

SCHOOL UNIFORM/DRESS CODE

The guidelines are intended to foster a positive learning atmosphere. Any facets of dress not covered by these guidelines that disrupt the learning atmosphere (directly or indirectly) will be dealt with on an individual basis. Please send an explanatory note if you cannot send your child in full compliance with the Dress Code.

Most uniform items are available at Shaheen's (513-771-1234) www.shaheens.com Schoolbelles (513-921-3417) www.schoolbelles.com school code S2007. They may be purchased at other stores if they meet the requirements.

For students not in compliance with the dress code the consequences will be:

Grades K-3: Note home to parents

Grades 4-8: behavior strike

Blouses/Shirts: Blouses/Shirts must have a collar and only the top button may remain open. Blouses and shirts must be tucked in (not bloused over) the skirt or slacks. Undershirts must be plain white. Turtlenecks or dry fit shirts may be worn as an extra layer under the blouse/dress shirt. They may not be worn without a blouse/dress shirt except under the uniform jumper.

Girls: White or navy school tailored blouses, and white or navy solid color knit shirts may be worn. Shirt may be worn with an official school logo or with no logo.

Boys: Solid colored navy blue or white dress shirts, including knit shirts must be worn. Shirts may be worn with an official school logo or without any logo.

Confirmation:

Girls: Dress slacks (no jeans), skirts, skorts, with a sleeved blouse, or dresses suitable for Liturgical celebrations should be worn. The length of the skirt should be the same or longer than proper school uniform length. (Midway between fingertip and knee) The color and style of dress is not prescribed but shoulders should be modestly covered. Spaghetti straps, strapless, single strap, off the shoulder, backless or dresses with low-cut fronts may not be worn. Using a shawl or sweater to cover an inappropriate dress is not an option. Make-up and jewelry may be worn but should be tasteful and suited for the occasion.

Boys: Dress pants (no jeans), dress shoes, dress shirt with a tie or turtleneck shirt, or a banded collar shirt (no Polo shirts). Sweaters, vests, and suit coats are optional.

First Communion:

Girls: wear white dresses. Veils and flowers in their hair are optional. Gloves are not to be worn. Boys: wear dark pants with a white shirt. Ties and jackets are optional; however most wear them.

Graduation: The 8th Grade Graduation Liturgy is a prayerful thanksgiving upon the students' successful completion of the course of study at St. Ignatius School. It is both a joyful and reflective celebration that looks back to grade school and forward to high school. The liturgy is intended to be a meaningful experience for graduates, their families and friends. Dress appropriate for the occasion is an integral part of the celebration. The purpose is to provide guidance to parents and graduates with respect to dress that is considered appropriate for the 8th grade Graduation Liturgy. The school day dress code is extended to include:

Male Graduates: A solid color suit or dark sport coat with dress slacks, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes are to be worn. Tuxedos may not be worn. No hats may be worn.

Female Graduates: Make-up and jewelry may be worn but should be tasteful and suited for the occasion. Dresses suitable for liturgical celebrations should be worn. The length of the skirt should be the same or longer than proper school uniform length. (Midway between fingertip and knee). Spaghetti straps, strapless, single strap, off the shoulder, halter, backless or dresses with low-cut fronts may not be worn. Using a shawl or sweater to cover an inappropriate dress is not an option. Stiletto or narrowly heeled shoes may not be worn on the gym floor. Heels must be larger than a quarter.

Gym Uniform: All students must wear gym shoes (non-marking soles) and shorts for gym class. T-shirts appropriate for school or their school uniform shirt may be worn. Girls in grades K-1 should wear shorts under their jumper. Their teachers will have them remove jumpers prior to class.

Hair: should be clean and worn in a simple style. It should not hang below the eyebrows or in the face. The student's eyes need to be seen and not covered by their hair. Hair may not be extreme or distracting ie no Mohawks, no hair coloring. No hair spray or gel should be brought to school. Facial hair is prohibited.

Head coverings: No hats, kerchiefs, or bandana head scarves may be worn without individual permission from the Principal. Only school appropriate headbands may be worn. Headbands that are distracting (bunny ears, cat ears, large flowers) are not permitted.

Jewelry: Only school appropriate religious or medical alert jewelry may be worn. Students may not wear more than one piece. (ie.: one cross necklace). If girls have pierced ears, they may wear only one pair of small button type earrings (no larger than 1/2 inch in diameter). Dangle and hoop earrings are not permitted. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Traditional watches are permitted (iWatches are not permitted to be worn in school).

Jumpers/Skirts: Girls in grades 5-8 will wear uniform skirts or pants. We ask parents to make sure the length of the skirt is at least midway between “fingertip length” and “knee length.” (They may not be rolled up at the waist.) Girls in grades K through 4 will wear uniform jumpers or pants.

Logos: Visible logos and writing on clothing is prohibited with the exception of logos on shoes and socks. Only the current school logo may be worn.

Makeup of any kind is not permitted. Perfume, cologne, body spray, scented lotion and fake nails are not permitted. Tattoos or writing on skin is not permitted.

Name Badges: St. Ignatius will provide Name Badges, which need to be worn clipped from the shirt collar. Students may be required to replace damaged or lost badges.

Pants: Boys and girls may both wear long pants or uniform shorts. Pants shall be solid navy blue dress slacks. Corduroy, double knit, or twill will be permitted. No cargo style pants, sweatpants, nylon, velour, pajama, or athletic pants. Pants may not have stripes, logos, or advertisements. Pants/shorts are to be worn at the waist level. Girls in all grades may wear solid navy, or black tights or leggings **UNDER** the uniform jumper/skirt or pants.

