

St. Francis Xavier requires all students in grades K-8 to wear uniforms. Wearing uniforms helps students maintain an appearance that is conducive to learning, builds community, and reflects self-discipline. Children are expected to be in uniform daily. The exceptions are an announced non-uniform day or when school given non-uniform passes are used on Fridays.

Classroom/homeroom teachers monitor uniform compliance on a regular basis, **but parents play an important role in helping students follow the policy.** Students who are out of uniform may be provided a uniform for the day and/or may be asked to call a parent/guardian. Frequent noncompliance may result in further consequences.

General Uniform Guidelines:

-Uniform shirts **MUST** be tucked into waistband at all times.

-Shirts should be sized to fit, not oversized.

-Uniform shirts worn under sweatshirt must be tucked in at all times.

-Socks are required.

-Hairstyles should be appropriate and not distracting. **Hair should be trimmed or pulled back so that eye contact can be made.**

-Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.

-Plain white t-shirts/cami may be worn under the uniform shirts. No lace or embellishments may be visible. Undershirt should not be visible at sleeve or hem of uniform shirt.

-**Jewelry must be modest in nature and not distracting. Earrings must fit close to the ears (no dangling or large hoop earrings.)**

-**No makeup.**

Middle School Uniform (5-8)

Must be worn Monday-Friday. Spirit wear may be worn on Fridays only. Students may be out of uniform on designated days or with a non-uniform pass only.

Boys:

Grades 5-8

Slacks: Black twill, corduroy, or permanent press. No denim or exterior pockets.

Shorts: Black twill or permanent press dress shorts. No denim or exterior pockets.

Belts: Optional, but must be black.

Shirts: Short or long sleeve polo shirt with STFX logo on left side. Burgundy or white, interlock or pique.

Sweaters: Burgundy pullover with STFX logo on front, no cable knit. **Must have uniform shirt underneath.**

Sweatshirts: Approved STFX styles with STFX logo on front. **Must have uniform shirt underneath.** Currently there is a microfleece and a hooded sweatshirt available through Donald's Uniform Store. Eighth graders are also permitted to wear the class sweatshirt.

Socks: Matching socks must be worn daily. Black or white, solid-colored socks are encouraged when wearing shorts.

Shoes: Neat, clean-soled shoes. No boots, sandals, wheeled/spin, or light up shoes. Shoes must have closed toes and heels. Black shoes are encouraged.

MASS DAYS: Burgundy shirts must be worn on Mass Days

PE CLASS: Students are required to change clothes for class. Students should dress for activity, but modestly. Athletic shorts of an appropriate length and t-shirts are encouraged. No leggings or similar athletic wear (without shorts) and no tank tops. Tennis shoes are required.

Girls:

Grades 5-8

Slacks: Black twill, corduroy, or permanent press. No denim or exterior pockets.

Shorts: Black twill or permanent press dress shorts. No denim or exterior pockets. Hemline can be no more than 2 inches above the knee.

Skirts: Black, in approved styles. Hemline can be no more than 2 inches above the knee.

Shirts: Short or long sleeve polo shirt with STFX logo on the left. Burgundy or white, interlock or pique. A white blouse may be worn under a sweater. Logo is not needed on the blouse.

Belts: Optional, but must be black.

Sweaters: Burgundy pullover or button up with STFX logo on front, no cable knit. **Must be worn with a uniform shirt underneath.**

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Socks: Matching socks must be worn daily. Black or white, solid-colored socks or tights are encouraged when wearing shorts, skirts, or jumpers. No leggings.

Shoes: Neat, clean-soled shoes. No boots, sandals, wheeled/spin, or light up shoes. Shoes must have closed toes and heels. Black shoes are encouraged.

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Non Uniform Days (K-8)

Throughout the school year there are a number of "Non Uniform Days." A non-uniform day is a special privilege that the students have earned. It is expected that students come to school dressed in a neat, modest, and appropriate manner conducive to learning.

As parents of children in a Catholic school, please use your best judgment in regards to any examples not listed. As with the regular uniform policy, students and parents are asked to comply with this policy, so it doesn't interfere with the education of our students. Students who do not adhere to the dress code may need to remain in the office until their parents can be reached to bring suitable clothing.

Bottoms: The non-uniform policy includes slacks, jeans, cargo pants, athletic pants, or capris in good condition. Examples of some restrictions include: no jeans or pants with holes/tears/ripping, pants with writing across the back or low rider pants which display undergarments. No leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants.

Skirts and dresses: Are allowed on non-uniform days, but must follow the same hemline guidelines as uniforms.

Shorts: Shorts must follow the same guidelines for length as skirts and dresses.

Shirts: The non-uniform policy includes shirts with sleeves, blouses, sweaters, sweatshirts, turtlenecks, knit shirts, or T-shirts. Examples of some restrictions include tank or halter tops, tight fitting tops in which the stomach and lower back show, and T-shirts with indecent or inappropriate language, pictures, or ads.

"Immodest clothes encourage others to look at a person as collection of body parts rather than as a whole person. Immodest clothing may attract lots of attention, but it isn't the kind of attention your heart truly desires."

Theology of the Body for Teens. West Chester, PA. Ascension Press, 2011.

Spirit Days (K-8)

Spirit wear is a fun addition. Spirit wear is **NOT** a requirement, only an option. Spirit wear would include any shirt that has an approved STFX logo or other design. This includes shirts issued at school sponsored activities.

K-5: Spirit wear may only be worn on Spirit Day (last Friday of each month), designated non-uniform days, or with a non-uniform pass. On Spirit Day spirit wear must be worn with uniform bottoms.

Middle School: Spirit wear may be worn on any Friday, designated non-uniform days, or with a non-uniform pass. Spirit wear can be worn with non-uniform bottoms in compliance with policy (above).