

## *Dress Code (Revised – May, 2008)*

The purpose of the school uniform is to

- provide a means of identification and belonging to St. Dominic School,
- provide for a neat and orderly appearance appropriate to school and the learning atmosphere,
- avoid competition in dress,
- control clothing costs for families,
- model appropriate wear for various activities.

We believe that there is a direct relationship between being well-groomed and properly dressed and having productive work habits for school. Clothing can have a bearing on students' external conduct as well as their internal attitude. The school and the parents support the dress code in a spirit of mutual cooperation. It is the right and duty of the parents to make sure the students are dressed according to the code. It is the right and duty of the administration, faculty and staff to further support that by monitoring the dress code throughout school hours.

Students not in uniform will receive a violation form. After two violations, the student will receive a special notice, the parents of the student may be called to bring suitable uniform clothing, and the student receiving the notice will lose the privilege of participating in the next out-of-uniform or dress down day.

The administration reserves the right to rule on all questions relating to the areas of dress and grooming not covered by code until such time as this code may be amended or revised.

Parents are encouraged to **label** all clothing for the students.

### **GIRLS IN GRADES 1-4 UNIFORM**

<b>Jumper</b>	Plaid Schoolbelles jumper*
<b>Slacks</b>	Navy blue or khaki dress slacks, plain pockets, no decorations or extra pockets. <b>Solid blue, black, brown or khaki colored belt must be worn.</b>
<b>Blouse</b>	White or light blue, long or short-sleeved Peter Pan collared blouse <b>OR</b> white turtleneck ( <b>either is worn tucked in</b> ) <b>OR</b> banded polo purchased from Schoolbelles.
<b>Sweater</b>	Solid navy blue crew neck or v-neck cardigan with SDS monogram. Solid navy fleece pullover or vest with SDS monogram purchased from Schoolbelles or Lands End

**Socks** White, black, tan or navy, plain solid color socks, knee highs, solid tights, no layering. If jumper is worn, socks must be worn above the ankle.

\*Fourth graders who outgrow the jumper may move into the uniform skirt.

### **GIRLS IN GRADES 5-8 UNIFORM**

**Skirt/Skort** Plaid Schoolbelles kick-pleat skirt, pleated skirt, wrap kilt skirt, or flat front panel skort, no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

**Slacks** Navy blue or khaki dress slacks, plain pockets, no decorations or extra pockets. **Solid blue, black, brown or khaki colored belt must be worn.**

**Blouse** White, dark green, or navy banded polo with SDS monogram, short- or long-sleeved, purchased at Schoolbelles

OR

Non-banded polo with SDS monogram, short- or long-sleeved, purchased from Schoolbelles or Lands End, **worn tucked in.**

**Sweater** Solid navy blue crew neck or v-neck cardigan with SDS monogram.  
Solid navy fleece pullover or vest with SDS monogram purchased from Schoolbelles or Lands End

**Socks** White, black, tan or navy, plain solid color socks, knee highs, solid tights, no layering. If skirt/skort is worn, socks must be worn above the ankle.

### **BOYS IN GRADES 1-4 UNIFORM**

**Trousers** Navy blue or khaki dress pants or cords, plain pockets, no decorations or extra pockets. No cargo-style pants. **A solid blue, black, brown or khaki, solid belt must be worn. Magnet belts are recommended, but cloth belts with long “tails” are not permitted.**

**Shirts** White, navy blue or dark green polo shirt with SDS monogram purchased at Schoolbelles or Lands End, **to be worn tucked in.**

**Sweaters** Solid navy blue crew neck or v-neck cardigan with SDS monogram.

Solid navy fleece pullover or vest with SDS monogram purchased from Schoolbelles or Lands End.

**Socks** White, black, tan or navy solid color socks.

### **BOYS IN GRADES 5-8 UNIFORM**

**Trousers** Navy blue or khaki dress pants or cords, plain pockets, no decorations or extra pockets. No cargo-style pants. **A solid blue, black, brown or khaki, solid belt must be worn. Magnet belts are recommended, but cloth belts with long “tails” are not permitted.**

**Shirt** **White or light-blue** long- or short-sleeved dress shirt **to be worn tucked in.**

**Tie** Solid color, print or striped tie with no logo to be worn with dress shirt.

**Sweater** Solid navy blue crew neck or v-neck cardigan with SDS monogram.  
Solid navy fleece pullover or vest with SDS monogram purchased from Schoolbelles or Lands End.

**Socks** White, black, tan or navy solid color socks.

### **ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-8**

**Shoes** All students must wear appropriate school shoes. Shoes must have closed heels and toes. Moccasins, clogs, tennis shoes, soccer or track shoes, plastic shoes, platforms, fashion shoes, ballet shoes, **“wheelies” with or without wheels**, or sandals are not appropriate.

**Undershirts** If an undershirt is worn, either by boys or girls, it must be plain white and worn tucked in.

**Boots** Boots should be worn during winter and inclement weather. A standard pair of school shoes must be worn in school.

**Hair** Hair is to be clean, well-groomed, combed and styled appropriately. Hairstyles that are distracting are to be avoided and will be handled on an individual basis. Lines, designs, tails, shaved heads, dyed and other fad styles are not

permitted. Boys' hair that covers the eyebrows, extends over the ears and/or touches the shirt collar is not appropriate. Girls' hair accessories should be kept to a minimum.

**Jewelry** **Girls:** Make-up (other than cover-up), nail polish (other than clear), and jewelry (other than a simple cross) are not permitted. Only post-style earrings or simple small hoops (one pair only) may be worn. Choker style necklaces, rope fashion and metal fashion necklaces are not permitted. Bracelets are not permitted. A single wrist watch may be worn.  
**Boys:** No jewelry of any kind except for a single wrist watch.

