



ST. COLUMBKILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL DRESS CODE

The preschool dress code prioritizes comfort, independence, and safety. Students should wear clothing appropriate for play, movement, and bathroom use. Please note that the dress code should be followed every day unless otherwise specified.

General Appearance: Hair, Jewelry, and Accessories

- **Earrings:** Girls may wear stud-style earrings only. No hoops or dangles. Boys may not wear earrings.
- **Necklaces:** One simple necklace may be worn. No chokers, chains, or faddish jewelry.
- **Smartwatches:** Not allowed.
- **Body Art & Fragrance:** No body piercings, tattoos, or perfume.
- **Makeup:** Makeup is not permitted in grades PreK–5. Students in grades 6–8 may wear light, natural-looking makeup only. Excessive or noticeable makeup—including heavy foundation, eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara, lipstick, or colored gloss—is not allowed and will be addressed by teachers or administration. Students may be asked to remove makeup that is deemed inappropriate for school. Final discretion regarding makeup use rests with school administration.
- **Hair:** Must be clean, neatly styled, and kept out of the eyes. Extreme hairstyles or unnatural colors are not permitted. Colored faux hair pieces, clips, or inserts are also not allowed. Hairstyles should not be distracting or disruptive to the learning environment. A hairstyle traditional to a boy's or girl's culture may be deemed appropriate by the Principal (no unnatural color allowed).

Tops

- Any short or long-sleeved shirt, sweater, or sweatshirt
- Dresses and skirts must have shorts or leggings underneath

Bottoms

- Pants, shorts, skirts, or dresses (shorts/leggings underneath required for skirts/dresses)
- Denim is permitted
- Elastic or adjustable waistbands are recommended

Socks & Shoes

- Shoes and socks are required daily.
- Students should be able to secure their own shoes.
- Closed-toe shoes only
- Shoes must fasten securely for active play
- No boots, crocs, sandals, or slip-ons
- Students may wear boots to school on snowy or wet days but need to change into appropriate shoes for the school day.

Winter Weather Clothing

- We recommend that students come prepared for cold weather with a **coat, hat, gloves, snow boots, and snow pants** as needed. Outdoor play is an important part of our school day, and students will go outside **as long as the “feels like” temperature is 20°F or warmer**. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day.

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PK - 8 UNIFORM DRESS CODE

At St. Columbkille Catholic School, the dress code applies to all students in **4-Year-Old Pre-K through 8th grade**. The uniform policy is designed to support a respectful, focused, and faith-filled learning environment. Uniforms promote unity, school pride, modesty, and help minimize distractions—allowing teachers to focus on instruction and students to focus on learning.

Parents and guardians play a vital role in helping children meet dress code expectations each day. We ask for your partnership in ensuring that students arrive at school dressed neatly and appropriately.

The school administration establishes and maintains the standards for uniform color, style, and length. DiGiorgio's Sportswear is our official uniform supplier. Jumpers, skirts, skorts, cardigans, sweaters and sweatshirts must be purchased from DiGiorgio's.

Students are expected to be well-groomed and wear clean, properly fitted uniforms in good condition. Any form of dress, grooming, or hairstyle that is distracting, contrary to good hygiene, or inconsistent with the values and purpose of St. Columbkille Catholic School may be addressed at the discretion of administration.

If a student needs to be out of uniform for a specific reason, a written note or email from a parent/guardian must be submitted and approved by the administration—preferably the day before, and no later than the start of the school day.

Final interpretation of the dress code and the appropriateness of dress rests with school administration.

Thank you for your support in upholding our uniform expectations.

General Appearance: Hair, Jewelry, and Accessories

- **Earrings:** Girls may wear stud-style earrings only. No hoops or dangles. Boys may not wear earrings.
- **Necklaces:** One simple necklace may be worn. No chokers, chains, or faddish jewelry.
- **Smartwatches:** Not allowed.
- **Body Art & Fragrance:** No body piercings, tattoos, or perfume.
- **Makeup:** Makeup is not permitted in grades PreK–5. Students in grades 6–8 may wear light, natural-looking makeup only. Excessive or noticeable makeup—including heavy foundation, eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara, lipstick, or colored gloss—is not allowed and will be addressed by teachers or administration. Students may be asked to remove makeup that is deemed inappropriate for school. Final discretion regarding makeup use rests with school administration.
- **Hair:** Must be clean, neatly styled, and kept out of the eyes. Extreme hairstyles or unnatural colors are not permitted. Colored faux hair pieces, clips, or inserts are also not allowed. Hairstyles should not be distracting or disruptive to the learning environment. A hairstyle traditional to a boy's or girl's culture may be deemed appropriate by the Principal (no unnatural color allowed).

Uniform Details

Shirts (Boys & Girls)

- Must be **solid red polo shirts** (short or long sleeve).

- Can be traditional or have a banded bottom (worn at the waist).
- No ruffles, pleats, puffy sleeves, pockets, decorative trim, or logos (except school logo).
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- A t-shirt worn under a uniform shirt must be short sleeved and solid white (no writing or patterns).

