

## **SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

As a Catholic Elementary School, we seek to present an image of order, respect, and discipline that expresses the interior call of Discipleship. That call is to follow Jesus Christ, to see His image and likeness in each other, and to treat one another with reverence. Part of this commitment is the establishment and implementation of a Dress Code that will ensure appearances of modesty, neatness, and excellence. We hope this will help create and ensure an environment in which students are encouraged to excel and grow in the Supernatural Virtues of faith, hope, and love and the Natural Virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude. Students should be ever mindful that they are representatives of their Catholic school and faith.

### **Overall Standards of Modesty and Neatness: All Students Grades K-8**

- Hair must always be clean and neatly combed.
- Boys' hair should be trimmed above the ears, the eyebrows, and the shirt collar. Sideburns must end at the earlobes.
- Boys are expected to be clean-shaven.
- Girls in grades 6-8 may wear only light medicated make-up for cover-up of blemishes. No eye make-up is permitted.
- Only clear polish may be worn on fingernails.
- Slacks, shorts, skirts, and skorts should be worn at the waist.
- Shirts and blouses must be pressed and tucked in neatly and completely.
- Belts must be worn when apparel has belt loops.
- Shoes should fit the feet safely and be fastened securely.
- Top buttons of boys' shirts must be fastened and ties pulled up neatly and completely.
- Long sleeves should be fully extended and cuffs buttoned.
- Appropriate skirt length is between two inches below and two inches above the knee.
- Appropriate short and summer skort length is at or below the tips of the fingers when the hands are held at the sides with fingers fully extended.
- Clothing should be modestly loose fitting without being unduly baggy.

### **Kindergarten**

Uniforms are not required for Kindergarten students. Children should wear casual play clothes and sneakers or closed back shoes; saddle shoes or styles with straps are recommended. Sneakers must be worn on gym days.

- Sleeveless shirts, tank tops and tops with spaghetti straps are prohibited.
- Flip-flops, crocs or shoes without backs are prohibited.
- Please remember that the students often play outdoors and sit on the floor in their school attire.

## **Grades 1 – 8**

Uniforms are required for all students in Grades 1 through 8 from the first day of school until the last day of school ~ Policy 5105. FlynnO'Hara is the approved uniform provider for Saint Leo the Great Catholic School. The school dress code and the link for ordering uniforms can be found on the school website. (click on downloads tab – top yellow bar)

### **GIRLS:**

#### ***Grades 1-5***

- Plaid jumper or navy blue dress slacks.
- White long or short sleeve blouse with plain Peter Pan collar or white turtleneck.
- Navy blue crew socks, knee socks or knit tights, cable or opaque.
  - All socks must cover the ankle. Please check the FlynnO'Hara website for required style.
- Navy blue flat-knit uniform cardigan.
- Brown, black or navy closed back leather shoes. Saddle shoes are acceptable. Solid colors are preferred; patterns should only be an accent of a discreet design.
- Brown, black or navy blue belt must be worn with navy blue dress slacks.

#### ***Grades 6-8***

- Plaid skirt, or navy blue dress slacks. Skirt hems should be within two (2) inches of top of kneecap.
- White long or short sleeve button down collar blouse or white turtleneck.
  - Navy blue crew socks, knee socks or knit tights, cable or opaque. All socks must cover the ankle. Please check the FlynnO'Hara website for required style.
- Navy blue uniform flat-knit cardigan, V-neck sweater or vest.
- Brown, black, or navy closed back leather shoes. Saddle shoes are acceptable. Solid colors are preferred; patterns should only be an accent of a discreet design.
- Brown, black or navy blue belt must be worn with navy blue dress slacks.

### ***2022-2023 Optional Summer Uniform – Girls Grades 1 – 8***

#### ***First school day through October 15th; April 15th through last school day:***

- ***Grades 1 – 5:*** Navy blue dress shorts or navy blue uniform skort (*hem should be no shorter than tips of fingers with arms extended.*)
- ***Grades 6 – 8:*** Navy blue dress shorts, navy blue uniform skort or green plaid skort (*hem should be no shorter than tips of fingers with arms extended.*)
- White short sleeve polo shirt, plain or with Saint Leo logo on left front.
  - Predominantly white sneakers; laces must be white. (*In other words, the sneaker itself must be white – a small logo may be of color.*) Winter uniform shoes with navy blue crew socks are also permitted. Please check the FlynnO'Hara website for required style.
- White socks that completely cover the ankles if sneakers are worn.
- Brown, black, or navy blue belt must be worn with navy blue dress shorts.