**Dress-Up** On these days students may wear special dress clothing. High-heeled shoes, jeans of any kind, low-rise slacks, play clothes or dress-down attire are not permitted. The jewelry and make-up policies must still be observed. Clothing should be appropriate for a Catholic elementary school. Girls' dresses or tops should have straps at least 2 inches wide. No bare shoulders or midriffs, and no low-cut tops. Tennis/running shoes are not allowed. Ballet-type shoes for girls are permitted. No denim of any kind is permitted.

**Dress Down** Clothing must be appropriate for a Catholic elementary school. T-shirts with rock groups or inappropriate language or signs, spandex pants, low-rise trousers or slacks, mini skirts, camouflage pants or shirts, tank or net or other see-through or tight-fitting or low-cut tops, bare midriffs, mini shorts, and oversized pants or shirts are not permitted. Tennis shoes, clog-type shoes, ballet-type shoes and "cros" are allowed. Sandals are not allowed at any time. **"Wheelies" are NOT allowed at any time, with or without wheels.** Jeans may not be torn or frayed.

**WINTER DRESS:** Girls are encouraged to wear "snow pants" in cold weather, but they are NOT to be worn during the school day.

### **SUMMER UNIFORMS GRADES 1-8**

Summer uniforms may be worn during the months of August, September, October, April, May and June.

- Khaki or navy blue pleated front or plain front shorts, plain pockets, no decorations or extra pockets. No cargo-style shorts or athletic shorts. Belts must be worn and shirts must be tucked in.
- Regular uniform polos with SDS monogram.
- Socks must be worn as with regular school uniforms.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLOTHES: GRADES 1-8**

- Navy blue athletic gym shorts;
- Gold St. Dominic tee shirt: may be purchased at Schoolbelles at the beginning of the year;
- Gym shoes: Shoes must be non-marking (no black soles) and of good quality. Shoes with shoelaces are best – zippers/Velcro tends to wear out and/or slip.

State law requires that gym/athletic shoes be worn for physical education class. Shoes must be fully laced and tied.

### ***Role of Parents in School Uniform***

The school uniform is an important part of the training and overall experience of life in a Catholic School. Parents understand once they enroll in St. Dominic School that a school uniform is mandatory and is to be worn properly. The uniform is to be purchased at Lands End or Schoolbelles as indicated, otherwise items may be purchased at the store of your choice. When students wear clothing that does not meet the dress code or uniform regulations, parents will be contacted by phone or by writing (in terms of a demerit slip), and they may be required to provide regulation clothing immediately by bringing it to the school. It is the responsibility of the parents to make sure their children are wearing the uniform and wearing it properly.

It is important for parents to monitor the length of the skirts for the girls. If a skirt is too short, it must be replaced before the student will be admitted back to class. Uniforms can be expensive; it is wise to purchase uniforms with hems that provide for future growth.

Those families who experience financial need in terms of providing proper uniforms for their children must contact the principal directly, but they may not use that as an excuse to clothe their children in non-uniform compliant dress. FEA provides used uniforms without charge-contact the school office.

### ***Lost and Found***

**Please “name tag” all clothing.** Lost and found articles will be placed in labeled containers in the school hallway. At the end of each quarter and at the end of the school year all unclaimed articles will be sent to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Lost valuables (i.e., glasses, watches, keys and jewelry) can be claimed in the secretary’s office.

### ***Noon Regulations***

**PORTABLE RADIOS, MP 3 PLAYERS, ETC., WITH EARPHONES, ELECTRONIC GAMES AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, INCLUDING LUNCH TIME.**

## **TOYS FROM HOME, SUCH AS LEGOS, POKEMON CARDS, WEBKINZ, ETC., ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.**

During the noon recess, children MAY NOT leave the playground without the permission of the principal or assistant principal. Failure to comply with the regulation is considered a serious violation.

It is our goal that all at St. Dominic School understand the importance of correct behavior and proper courtesy on the playground. Playground will be denied to students who consistently violate safety and courtesy rules.

### ***Care of Books and Property***

Since books are expensive both to purchase and maintain from year to year, parents are urged to help their children be responsible for books used. Books are required to be covered and clearly identified.

Children are financially responsible for the loss or damage of textbooks and other materials provided for their use during the school year. Students are responsible for any damage to property belonging to the parish, school, or to other students.

St. Dominic School does not assume responsibility for toys, tape recorders, cameras, cell phones, palm pilots, radios, and similar items brought to school by a student. Parents are asked to see that these items are kept at home. **These items are not to be brought to school. If they are, the teacher or principal will confiscate the item and return it to the parent the first time. For a second offense, the principal will keep the item until the end of the school year, at which time it will be returned to the parent.**

### ***Health and Accident Procedures***

St. Dominic School Clinic is staffed by a government-funded school nurse twice a week. On other days parent volunteer nurses or the school secretary and principal assist in the school clinic. The school furnishes an emergency authorization form which directs the school's course of action in each individual case. It is essential that the parent notify the school of changes of phone number, address or employment throughout the school year so this data is always current.

### ***Health Services***

**Health and immunization reports are due on or before the opening day of school for all new students. Students whose information is not on file by the first day of school will not be permitted to attend school until the information is received.** During the school year vision and hearing screenings, and height and weight measurements are given to all students in Grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 7, and postural screening for scoliosis in Grades 6-8. Any of the aforementioned tests may be given upon parent or teacher request.