Sweaters & Sweatshirts (Boys & Girls)

- The official St. C cardigan, crewneck, and quarter zip can only be purchased at DiGiorgio's.
- The crewneck sweatshirt must be worn over the uniform polo, with the polo collar visible.
- The cardigan sweater must be worn over the uniform polo, with the polo collar visible.
- The quarter zip pullover must be worn over the uniform polo, with the polo collar visible.
- The school sweatshirt should not be oversized; it must fit at the waist.
- No sweatshirts or outerwear may be worn during school hours, except during recess. This includes St. C spirit wear, which may only be worn on designated spirit days or out-of-uniform days.

Pants (Boys & Girls)

- Solid navy blue dress pants may be worn by all students, uniform-style pants (no cargo or denim).
- Pants must follow the color code, be in good condition, and not faded or tattered.

Shorts (Boys & Girls)

- Navy blue shorts may be worn by all students, uniform-style shorts (no cargo or Bermuda styles).
- All are to be no more than 3 inches from the top of the kneecap.
- Students in **grades PreK–4** may wear shorts only during **Daylight Saving Time** (spring through fall).
- Students in **grades 5–8** may wear shorts **year-round**.

Skirts, Skorts & Jumpers (Girls Only)

- Must be the official St. C plaid and from DiGiorgio's.
 - **Jumpers:** Grades P-4
 - **Skorts:** Grades P-8
 - **Skirts:** Grades 5-8
- **The length of jumpers, skorts, and skirts must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee.**
- Rolled waistbands are not permitted.
- Shorts must be worn underneath jumpers and skirts.

Socks (Boys & Girls)

- Socks or tights must be worn at all times. Socks must rise above the top of the shoe and be visible.
- The uniform colors for socks need to be primarily black or white. Sock colors must match.
- Girls may wear tights in place of socks. Tights must be Navy blue.
- In addition to tights or socks, girls may wear basic navy blue leggings under the uniform jumper, skort, or skirt. Leggings must be fitted, similar to tights. Socks must be worn with leggings.

Shoes (Boys & Girls)

- Must have a closed toe and closed heel, and fasten securely.
- The following footwear is not permitted during the school day: Crocs, boots, sandals, slippers, or moccasins. This list is not exhaustive; any footwear deemed inappropriate for school use may be prohibited at the discretion of school administration.

- Winter boots may be worn to school during inclement weather but must be changed upon arrival into uniform-appropriate shoes.
- Handwriting or drawing is not allowed on shoes.
- Please note that the administration still has the option of determining that a particular pair of shoes is inappropriate, distracting, and may not be allowed to be worn with the uniform. Extremes (as defined by the administration) will not be allowed.

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- We recommend that students come prepared for cold weather with a **coat, hat, gloves, snow boots, and snow pants** as needed.
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- Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day.

Spirit Days

Acceptable Options:

- On Spirit Days, students may wear an official St. Columbkille school, church, or athletics t-shirt or sweatshirt. These may be worn with jeans, athletic pants, or uniform bottoms.
- Pajama pants are not allowed.
- No hats are allowed without special approval.
- Uniform shorts will be the only shorts allowed on spirit days when shorts are part of the dress code.
- Regular shoe policy still applies.
- All other rules and standards contained in this document are still applicable.

Dress Down Days

Occasionally the administration will designate a special “dress-down” day. Uniforms are not required, but students must dress appropriately.

Acceptable Options:

- Jeans, khakis, or capris (no holes or tears)
- Athletic pants or sweatpants
- Dresses or skirts (with shorts or leggings underneath)
- Uniform shorts when shorts are part of the dress code

Unacceptable Items:

- Pants with words on the seat
- Non-uniform shorts
- Bare midriffs, low-cut, off-the-shoulder, or spaghetti strap tops
- Pajama shirts or pants
- No hats are allowed without special approval.
- T-shirts or sweatshirts must be in good taste with no abusive or offensive language or graphic images. No advertisements for alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products are allowed. No political messages or political attire is allowed.
- All other rules and standards contained in this document are still applicable.

Spirit Days vs. Dress Down Days

Participation in both Spirit Days and Dress Down Days is **optional**. Please note the distinction between the two:

- Spirit Days require students to wear a uniform polo, uniform sweatshirt, or an official St. Columbkille school or parish spirit shirt or sweatshirt.
 - Wearing a shirt in school colors alone does not qualify as spirit wear.
 - High school apparel is not allowed.
 - Footwear regulations remain the same as on regular school days.
 - **Students who do not follow the dress code for Spirit or Dress Down Days may be required to call home or change into a school uniform.**

Uniform Policy: Procedures & Consequences for Non-Compliance

We understand that students develop personal responsibility at different stages. When addressing concerns related to dress or appearance, a student's age and grade level will be taken into consideration. As students grow and move through the St. Columbkille educational experience, we expect them to have an increased ability to be more responsible for themselves.

The uniform policy can be updated at any time by the administration. Final decisions regarding the appropriateness of dress and any consequences for non-compliance rest with the school administration. Possible consequences may include, but are not limited to, a uniform violation notice, demerit, etc. Repeated dress code violations may result in a parent meeting or loss of privileges.

We rely on the support of our families to help students arrive each day in dress code and ready to learn. When students come to school dressed appropriately, it minimizes distractions and allows us to focus our time and energy on what matters most—teaching and learning. Thank you for your partnership in reinforcing these expectations.