### **Approved Accessories**

- One pair of stud earrings smaller than the lobe of the ear.
  - Middle School girls may wear one pair of hoop earrings no larger than ½ inch in diameter.
- One ring per hand, one small pendant or cross on a chain 20 inches or less in length.
- No more than one bracelet on each wrist. A watch is considered a bracelet.
- Hair accessories must be small and plain or school plaid. (*Rule of thumb; if the first thing that catches a staff member's eye is NOT our child's bright smile or the twinkle in her eyes, then the accessory is inappropriate.*)
- Green plaid criss-cross tie.

### **BOYS:**

#### **Grades 1-8**

- Navy blue dress slacks.
- Brown, black or navy blue belt is required.
- Navy blue or black dress/crew socks. All socks should cover the ankle. Please check the FlynnO'Hara website for required style.
- Brown, cordovan, black or navy closed back leather shoes.
- Navy blue flat-knit uniform cardigan, V-neck sweater or vest.

#### **Grades 1-2**

- White knit polo shirt, long or short sleeve, plain or with St. Leo logo on left front, or white turtleneck.

#### **Grades 3-8**

- White long or short sleeve button-down collar dress shirt or white turtleneck.
- Uniform tie.

### **Approved Accessories**

- One chain (20 inches in length or less) with cross or religious medal permitted.
- No more than one bracelet on each wrist. A wrist watch is considered a bracelet.

### **2022-2023 Boys Optional Summer Uniform: First school day through October 1st; April 15th through last school day:**

- Navy blue dress shorts.
- White short sleeve polo shirt, plain or with Saint Leo logo on left front.
- Predominantly white sneakers; laces must be white. (*In other words, the sneaker itself must be white – a small logo may be of color.*) High-top sneakers are not permitted. Winter uniform shoes with navy blue crew socks (please check the FlynnO'Hara website for required style) are also permitted.
- White socks, plain, that completely cover the ankles if sneakers are worn.
- Brown, black, or navy blue belt must be worn with navy blue dress shorts.

## **Gym Uniform: All Students Grades 1 – 8**

Students are to wear the gym uniform on their designated gym day.

- FlynnO'Hara short or long sleeve gym T-shirt (light steel, white or hunter green)
- FlynnO'Hara micromesh nylon gym shorts (black or hunter green)
- FlynnO'Hara gym sweatpants (black or hunter green)  
Mandatory beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>
- FlynnO'Hara gym sweatshirt (hoodie, crew or zipper / hunter green, black or ash grey)  
Optional
- White or black socks (no stripes)
- Athletic sneakers (any color)

**If students have gym class on a day when Mass is scheduled, they are to wear their school uniform. Students present for school but medically unable to participate in gym should NOT be in gym uniform. They should wear the regular school uniform.**

### **EXCEPTIONS**

#### **Dress-down Days**

Certain days will be designated dress-down days. On these days, uniforms are not required, but students are still expected to dress with appropriate neatness, foot protection and modesty. Modesty is a part of temperance. Temperance is a virtue and a virtue is a mark of excellence. Therefore, wearing shirts within two inches of your collar bone, staying away from excessively tight clothing, etc. is not only modest but also excellent in God's eyes. When the day is a Spirit Day, the school spirit colors – green and yellow – or clothing with Saint Leo spirit wear logos should be worn. Gym uniforms are an acceptable way to show your school spirit. Shorts must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee. If leggings are worn on a dress-down day or spirit day, a tunic length top should be worn. The top must be at least five (5) inches from the knee. Should the principal deem a dress-down our spirit day outfit as unacceptable parents will be called to bring a change of clothing for their student.

**Students may dress-down on their birthday. If their birthday falls on a Mass day, kindly dress-down the day before. If they have a birthday that does not fall on a school day choose any school day (except Mass days) within the week of their date of birth. If students have a summer birthday, they should dress down at their ½ year birthday (add 6 months).**

## **Dress-up Days**

Certain days will be designated dress-up days. On these days, students should wear their Sunday best clothing with appropriate neatness, protection, and modesty. Again, modesty is a part of temperance. Temperance is a virtue and a virtue is a mark of excellence. Therefore, wearing shirts within two inches of your collar bone, staying away from excessively tight clothing, etc. is not only modest but also excellent in God's eyes. Should the principal deem a dress-up outfit as unacceptable, parents will be called to bring in a change of clothing for their student.

**Note to Parents:** Students may continue to wear the Lands' End fleece jackets as the uniform sweater if they have one and it still fits. However, this jacket will no longer be available for purchase. Please check the FlynnO'Hara website for required styles of all articles of clothing and accessories before purchasing anything elsewhere.

## **ENFORCEMENT OF DRESS CODE**

At the first violation of the dress code, the student will receive a Uniform Notice. If there is a subsequent violation during the same school year, a demerit will be issued with the Uniform Notice. The third violation in a school year results in an after-school detention. Once a student has received an after-school detention for a Dress Code violation, all future violations for that school year will result in an automatic after school detention and referral of the family to the Pastor and/or Principal for resolution of the issue.

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