

## SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY 2019-2020

### APPEARANCE AND UNIFORM POLICY

Our school uniform encourages students to focus on self-expression through the development of an individual's skills and talents not on self-expression through material goods. Neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness in dress and appearance are conducive to a Catholic academic atmosphere and will be expected of all Saint Ambrose students at all times. Parents are the primary teachers of their children and are expected to teach their children the importance of personal hygiene and good grooming. Please check your child before he/she leaves for school, as adhering to the dress code is the responsibility of the parents and is a reflection of home training. Repeated non-compliance of dress code offenses could result in the student being asked to leave the school to find an environment better suited to his/her needs or philosophy.

While dressed in the Saint Ambrose School uniform at school and in public places, all students' conduct, actions, and language will be consistent with the Catholic philosophy and values of Saint Ambrose School and the Saint Ambrose School Code of Conduct.

### APPEARANCE POLICY: ALL STUDENTS

**Shirts/Blouses:** Blouses and/or knit shirts are to be worn and must be tucked in at all times.

**Sweaters:** Authorized navy uniform sweaters with uniform shirt/blouse worn underneath. Sweaters cannot contain a hood.

**Sweatshirts:** Red or navy Saint Ambrose School monogrammed sweatshirts may be worn with uniform shirt/blouse worn underneath. Hoodies are not permitted to be worn in the classroom. Students may wear hoodies during cold months as jackets; however, they must be removed in church. Approved Spirit Wear navy monogrammed zip up fleece jacket is also an option. Approved Spirit Wear black monogrammed zip up fleece jacket is also an option for 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students.

**Skirts/Jumpers/Shorts:** School-approved plaid jumper or plaid skirt must be knee length as well as shorts. Some type of playground shorts must be worn under the jumper or skirt.

**Belts:** A plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with all slacks and shorts for all students in grades 2-8.

**Outerwear: All students will wear outerwear appropriate for the weather.**

**Hats and Caps:** Hats, caps or other head dressings may not be worn in school without prior consent from the principal.

**Hair:** Unusual hairstyles, bleaching, dying of hair, excessively braided, beaded or heavy use of styling products are not permitted. Fad or extreme styles are not permitted. Hair must be conservative, neat and out of students' eyes. Boys' hair length must be shorter than the collar and shaped around the ears. Boys will be clean-shaven without sideburns. Girls' hair accessories must be simple, tasteful, and complement the school uniform.

**Make-up:** With the exception of Eighth Grade girls, students are not permitted to wear make-up of any kind. This includes nail polish, artificial nails, body glitter, body piercing, and tattoos (real or fake). Eighth Grade girls may wear light make-up as described in the Girls 4-8 section below.

## **UNIFORM POLICY:**

### **GIRLS (GRADES K-3)**

Shirts: White blouse (either peter pan or oxford style); red knit polo shirt; red turtleneck may be worn from November 1- March 31. Shirts must be tucked in. No Layering.

Jumpers: Navy/red plaid V-neck or shift style jumper from Schoolbelles.

Slacks: Navy dress slacks may be worn. No corduroys.

Shorts: Navy long walking shorts - knee length may be worn from April 1-October 31. Belts: Plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with slacks and shorts in grades 2-3.

Shoes: Solid brown or black dress shoes such as: oxford tie, loafers or buckle or tan "boat" shoes. Girls may wear black and white saddle shoes. Height of shoe should be no more than 1-1/2 inches high. Top of shoe is to be below anklebone and must have a back to them. Shoes will be clean and in good repair.

Socks: Solid color red, black, navy or white dress socks or tights. Socks must be ankle-length or higher. No sports socks with emblems or "no show" socks.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts: Red or navy SAS monogrammed sweatshirts or a navy uniform sweater is permitted over the uniform. Approved Spirit Wear navy monogrammed zip up fleece jacket is also an option.

Jewelry & Make-up: Girls may wear one watch without games and/or alarms. They may also wear one religious necklace that is tucked in at all times and one pair of stud-style earrings. All other types of jewelry are not permitted. Make-up is not permitted.