Picture Days: Students may be out of uniform for school pictures. Modest dress is required (see other dress codes). Jeans, appropriate length shorts/skirts, and Capri’s are permitted. Makeup is not permitted on any school days including picture days. Inappropriate images are considered unsuitable. Shoe dress code is unchanged for picture days.

Olympic Day: Each grade level is assigned a T-shirt color to wear on Olympic Day. Be sure to watch the *Wildcat Wire* for your student’s assigned color. Sleeveless T-shirts are not permitted. Athletic or jean shorts are acceptable and suitable for field events. Shorts should be appropriate in length and fit.

Out of Uniform: Other special days will be announced at school, typically: Cincinnati Bengal’s day (Bengal apparel or orange and/or black), Halloween (follow instructions from homeroom teacher), Christmas (wear Christmas apparel or Christmas colors), St. Patrick’s Day (wear green), Cross-town Shootout (wear UC/XU apparel or blue, black or red), Cincinnati Reds opening day game (Reds apparel or red), and Olympic Day (see Dress Code above). Any casual shorts, jeans, Capri’s, or pants with shirts that are appropriate for school are permitted. Cargo style is permitted. Appropriate athletic wear is also permitted; this includes shorts (September-October and April-June) and sweatpants. Girls may wear blue jean skirts of uniform length. Sleeveless shirts and inappropriate images are considered unsuitable. Shoe dress code is unchanged for out of uniform. Leggings are not considered pants.

Scouts: may wear regulation uniforms on the day of meetings.

Shirts: See **Blouses/Shirts** above

Shoes: Gym shoes must be non-marring. Shoes must be laced and tied properly at all times. Gym shoes must be worn during physical education class. Students may not wear boots, moccasins, clogs, sandals, platforms, croc-like shoes, light up shoes or heels.

Shorts: Students may wear shorts in lieu of uniform skirts, jumpers, or trousers. Shorts must be **navy blue** uniform type (**no patch pockets/cargo style**); the length of the shorts should be fingertip length or longer. Shorts are to be worn at the waist level.

Skirts: See **Jumpers/Skirts**.

Socks: Students must wear socks. Solid colors of white, black, gray or navy blue are acceptable.

Spirit Days: On the last Friday that school is scheduled each month, September through May, Students may participate in our spirit day. Students who choose to participate in the Spirit Day Dress Code will donate \$1 and/or a written prayer. The proceeds are donated to a charity.

1. Students may wear St. Ignatius Spiritwear shirt or jersey including sports uniforms (unless directed otherwise by their coaches.) Sleeveless jerseys can only be worn over an appropriate shirt with sleeves. Sleeves must be at least short sleeve length. Solid color blue or gold t-shirts may also be worn.
2. Any casual shorts, jeans, Capri's, or pants with shirts that are appropriate for school are permitted. Cargo style is permitted. Appropriate athletic wear is also permitted; this includes shorts (September-October and April-June) and sweatpants. Girls may wear blue jean skirts of uniform length. Leggings are not considered pants.
3. Shoe dress code is unchanged for Spirit Days.

Spiritwear: Uniform sweatshirts and other Spiritwear items are organized through the PTO and are available but not limited to: A to Z Wear, Phone: 513-923-4662, Web page: <http://atozwear.com/st-ignatius-spiritwear/> and D and R Promotions: Phone: 513-598-1881, Web Page: www.dandrpromotions.com. The PTO will display available Spiritwear items in the library and keep stock on hand for purchase.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Fleece with or without the official school logo may be worn. They must be solid navy blue or gray. Style for sweaters/fleece may be long sleeve or sleeveless, classic cardigan or slipover (Including crew, quarter zip, or v-neck). The school sweatshirt is navy blue or gray, with or without the school logo, crew neck with long sleeves. Hoods are not permitted. The 8th Grade class sweatshirt is permitted to have a hood if the class designs it that way.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Communication

Parent Communication and Chain of Communication

1. St. Ignatius values open, respectful, and collaborative communication between home and school. We believe that concerns are best resolved at the level closest to the situation. To ensure concerns are addressed promptly and effectively, parents are expected to follow the communication process outlined below.

Step 1 – Classroom Teacher

Questions or concerns regarding your child, including academics, classroom behavior, assignments, grading, or classroom procedures, should first be directed to your child's teacher. Most concerns can be resolved through direct communication with the teacher. Parents are welcome to email or send a note to the teacher. Please do not call teachers at home.

Step 2 – Assistant Principal

If the concern has not been resolved after communicating with the teacher, parents should contact the appropriate Assistant Principal.

- **Assistant Principal (K–Grade 3):** Concerns involving students in Kindergarten through Grade 3.
- **Assistant Principal (Grades 4–8):** Concerns involving students in Grades 4 through 8.

The Assistant Principal will review the concern, facilitate communication when appropriate, and work toward a resolution.

Step 3 – Principal/Head of School

The Principal/Head of School serves as the final level of school administration. Matters should be brought to the Principal/Head of School only after they have first been addressed by the teacher and the appropriate Assistant Principal, unless the nature of the concern requires immediate administrative attention.

Parents who contact the Principal/Head of School regarding a classroom or grade-level concern that has not first followed this process will be directed back to the appropriate teacher or Assistant Principal before administrative involvement.

Questions or suggestions regarding school-wide policies, strategic initiatives, or matters affecting the school as a whole may be directed to the Principal/Head of School.

2. Parents can access their child(ren)'s current grades and attendance through Alma on the Internet. Follow the links from the parish (<http://www.sainti.org>) or school websites (<http://www.saintschool.org>) The school will provide confidential ID's and Passwords for students and parents.