



**St. Matthew Catholic School
Dress Code 2017-18**

Even a child is known by his doings, whether he work be pure, and whether it be right. ~Proverbs 20:11

As the primary influence in their children's lives, parents have the obligation to exercise good judgment in sending their children to school dressed appropriately and in compliance with St. Matthew Catholic School dress code. Modest and proper grooming affects the attitude and self-image of the students and the image of our school in its entirety. Uniform dress among our students promotes pride in our school and sets the tone for a serious, but warm and familial environment.

VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES: parents will be informed, by way of a standardized pink form, of each violation. Parents are asked to acknowledge receipt of the documentation by signing it and having it returned to the office the next school day. After three documented violations, 30 minutes after-school detention time will be assigned. If a student continues to violate the dress code, more stringent consequences will be assigned by the principal.

The uniform for St. Matthew Catholic School shall consist of:

SHIRTS: in white, black, or **hunter** green. The long- or short-sleeved shirt may be in an oxford, polo or turtleneck or sweater style and may be purchased at any store. If a student wears a St. Matthew Catholic School sweatshirt, it must be worn with a uniform shirt underneath so that the collar is visible. Shirts, with the exception of sweaters or sweatshirts, must be tucked in at all times.

- Every student is asked to please buy a hunter green St. Matthew Catholic School polo with the school emblem shown above. This shirt is to be worn to school on days when we will be attending Mass at Hayden Catholic High School, field trips, First Fridays, and other special occasions. If purchasing these shirts presents a financial burden for a family, arrangements can be made with the principal to reduce or waive the cost. No logos on shirts other than that of St. Matthew Catholic School. Items with the school logo may be purchased through the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO).
- **UNDERSHIRTS:** may be worn during cold weather for warmth, but must be solid white in color. The length of the sleeve of the undershirt must not be longer than that of the uniform shirt.
- **SWEATSHIRTS:** No sweatshirts or hoodies other than those with St. Matthew Catholic School insignia are allowed to be worn inside the school. They may not be worn inside school when the outside temperature is over 80 degrees.

PANTS: navy, tan, or khaki. The pants may be walking shorts, skorts, capris, or slacks. **NO SKINNY CUT PANTS, PLEASE.** Girls may wear Macbeth plaid shorts, jumper, skirt or shorts (available at Class Act); or solid tan, khaki, or navy jumpers (purchased at any store). **No jersey or sweatpants, cargo pants or shorts.** Pants, skirts, skorts, etc., may NOT be rolled at the waist. Pants should be in good repair.

BELTS: MUST BE WORN by students wearing shorts or slacks in grades 3-8.

SHOES: must be closed-toed and have a back, i.e., no flip-flops or Crocs (or similar) shoes. Shoes with ties must be tied.

SOCKS or HOSIERY: must be worn with any style of shoe and must be a solid black, hunter green, navy or white. **Solid color** black, white, or navy leggings may be worn as long as socks are also worn and are solid black, white, or navy.

JEWELRY, MAKEUP, TATTOOS: Girls only may wear earrings of modest length and design. No student may have additional piercings or tattoos. Other jewelry must be simple and not present a possible safety hazard. Girls only in grades 6-8 may wear light makeup that does not cause a distraction to themselves or to classmates. Makeup cannot be applied in class.

HAIR: must be well-groomed with no outlandish hairstyles (with writing, signs, emblems, unnatural colors, mohawks, etc.) that may cause a disruption to the learning environment. Boys' hair must be worn above the eyebrows, the top of the ear and above the collar. Boys must be clean-shaven; sideburns must not extend below the top of the ear. Girls' hair must be worn out of the face so that eyes are always visible.

BOY SCOUTS: are allowed to wear their official Scout uniforms on meeting days, if the meeting is immediately after school.

COATS: All coats and non-St. Matthew jackets, hoodies, etc., must be removed once students are in the building.

JEANS DAYS: Are normally the third Thursday of every month and every Thursday in Advent (a schedule will be available in the First Friday parent newsletter and on the school website). Students may wear jeans (not skirts or athletic shorts) and a shirt of their choosing. Jeans must be in good repair and not be worn with the waistline at the waist.