red or solid navy with embroidered school logo (short or long sleeve)  
*A white embroidered school logo is required on all t-shirts.*
- **Sweatshirt** (no hood) – solid red or solid navy with school logo  
*A white embroidered logo is required on all sweatshirts. A dress code shirt (any style) must be worn under school sweatshirts. All shirts shall be tucked under sweatshirts, not left hanging below the sweatshirt hemline.*
- **Cardigan Sweater** (waist length only) – solid red, solid navy or solid white  
*Sweaters must be plain, button-down style cardigan. No loose weave, crocheted, ruffled, hooded, or zipper sweaters accepted.*
- **Girls Oxford/“Peter Pan” Style Shirt** – solid white (short or long sleeve for pairing with skorts/skirts and jumpers)
- **Long Sleeve Shirts** – Plain white long sleeve shirt can be worn under school polos only.

***ALL students are required to own one red polo shirt with the school logo.***

***Red polos with logo are required to be worn on all school Mass days unless otherwise specified.***

### BOTTOMS

- **Navy Pants** with dark stitching only – cotton, twill, or polyester basic school uniform style pant  
No knit/exercise pants, leggings, jeggings, stretch pants, sweat pants, cargo pants, carpenter pants, zip-offs, overalls, jeans, or patch pockets.
  - **Navy Walking Shorts** with dark stitching\*  
No knit shorts, carpenter/cargo style, zip-offs, or short shorts
  - **Navy Skirt or Skorts**– basic school uniform style\*
  - **Navy Jumper** – cotton, twill, or polyester basic school uniform style jumper\*  
No knit or overall/buckle style jumpers. No dresses of any kind.
- \*All bottoms must be at a length that extends beyond one’s fingertips with arms at side.**

### SHOES / SOCKS / ACCESSORIES / PERSONAL APPEARANCE

- Shoes with wheels are not permitted in school or on school grounds
- Shoes must have a closed toe and heel. Shoe heels must not exceed 1 inch. This eliminates flip-flops, crocs, sandals & high heels.
- Socks or tights must be worn. Tights must be solid white or solid navy in color. Socks must not draw undue attention.
- Leggings may be worn under appropriate length skirts, skorts, or jumpers. Leggings must be solid white or navy in color.
- Tennis shoes are required for participation in physical education.
- Makeup is not permitted in Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Grade 5-8 may wear modest, natural makeup with parent approval.
- Hair is required to be neat, washed, combed, and should be natural color and not draw undue attention to the student.
- Jewelry for girls: necklace simple and modest in size with charm, cross or religious medal may be worn on a simple chain; one bracelet on each arm; post or hoop earrings must be a maximum of one inch in length & diameter; no piercings other than ears.

- Jewelry for boys: one watch/bracelet on each arm; no earrings/piercings.

**MIDDLE LEVEL STUDENTS (Grades 5-8)**

Middle Level Students are expected to adhere to all dress code guidelines with the following exceptions:

- Middle Level students may also wear khaki pants, skirts or shorts according to the same standards listed for navy bottoms.  
Please note that no type of form-fitting pants are acceptable in the dress code.
- Middle Level students are allowed to wear a StMCS hoodie (grey or navy), sold by LaZarre Graphics and Apparel. It may be personalized with first or last name only, no nicknames.
- All Middle Level students will have a “free choice” day once per month on Class Color Day. Guidelines below.

**FIELD TRIPS, CLASS COLOR DAYS, or OTHER NON-DRESS CODE DAYS**

- Non-dress code clothing should be clean, in good condition, and modest in style. Tank tops and spaghetti straps are not allowed.
- Jeans (that are free of holes) are acceptable on Class Color Days, as are running pants and athletic shorts. Leggings/jeggings may be worn only when the shirt length extends beyond one fingertips with arms at side.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts and dresses must be at a length that extends beyond one’s fingertips with arms at side. Class Color Days invite students to wear the color of the grade level (or come in dress code attire) one time per month. Tops worn on Class Color Day must be primarily the color assigned to the grade level.

When a student falls short of complying with the dress code procedure, it will be upheld by:

- First:** A reminder email will be sent home.
- Second:** Student will be assisted in finding appropriate attire from the dress code exchange.  
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- Third:** Student will be assisted in finding appropriate attire from the dress code exchange.  
Parents will be phoned.

*Anytime a student is found to be significantly or consistently out of compliance, a parent phone call will be made and the student will not be permitted to class until proper attire is obtained and worn.*

**PURCHASING INFORMATION**

Embroidered logo wear/dress code attire is available through LaZarre Graphics and Apparel of Albertville, owner Travis Meyer. Visit <https://stmcsapparel.itemorder.com/sale> call 763-276-1650, or stop in Monday – Friday between 9 am-6 pm at 11440 County Rd 37 NE in Albertville.

The only accepted logo is:



“Spirit Wear” attire and accessories are available for purchase at school and on occasion through special order. As spirit wear does not meet our dress code criteria, it is not to be worn in the classroom during the school day. Students are welcome to wear spirit wear to and from school and during recess.

Besides our embroidered tops at LaZarre Graphics and Apparel, several suppliers of school uniforms carry pants, shorts, skorts, and jumpers that meet our dress code expectations. Some of the suppliers that carry school uniforms include:

<b><u>BRAND/VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>WEB ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>PHONE NUMBER</u></b>
French Toast	<a href="http://www.frenchtoast.com">www.frenchtoast.com</a>	
Land’s End	<a href="http://www.landsend.com/school">www.landsend.com/school</a>	
JC Penney	<a href="http://www.jcpenney.com">www.jcpenney.com</a>	
Chaps	<a href="http://www.kohls.com">www.kohls.com</a>	