### **BOYS (GRADES K-3)**

Shirts: Red knit or dri-fit polo shirt; (turtleneck may be worn November 1- March 31). Shirts must be tucked in. No layering. Boys may wear plain white short-sleeved undershirts under their uniform knit shirt.

Slacks: Navy dress slacks. No corduroys.

Shorts: Navy long walking shorts - knee length may be worn April 1-October 31. Belts: Plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with slacks and shorts in grades 2-3.

Shoes: Solid brown or black dress shoes such as: oxford tie, loafers or buckle or tan "boat" shoes. Top of shoe is to be below anklebone and must have a back to them. Shoes will be clean and in good repair.

Socks: Solid color red, black, navy or white dress socks or tights. Socks must be crew ankle-length or higher. No sports socks with emblems or "no show" socks.

Sweaters/sweatshirts: Navy or red SAS monogrammed sweatshirt or a navy sweater is permitted over the uniform. Approved Spirit Wear navy monogrammed zip up fleece jacket is also an option.

## **GRADES 4-8 UNIFORM: YOUNG LADIES**

Shirts: The basic uniform shirt is a navy knit, dri-fit polo or navy SAS monogrammed shirt. Shirts must be tucked in. No layering. If wearing khaki pants or shorts, 4th-7th grade girls are to wear a navy polo only (as traditional).

Note: Grade 8 Special Uniform Policy: Young ladies in Grade 8 have the option of wearing any of the following solid color polos - white, navy, red.

No emblems other than SAS-approved.

Skirts: Plaid skirt of any style (purchased from Schoolbelles only). Skirts must be worn no higher than at the knee and may not be rolled.

Slacks: Khaki dress slacks can be worn. No corduroys.

Shorts: Khaki walking shorts. Knee length. May be worn April 1-Oct. 31.

Belts: Plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with slacks and shorts.

Shoes: Dress shoes, such as: oxford tie, loafers or buckle. Height of shoe should be no more than 1-1/2 Inches high. Top of shoe is to be below anklebone and must have a back to them. Shoes will be clean and in good repair.

Socks: Solid color navy, black, or white dress socks. Socks must be ankle-length or higher. No sports socks with emblems or "no show" socks.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts: Navy or red SAS monogrammed sweatshirt or a navy sweater is permitted over the uniform. Approved Spirit Wear black monogrammed zip up fleece jacket is also an option.

Jewelry: Girls may wear one watch without games and/or alarms. They may also wear one religious necklace that is tucked in at all times and one pair of stud-style earrings. All other types of jewelry are not permitted.

Note: Eighth Grade young ladies have the privilege of wearing light makeup. This includes only foundation, cover-up, mascara and clear lip gloss. Young ladies are not permitted to wear eye shadow, eye liner, lipstick, colored gloss, or blush. Violators of this privilege will immediately wash off the make-up and permanently lose this privilege.

#### **GRADES 4-8 UNIFORM: YOUNG GENTLEMEN**

Shirts: Navy knit, dry-fit or navy polo or SAS monogrammed shirt. Shirts must be tucked in. Boys may wear plain white short-sleeved undershirts under their uniform knit shirt.

Note: Grade 8 Special Uniform Policy: Gentlemen in Grade 8 have the option of wearing any of the following solid color polos -white, navy, red. They may wear a white dress shirt and tie with uniform slacks.

No emblems other than SAS-approved.

Slacks: Khaki front pleated, plain front or relaxed fit twill dress slacks. No corduroys.

Shorts: Khaki walking shorts - minimum knee length may be worn April 1-October 31.

Belts: Plain brown, black or navy belt must be worn with slacks and shorts.

Shoes: Solid brown or black dress shoes such as: oxford tie, loafers or buckle or tan "boat" shoes. Top of shoe is to be below anklebone and must have a back to them. Shoes will be clean and in good repair.

Socks: Solid color navy, black, or white dress socks. Socks must be ankle-length or higher. No sports socks with emblems or "no show" socks.

Sweaters/sweatshirts: Navy or red SAS monogrammed sweatshirt or a navy sweater is permitted over the uniform. Approved Spirit Wear black monogrammed zip up fleece jacket is also an option.