

SAINT DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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Dear St. Dominic School Family,

In May, the St. Dominic School Board voted to institute a school uniform policy beginning during the 2010-2011 school year. This policy was established after careful study of the issue and discussion with the school staff, parents, other schools and several uniform vendors. It was decided that introducing a school uniform would provide the following benefits for all our students:

- Support the school community and develop school spirit.
- Promote an environment of courtesy, respect, self-discipline, and high personal standards.
- Reduce distractions associated with clothing and focus the student's creativity and individuality on their school work.
- Provide many uniform options while minimizing cost to families.

Therefore, with the agreement of the school board and administration, we have decided to gradually phase in the uniforms this fall as outlined below.

Initial Phase: We are asking students to have a red, white or navy polo shirt or previously owned spirit shirt with khaki or navy shorts, pants, skirts or skorts to wear by the **first Wednesday in October (October 6) AND EVERY Wednesday thereafter**. A school logo, affixed to the polo shirt, can be purchased through the school office. These logos will be optional, however. Regular clothing can be worn on other school days.

Second Phase: The above mentioned uniform options will be required to be worn on all Mass days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) in **January, 2011**. The exact starting date will be announced in the future. This will give the families ample time to have enough articles of clothing to accommodate these three days. Again, regular clothing can be worn on the other school days.

Final Phase: Enclosed with this letter is a complete list of uniform options that can be worn to school. It is up to each individual family to decide which items they want to purchase. Uniforms with appropriate logos will be required for the start of school in **August, 2011**. These items will be worn every school day.

Items can be purchased at garage sales or retail stores' uniform catalogues, such as JC Penney or Land's End. Polo shirts with logo can also be purchased through our local vendor, Just Ink It and Stitch It. Those orders will need to be placed through the school office.

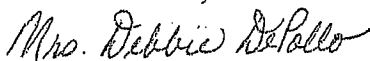
All logo items are also available at Educational Outfitters. The only items that will need to be purchased from a particular vendor, Educational Outfitters in Knoxville, TN, are the girls' plaid skirt or jumper. More information about ordering from this company is included in the enclosed uniform policy. HASA will host a fashion show during Back to School night.

At the end of the 2010-11 school year, the Home and School Association (HASA) will set up a uniform swap. You will be able to hand in your outgrown items or purchase some clothes for your child. Details regarding the swap will be sent home as we near the end of the school year.

We appreciate your help and support as we phase in this uniform policy. Since this is new for all of us, please be patient as we implement the change. Call the school office and they will direct any concern or question you have to the appropriate party. The uniform code will be reviewed annually by the school board, and your input is vital to this process.

Thank you so much for entrusting St. Dominic School with the education of your child.
We look forward to serving you and your family this new school year.

Yours in Christ,



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St. Dominic School Board

ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL DRESS CODE AND UNIFORM POLICY (K-5)

Policy Date: June 30, 2010

UNIFORM CODE

School uniforms support the school community and develop school spirit. They also promote an environment of courtesy, respect, self-discipline, and high personal standards. School uniforms minimize distraction associated with clothing and focus the child's creativity and individuality on their school work. The St. Dominic Catholic School Uniform Policy is designed to provide options and minimize cost to families.

The key uniform items are the tops with school logos. All shirts, including sweaters and sweatshirts, will have an embroidered school logo.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Polo Shirts	Polo style only, long or short sleeved. Color Choices: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red with white school logo• White with red school logo• Navy with white school logo Long-sleeved plain-colored tee shirts of matching color may be worn under short sleeve polo shirts.
Dress Shirts	Boys: long or short sleeved oxford style, white only with navy school initials "SDS" on collar. Girls: long or short sleeved round collar, white only with navy school initials "SDS" on collar.
Turtleneck	White only, worn under sweater, sweatshirt, or with the jumper, Optional navy school initials "SDS" on folded over collar.
Pants	Khaki or navy. Belts are required with any bottoms that have belt loops, grades 3-5.
Shorts	Khaki or navy. Belts are required with any bottoms that have belt loops, grades 3-5. Length no shorter than a dollar's width above the knee. Shorts may be worn until October 31 and from March 1 until the end of the school year, or longer at the discretion of the Principal.
Skirts/Skorts (Girls)	Khaki, navy, or red/navy plaid. Length no shorter than a dollar's width above the knee. Must be worn with tights after October 31 and before March 1, or shorter at the discretion of the Principal. Dark colored or matching shorts must be worn under skirts and dresses for modesty. Modesty shorts should not be visible.

Dresses (Girls)	<p>Polo Style only, short or long sleeved. Red or navy with white school logo. Length no shorter than a dollar's width above the knee. Must be worn with tights after October 31 and before March 1, or shorter at the discretion of the Principal.</p> <p>Dark colored or matching shorts must be worn under skirts and dresses for modesty. Modesty shorts should not be visible.</p>
Jumpers (Girls)	<p>Color choices: khaki with red school logo, navy with white school logo, or red/navy plaid without logo. Length no shorter than a dollar's width above the knee. Must be worn with tights after October 31 and before March 1, or shorter at the discretion of the Principal. Dark colored or matching shorts must be worn under skirts and dresses for modesty. Modesty shorts should not be visible.</p>
Sweater	<p>Long sleeved in red or navy with white school logo Sweater vest in red or navy with white school logo Cardigan style in red or navy with white school logo</p>
Sweatshirt	<p>Red or navy with white school logo White with red school logo Zip up 'hoodie' or pull over style without 'hoodie'.</p>
Footwear	<p>Close-toed shoes with solid-colored socks (or solid-colored tights as appropriate). No characters (e.g. Hannah Montana) on the shoes. Athletic or tennis shoes should be worn for P.E. class: either worn to school or brought to school and changed into prior to class.</p>

SCHOOL LOGO ITEMS:

The school office will provide information and coordinate the acquisition or embroidered logo items and embroidery. For optimal pricing, group orders for embroidered items will be placed several times per year, targeting September, January, and May. All school logo items are also available at Educational Outfitters in Knoxville; the address is below.

There are no restrictions as to where uniform items may be purchased, except for plaid items which are available only through Educational Outfitters in Knoxville (school code: TN01382). Any uniform-style jumper is acceptable and available through catalogues such as JCPenney or Land's End.

Educational Outfitters
7111 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 337919
(865) 583-3990
www.educationaloutfitters.com
School Code: TN01382

DRESS CODE

- ❖ All uniform items must be neat, clean, and fit properly.
- ❖ Shirts must be tucked in.
- ❖ The hemline of shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses, and jumpers must be no shorter than a dollar bill's width above the knee. *The Principal has the discretion to allow shorter hemlines towards the end of the year to avoid extra cost of a new uniform.*
- ❖ Hats and sunglasses are not permitted in the building.
- ❖ During cold-weather months, students should wear or bring a jacket to school for outdoor recess. Students will go outdoors for recess unless there is rain; heavy wet snow; and/or if the wind chill is below freezing.
- ❖ Outerwear is not to be worn indoors during the school day. Any sweatshirt or 'hoodie' not conforming to the uniform code is considered outerwear.
- ❖ Wearing make-up will not be permitted.