

DRESS CODE 2022 - 2023

The Look of a St. Paul's Modern Gentleman

The primary purpose of St. Paul's School is to educate the whole child. To set standards based on cleanliness, neatness, and decency, but also functionality, St. Paul's has certain dress requirements. These requirements also suggest the benchmarks of a 21st century St. Paul's Gentlemen. The dress code has been established to enable students to be comfortable but also to dress as a gentleman and a member of the larger community. The specific school policies with regard to dress are outlined below.

Final decisions about the appropriateness of a student's dress rest with the faculty and administration.

All clothing should be neat and clean. Clothing should be free of holes, paint spots, and frayed edges and should fit well.

Appropriate Clothing Items and Appearance Expectations

Pants: Dress slacks, khakis, chinos, or dress corduroys, cuffed or hemmed. Students may choose alternative colors in middle school. A belt is required.

Shirts: Either dress shirt (tucked in) and tie (pulled up) or a blue, white, or yellow/gold long- or short-sleeved polo shirt.

Shorts: During the months of September and May, students are permitted to wear Bermuda/chino dress shorts.

Outwear: *Students are permitted to wear a St. Paul's hooded sweatshirt*, although the hood must remain down when they are inside any building. They are also permitted to wear a ¾-zip fleece or a sweater. Sport coats, blazers, sweaters, fleece vest, and St. Paul's fleece pull-over/coats are permitted.

Shoes: *Students may wear athletic shoes, running shoes, cross-trainers, or other athletic/gym shoes. Leather or canvas dress shoes are also acceptable. These are to be in good repair, tied, and clean.* Sandals, moccasins/slippers, backless shoes, clogs, flip flops, open-toed shoes, and hiking/work boots **are not permitted**.

Socks: Socks are required.

Hair: Hair must be neat and clean. The length of one's hair should not be a distraction to the student or to his peers or impede his academic focus in any way. The administration and faculty will determine what hairstyles are appropriate.

Special Events

"Dress-Down Days and Blue/Gold Days" will occur throughout the year for various student organizations and spirit days. The type of dress appropriate for each dress-down day will be communicated prior to the event in the weekly email.

On certain days of the year (e.g., Lessons and Carols, Awards Day, etc.), the students will be asked to dress up for the occasion. These days will be announced ahead of time. The dress code on such occasions is a dress shirt, tie, and blazer. Students will be allowed to wear athletic shoes.

Items and Styles Not Permitted

Students are not allowed to wear the following items:

- Blue jeans, cargo pants, jean-style corduroys, sweat pants, or sport shorts.
- Flannel or chamois shirts.
- Military or camouflage attire, chains on a belt, or on a sleeve or shoulder of a jacket.
- Earrings and similar jewelry.
- Hats or visors.