

## Saint Paul School Dress Code

*At Saint Paul School, we believe the school uniform is an expression of our Catholic identity. Our uniforms are our first opportunity to make an impression on those who see us, and demonstrate our commitment to modesty, safety, and a distraction-free learning environment. We believe that our dress code contributes to a positive school environment, and provides a level playing field to our students, free of the judgment which may be a byproduct of fads, fashion trends, or socioeconomic factors. Our uniforms and dress code also provide safety from clothing which may be a hazard on the playground, as well as provide us a means of quickly identifying people who are not part of our school community. Although purchasing uniforms is an expense for parents, it does alleviate the need to purchase what would otherwise be appropriate school clothing, resulting in a net savings.*

### General Information

Students who attend Saint Paul School in Kindergarten through Grade 8 are required to wear the school uniform. These uniforms are purchased through Lands' End (online at [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) or at a local Sears store). **Our Preferred School number is 900080185.** All students are expected to wear the proper school uniform daily.

Saint Paul School has four (4) uniform styles: Fall/Spring, Winter, Dress and Gym. The students begin the school year wearing their Fall/Spring uniforms. The Winter uniform is worn beginning in October on the Tuesday immediately following the Columbus Day holiday. Students resume wearing the Fall/Spring uniform on the Monday immediately following the spring break. The Gym uniform is worn on designated gym days only. The Dress uniform is worn once or twice a month, on special occasions such as a school Mass, assembly, field trip, etc.

### Uniform Guidelines

**Sweatshirts:** Only the maroon (burgundy) school logo sweatshirt is allowed. An exception is made for an approved sweatshirt which may be chosen by each year's Grade 8 class, to be worn by them as a special privilege. The maroon sweatshirt may be worn with the Fall/Spring and Winter uniforms and may be worn during the school day.

**Sweaters/vests:** Sweaters and vests are *optional*. However if you choose to buy a sweater or vest, you must do so through Lands' End. The color is maroon (burgundy) and there are a number of approved styles.

**Fleece jackets:** Fleece jackets are *optional*. However, if you choose to buy a fleece jacket, it must have the school logo on it and it must be purchased through Lands' End. The color is maroon (burgundy) and there are two approved styles. These jackets may be worn during the school day; no other coats or jackets may be worn in the school building during the day.

**Footwear:** Dress shoes must be black, brown, navy or maroon (burgundy). Socks must be black, brown, khaki, white or navy and worn with the dress shoes. Sneakers must be predominantly white. White socks must be plain crew or over-the-ankle length style and worn with sneakers. Students are not permitted to wear boots, shoes with carbon content black soles, or lug-type shoes or boots as they cause damage to the floors. Shoes may have heels no higher than 1". High-top sneakers and sneakers with lights or wheels in them are not allowed.

**Belts** should be black or brown and worn with any item that has belt loops.

**Hats** may not be worn in school.

Students are responsible for wearing their uniforms in an appropriate and modest manner. Short/skirt/skort hems should be no higher than 3" above the knee. Plain white or neutral undergarments must be worn under the uniform shirts (no lettering or graphics on T shirts). Bike shorts or a similar item are encouraged to be worn under the jumpers and skirts.

**Please remember that all uniform items except the boys and girls dress shirts, shoes, sneakers, socks, tights and belts need to be purchased through Lands' End.**