

UNIFORM & DRESS CODE POLICY

School uniforms are an important part of the educational experience at St. Sava Academy. They help **distinguish school as a special place**—one set apart for learning, growth, and the formation of character. Just as we dress differently for church, athletic competitions, or other meaningful occasions, our school uniform reminds students that they are entering a community deserving of respect, gratitude, and their very best effort.

Uniforms also help foster a **sense of unity and belonging**. By minimizing differences in clothing and fashion, they reduce unnecessary comparisons and distractions that can consume children's attention. Instead, we want our students' energy directed toward developing strong character, showing mutual love and respect, building friendships, and engaging fully in learning.

In keeping with these goals and the values of our Orthodox Christian community, students are expected to present themselves in a manner that reflects respect for themselves, their classmates, and the school community. Uniforms should fit appropriately, be clean, in good repair, and remain free from excessive logos or fashion trends that distract from the educational environment. Specific dress code and uniform requirements are outlined below.

PRESCHOOL & PREKINDERGARTEN DRESS CODE

Preschool and Pre-K students are not required to wear a school uniform. They should wear clean, comfortable, and age-appropriate clothing suitable for school and active play. Closed-toe shoes are required. Costumes, dress-up clothing, and costume accessories (such as capes, masks, crowns, and fairy wings) are not permitted except on designated dress-up days or school events.

GRADES K-8 BOYS

Pants	• Navy blue uniform dress pants (jeans of any kind are not permitted). • Navy blue uniform shorts may be worn during August, September, May, and June. • <u>Shorts may not be worn to Divine Liturgy.</u>
Shirt	• Plain white, light blue, or navy polo shirt or dress shirt (long or short sleeves). • Plain white or navy turtleneck.
Outer Layer	• Navy cardigan, pullover sweater, sweater vest, or quarter-zip sweater. • Navy or black blazer.
Shoes & Socks	• Plain black, navy, brown, or white dress or athletic shoes with soft, non-marking soles. • Athletic shoes must be worn on designated gym days. • White, navy, or black socks.
Accessories	• Necktie, bowtie • Navy blue, black, or brown belt.

GRADES K–8 GIRLS

Jumper, Skirt, or Dress	• Girls may wear a navy blue uniform skirt, jumper, or dress. • Dresses must be modest, school-appropriate, and consistent with the appearance of a traditional school uniform.
Shirt	• Plain white, light blue, or navy dress shirt or polo shirt (long or short sleeves). • Plain white, light blue, or navy turtleneck
Pants	• Navy blue uniform pants may be worn, <u>except for Divine Liturgy when skirts and dresses are required.</u> • <u>Leggings may not be worn as pants</u> and may <u>only</u> be worn underneath a skirt, jumper, or dress.
Outer Layer	• Navy cardigan, pullover sweater, sweater vest, or quarter-zip sweater.
Shoes & Socks	• Plain black, navy, brown, or white dress or athletic shoes with soft, non-marking soles. • Athletic shoes must be worn on designated gym days. • White, navy, or black socks. • Opaque white, navy, or black tights.
Accessories	• Navy, white, or light blue hair accessories. • Navy cross tie • Stud earrings

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Students should arrive at school clean, neatly groomed, and dressed in a manner appropriate for an Orthodox Christian school environment.

Boys	• Hair should be clean, neatly groomed, and kept above the shirt collar. • Extreme hairstyles, shaved designs, unnatural hair colors, and hairstyles that distract from the educational environment are not permitted. • Fingernails should be kept clean and neatly trimmed.
Girls	• Hair should be clean and neatly groomed. • Makeup is not permitted. • Jewelry should be simple and modest. Small stud earrings may be worn. Dangling earrings, hoops, facial piercings, and distracting jewelry are not permitted. • Fingernails should be clean, neatly trimmed, and free of nail polish, artificial nails, acrylic nails, gel nails, or nail art.
All Students	• Clothing, shoes, outerwear, backpacks, and accessories should be free of large logos, graphics, slogans, or commercial branding. Small manufacturer logos are acceptable. • Hats and hoods may not be worn inside the school building unless required for religious observance or approved by the administration. • Smartwatches, smart glasses, and other wearable electronic devices are not permitted.

GYM UNIFORM

On scheduled physical education days, students must wear:

- Official St. Sava Academy T-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie
- St. Sava Spirit wear T-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie
- Navy blue or black athletic pants (no leggings) or shorts in August, September, May and June
- Black, navy, brown, or white athletic sneakers with non-marking soles

Gym attire may only be worn on designated physical education days unless otherwise announced. **If physical education is scheduled on a day when students attend Divine Liturgy, students should wear their daily uniform (not their gym uniform) with black, navy, brown, or white athletic sneakers.**

CASUAL DRESS DAYS

On the first Thursday of each month, unless otherwise announced, Kindergarten through Grade 8 students and faculty/staff may be out of uniform. **If the first Thursday falls on a day on which students attend Divine Liturgy or a day when school is not in session, Casual Dress Day will be held on the following Thursday.**

The following are not permitted:

- Clothing displaying references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, profanity, violence, politics, or inappropriate television, movie, music, or social media content.
- Clothing that is revealing, excessively tight, excessively short, ripped, or otherwise distracting.
- Pajamas, slippers, flip-flops, high heels, or other unsafe footwear.

The administration reserves the right to determine whether clothing is appropriate for school.

The administration may designate special dress days or exceptions to the uniform policy on days throughout the school year.

UNIFORM POLICY ENFORCEMENT

Students are expected to arrive at school in the appropriate uniform each day. If a student does not meet the dress code expectations, the school will work with the student and family to resolve the issue promptly.

1. **First occurrence:** The student will be reminded of the dress code expectations.
2. **Second occurrence:** A uniform reminder will be send to the student's parents/guardians.
3. **Third occurrence:** Parents/guardians will receive a written notice regarding repeated noncompliance with the Uniform Policy.
4. **Repeated occurrences:** A conference with the student, parent/guardian, and administration may be requested to discuss ongoing dress code concerns and identify solutions.
5. **Continued noncompliance:** May result in appropriate disciplinary action at the discretion of the administration.

WHERE TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS

School uniforms may be purchased from any retailer that meets the dress code requirements, including:

- [French Toast](#)
- [JCPenney](#)
- [Lands' End](#)
- [St. Sava Amazon Store](#)
- [Walmart](#)

BOYS EXAMPLES



GIRLS EXAMPLES



EXAMPLES OF CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED:

