

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPEARANCE CODE

Since the attire of the students and the pride they show in their appearance contributes greatly to their attitude in school and the respect they earn in public, all decisions regarding the Appearance Code are made at the discretion of the School Administration. Parents and guardians who choose to send their child to St. Albert the Great Catholic School accept the judgment of the School Administration as final in matters of appearance at school. The school has established a uniform policy to develop school pride and a sense of community. Uniforms represent that we are focused on our inward individuality, not our outward appearance. Students must be in uniform-only items every day, for the entire school day, unless an exception has been made by the school.

All new uniform items must be Lands End pieces. Our school code is 900202219. Items can be ordered at https://www.landsend.com/customerservice/services/signup_email/. Students are still able to wear Dennis brand uniform pieces as long as they are in good shape and fit appropriately.

DRESS UNIFORM – must be worn on Mass days and may be worn on other non-PE days

- * Girls in all grades – Navy blue uniform polo dress or gray St. Alberts polo shirt with uniform skirt, skort, or pants
- * Girls in grades K-3 ONLY – Uniform bib front jumper with white Peter Pan collar blouse (polo shirts may not be worn with the jumper), uniform skirt, skort, or pants with gray St. Alberts polo shirt. Peter Pan collar blouse may not be worn with skirt, skort, or pants.
- * Boys in all grades – Gray St. Alberts polo shirt with navy blue uniform pants
- * Belts must be worn with pants or shorts that have belt loops (*optional for grades K-4*)
- * Shorts, tights, or leggings must be worn underneath any dress or skirt and must be solid white, black, navy, or gray in color.

NON-DRESS UNIFORM – may be worn on non-Mass and non-PE days

- * Gray St. Albert polo shirt with navy blue uniform shorts
- * Any uniform listed in the Dress Uniform section above

PE UNIFORM – to be worn on scheduled PE days only

- * Navy blue St. Alberts gym shorts or sweatpants (to keep legs warm) with gray St. Alberts PE t-shirt or other school issued sports t-shirts. No leggings, tights, or spandex pants under shorts please.
- * Navy blue crewneck PE sweatshirt or other school issued sweatshirts (optional)

OUTERWEAR – Any outwear worn in the classroom must be uniform pieces:

- * Navy blue uniform cardigan sweater, pullover sweater or sweater vest
- * Navy blue uniform fleece embroidered with school logo
- * Navy blue uniform wind jacket embroidered with school logo
- * Navy blue 1/4 zip pullover sweatshirt embroidered with school logo
- * 8th Grade students are allowed to wear their class sweatshirts in buildings and to Mass. (They may not be worn as gift bearers, as readers, as altar servers or when in the choir.)
- * **Outerwear worn outside the building does not have to be uniform pieces.**

FOOTWEAR

- * All shoes and shoelaces must be black, white, brown, gray, or **navy** blue with one brand logo. Shoes should not have wheels, lights, or embellishments other than brand logo
- * Plain white, black, **navy** blue or gray socks, with one manufacturer logo are permitted. The socks must be visible above the shoe. Plain knee socks, tights and/or leggings in white, **navy** blue, gray or black may be worn. Knee socks stop below the knee; no socks that come up over the knee and reach mid-thigh may be worn.
- * Athletic shoes must be worn for PE.
- * The following types of shoes are not permitted: open-toed, open-heeled shoes, or high heeled, wedge, platform, spike, slippers, sandals, crocs, roller skating shoes, or boots of any kind. On inclement weather days, students may wear rubber soled rain boots/snow boots. If worn on a scheduled PE day, please bring a change of shoes to participate in PE.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- * All students in the classroom must be in proper uniform.
- * Uniform pieces must be neat and clean with no rips or tears and appropriate sizing for your student.
- * Uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- * Skirt, skort, shorts, and dress lengths may not be higher than 2 inches above the kneecap.
- * In cold weather, any long-sleeved shirt worn under a uniform shirt must be solid white, gray, black, or blue.
- * Underwear may not hang or be visible below shorts.
- * Hats are not allowed to be worn inside the building. This includes head coverings such as bandanas and elaborate scarves.
- * Hairstyles must be neat and clean and of a natural hair color. Student's hair shall not impede their vision. Boy's hair should be trimmed above the collar, around the ears, and above the eyebrows. Girl's bangs must be trimmed above the eyebrows or pulled back in clips or a headband. Dyed, painted, spiked and fad hairstyles including shavings or tails are not permitted. No highlighted or two-color hair is permitted.
- * Headbands and hair accessories should not be distracting in size or decoration.
- * Makeup is not allowed.
- * Jewelry is limited to post earrings, analog watches, and items with religious meaning. Smart watches are not allowed at any time.
- * No piercings other than ears are allowed. Boys are not allowed earrings of any kind. Girls can only have one post earring per ear.
- * Facial hair is not permitted.
- * No artificial nails or colored nail polish (white is a color; glitter-type polish is a color and is not allowed); only clear polish (without a tint) is allowed.
- * The principal reserves the right to be the final determination on whether a student's appearance is appropriate for the Catholic school environment.

Free Dress Days

This is a privilege earned by students and will be announced by the administration. Free dress must be modest and conform to the appearance code.

- * Tops: no tank tops, crop tops, or bare shoulders. No T-shirts with offensive slogans or logos.
- * Skirts, shorts, and dresses must be uniform length, not more than two inches above the knee.
- * Pants or shorts must not be sagging.
- * For grades 5-8, leggings, spandex pants, and spandex shorts cannot be worn without something over them, such as shorts, skirts, or a long shirt or sweatshirt.
- * Jeans and pants must be free of rips and tears.
- * Free Dress Passes may not be used on Mass days.
- * All school rules are still enforced regarding make-up and jewelry.
- * If you have any doubt on the appropriateness of dress, please call to get approval first.
- * Different styles and colors of shoes may be worn as long as they have no open toes, open heels, and are not high heels, slippers, or crocs.

Scout Uniforms

Scout uniforms may be worn to school instead of school uniforms on the day when scout troops meet.