



## **Dress Code**

(2016-2017 School Year)

### **Dress for the Occasion**

We gather to do important work. Our dress reflects the importance St. Michael's places on learning and personal conduct by communicating a level of care and respect for ourselves, others and the work we do together.

- 1) All clothing worn at School should be neat, clean, without holes/cuts/frays/excessive wear/offensive-inappropriate language-symbols, and worn as designed (e.g., not inside out).
- 2) All shirts should have sleeves. Beginning in third grade, all shirts with collars should be tucked in at the waist. Boys' shirts should have collars.
- 3) Shoes should be worn and secured at all times.
- 4) Athletic clothing may be required for physical education classes, but not permitted otherwise -- with two exceptions.
  - a) St. Michael's athletic outerwear may be worn indoors in cold weather
  - b) Interscholastic team uniforms may be worn on game days.
- 5) Hats and sunglasses may only be worn outside, and sleepwear never worn.

### **Balance is Key**

We respect the mind, body, and spirit of all people (including ourselves) and seek to keep in balance these aspects as well as the interests of individual expression and a communal need to focus on learning. Our dress reflects this balance, not overemphasizing one aspect (e.g., body), nor one interest (e.g., individual expression over the learning environment).

- 6) Clothes should fit properly, being neither oversized, form-fitting nor revealing. For instance:
  - a) pants and shorts should be worn at the waist;
  - b) necklines should be no lower than the armpit;
  - c) sleeveless dresses should be at least three-finger widths at the shoulder;
  - d) tops should cover the midriff in front and back, including when arms are raised;
  - e) shorts and skirts should be neatly hemmed and at least fingertip length;
  - f) sheer clothing and clothing with cut-outs is not permitted; and
  - g) undergarments should be concealed.
- 7) Extreme hairstyles and hair colors not occurring in nature are not permitted.
- 8) Facial piercings and facial hair are not permitted.

### **We own Ourselves**

We seek to develop each student's independence of thought and clear sense of dignity and self-worth. Our dress reflects this commitment to independence and rebuffs attempts to brand students with anything other than a St. Michael's education.

- 9) Writing and large (>2 inches) logos/images on clothing are not permissible inside school. See "Dragon Days" for exceptions.

We strongly suggest families put names in clothing worn to school.

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## Special Events

### **Dress Up Days**

For certain events designated by the School, students should wear either (a) a dress shirt, tie, and long pants with a belt; (b) a dress; or (c) a dress blouse with a dress skirt/pants.

### **Field Trips**

When traveling off-campus students *may* be asked to dress for a formal occasion or in a St. Michael's polo shirt with khaki pants, shorts or skirt. Field Trip Dress Code may be altered based upon the destination/activities.

### **Dress Down Days**

Dress down days are scheduled during the year (e.g., service fund-raisers, as an eighth grade privilege on the last day of each month.) On dress down days all guidelines and rules remain in place except:

- Athletic clothing is allowed.
- School-appropriate writing and large logos are allowed.
- Other guidelines/rules (e.g., sleepwear, hats) may be relaxed for individual events.

### **Dragon Days**

Any above-the-waist St. Michael's spiritwear (excluding hats and sunglasses) may be worn in school.

K-2: the last Monday of the quarter

3-5: the last Monday of the month

6-8: each Monday

School administrators are the final arbiters for what is or is not considered appropriate dress.