

## DRESS CODE



### Uniform Dress Code:

Generally, school uniform colors are red tops and navy blue pants or skirts – or plaid jumpers for girls. Our uniform dress code has been expanded to include the girls' skirt or jumper uniform option of fitted leggings worn together with socks in school colors (red, blue) and black or white for girls in Kindergarten to Grade 8. Girls are encouraged to wear shorts under their jumper/skirt due to the various activities that are done at school.

At St. Bede, the uniform dress code promotes a positive atmosphere that reduces competition and directs attention to learning and growing in an environment that supports school values. The staff of St. Bede relies on parents to be the first monitors of the student dress code.

Uniforms are to be worn from the first day of school until the end of the last day, unless otherwise directed.

### Kindergarten – Third Grade (See 'Additional Uniform Notes for All Students')

Girls must wear the uniform jumper from *Dennis Uniform* with red or white polo shirt or navy blue dress pants or shorts (classic chino-style not cargo) with a red polo shirt, short or long-sleeved. They may add a red or blue crew neck sweatshirt (no hoodies) with the school logo over their school uniform for warmth.



Boys must wear navy blue dress pants or shorts (classic chino-style not cargo) with a plain red polo shirt, short or long-sleeved. They may add a red or blue crew neck sweatshirt (no hoodies) with the school logo over their school uniform for warmth.

### Fourth Grade Girls (See 'Additional Uniform Notes for All Students')

Girls in the fourth grade have the option of wearing either the uniform jumper OR a uniform skirt from *Dennis Uniform* with a red or white polo shirt. This will allow for a transition from the jumper to the skirt. Dress pants and shorts with a plain red polo, as outlined above, are also permissible for fourth grade girls. They may add a red or blue crew neck sweatshirt (no hoodies) with the school logo over their school uniform for warmth.

### Fourth– Eighth Grade (See 'Additional Uniform Notes for All Students')

Girls must wear the uniform skirt from *Dennis Uniform* or navy blue dress pants or shorts (classic chino-style not cargo) with a red polo shirt, short or long-sleeved. They may add a red or blue crew neck sweatshirt (no hoodies) with the school logo over their school uniform for warmth. If a skirt becomes too short, then student must wear pants or purchase a new skirt.

Boys must wear navy blue dress pants or shorts (classic chino-style not cargo) with a red polo shirt, short or long-sleeved. They may add a red or blue crew neck sweatshirt (no hoodies) with the school logo over their school uniform for warmth.



### Additional Uniform Notes for ALL students:

**Shoes:** All students may wear athletic or dress shoes with shoelaces. A designer logo of a different color should not dominate. No high tops or boots may be worn in class.

**Socks without logos or designs** must be worn at all times:

For Girls- White socks; blue or white tights, blue or white knee socks.

For Boys- White or navy blue dress socks.



**Undershirts:** If students wear a t-shirt or undershirt under their uniform, it must be solid white without any imprinting or logo.

**Leggings/Tights:** Our uniform dress code will be expanded to include the girls' skirt or jumper uniform option of fitted leggings worn together with socks in school colors (red, blue) and black or white in Grades K-8. Pajama bottoms are not an acceptable substitute for leggings and should not be worn to school. *Tights* may be worn to school and kept under the jumper/skirt during the day. Only white or navy blue tights may be worn.

**Jewelry:** Everyone may wear a watch and/or ONE bracelet. A necklace (religious medal or cross) or a ring may also be worn. Girls may wear a single pair of button earrings or small ring earrings on the ear lobe. No dangling earrings allowed! Boys may not wear earrings.

**Make up and Nail Polish:** Girls may not wear make-up on a regular uniform day. They may wear light make-up on an out-of-uniform day. The only nail polish to be worn is clear and no artificial nails are to be worn.

**Maintenance and Fit:** Uniforms must fit properly. Pants must be worn at waist level. Jumpers and skirts should not be any higher than 2 inches above the knee and may not be rolled up at the waist. All shirts must remain tucked in. Oversized or tight-fitting clothing are not permitted. A brown or black belt may be worn with uniform pants. All clothing should be labeled with the student's name. Uniform clothing must be kept neat and laundered. Torn, stained, or faded uniforms must be replaced or repaired.

**Boys and Girls Grooming:** St. Bede discourages any highlights in the hair; however, if a student has highlights they must be a natural color. Hair must be kept neat, clean, and well-groomed. Boy's hair should be no longer than ½ way down the ear on the sides, off the collar in the back, and must be above and not touching the eyebrows in front. Fad hairstyles (i.e. no fauxhawks, etc...) or extremes in color are not allowed.

**Gym Uniforms:** Grades K-4 may wear their gym uniforms to school on gym days. However, grades 5-8 must change into their gym uniforms before gym class. The gym uniform, which consists of a T-shirt, shorts or sweatpants, must be purchased through Dennis Uniforms. Clean, non-marking athletic shoes must be worn for gym class. They must tie (slip-ons are not safe for gym class) (Velcro closure sneakers are acceptable for K-2.). Uniforms should be laundered on at least a weekly basis. Gym clothes may not be stored in the locker but taken home and laundered.

The gym uniform consists of the following:

- Navy Blue gym shorts or sweatpants – St. Bede logo
- Gray T-shirt – St. Bede logo
- Navy or red sweatshirt with St. Bede logo
- White standard socks
- Clean gym shoes (single color)

**Scout Uniforms:** Scout uniforms may be worn to school on scout days.

Even though our policy is well defined in content, sometimes “judgment calls” must be made. If your child is not in compliance with the uniform policy, you will be notified by either letter or

phone call. In some situations, parents may be asked to bring the needed article of clothing to school. If there is a question, you may contact the office. Decisions and/or “judgment calls” rest with the administration.

### **Non-uniform Days**

On occasion, all students or a particular grade or unit may be out of uniform. These days are listed on the bulletin calendar or defined in a memo to the parents from a homeroom teacher. Out-of-uniform days will be rare.

When not in uniform, students are still expected to dress modestly and respectfully. Casual clothes should be worn. No T-shirts or shirts with suggestive, crude, or rude statements, and/or messages should be worn in school – or to school. No sleeveless tops allowed. Longer shirts must be worn with yoga pants. These shirts must be longer than the fingertips when the arms are fully extended downward at the sides.

On these days, girls may wear light make-up that is tastefully and moderately done. No halter, midriff, sleeveless tops, obvious under or oversized clothing. For safety reasons, clogs, Crocs, open back shoes, flip flops, or sandals without an ankle strap, fashion boots, platform shoes, heels (over 1 inch high), or “Heelies” are prohibited.

Parents are asked to assist in following these guidelines by supervising uniform and other clothing selections made by their child. Please use your parental powers by exerting your positive influence in helping your child make the appropriate choices.

If a student is out of uniform according to the above stated policies, he/she will receive a Uniform Notice. The appropriate form must be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to school. Students in grades K-8 who receive three Uniform Notices will be barred from classes until the rules are followed. Direct questions to the office, preferably before school begins in August.