

August 3, 2017

Dear Parents,

As this weekend is Ohio's "Tax-Free" weekend for school shopping, we wanted to provide a few reminders for what is appropriate attire for the St. Albert the Great Dress Code. Please note, that we have added GRAY to the acceptable colors for shoes, again providing that all parts of the shoe are gray.

School Shoes

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOT ADVOCATING FOR SPERRY SHOES. ANY SHOE THAT MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA IS ACCEPTABLE.

Boys' Shoes

- Dress shoes.
- Brown or black -MUST BE ONE SOLID COLOR
- SOLID black athletic shoes are permitted – NO COLORED LOGOS, STITCHING, LABELS OR SHOELACES (**Please do not black in logos already on shoes.**)
- Shoes with rivets must have laces and be tied at all times
- Shoelaces must be brown or black - no mismatched colors

NOT PERMITTED

- Work boots or similar type footwear that cover the ankle.
- Boots are encouraged during the winter months to be worn to and from school, but not during the school day.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE SHOES (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)



EXAMPLES OF NOT ACCEPTABLE SHOES (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)



Girls' Shoes

- School dress shoes – heel must not exceed one inch
- Saddle shoes are permitted
- **BROWN (includes Tan or Beige), NAVY BLUE, GRAY, OR BLACK**
-MUST BE ONE SOLID COLOR

**Sperry Shoes must be one of the above listed solid colors on ALL parts of the shoe – no animal prints, plaids, or complete sequin coverage (see below)*

- Shoes with laces must be tied at all times
- Shoelaces must be brown, navy blue, gray, or black – no mismatched colors

NOT PERMITTED

- Sandals, jellies, boots, Crocs, moccasins or tennis shoes (tie or slip on)
- Boots are encouraged during winter months to be worn to and from school only. Regular school shoes should be worn during the day.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE SHOES (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)



EXAMPLES OF NOT ACCEPTABLE SHOES (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)



Socks

Girls' Socks

- **NAVY BLUE, BLACK, WHITE, OR GRAY – MUST BE ONE SOLID COLOR**
(Nike Socks in black or white with one solid check mark are the only acceptable logo.)
- Socks **MUST** cover the ankle (crew socks)

Girls' Tights - (under the school uniform)

- Navy blue, white, black, gray tights are permitted under the school uniform

To clarify what are considered APPROPRIATE TIGHTS:

- Tights are to be a type of **HOSIERY WITH FEET** worn with the uniform made from a lycra/nylon material

- These are NOT to be leggings pants, straight-legged pants, or skinny legged pants

Girls are permitted to wear any type of pants with/under the uniform, (legging pants, sweat pants, straight legged pants, skinny pants), **to and from school and or for recess ONLY**. These types of pants are not permitted at any other time throughout the school day.

Boys' Socks

- **NAVY BLUE, BLACK, WHITE, OR GRAY – MUST BE ONE SOLID COLOR** (Nike Socks in black or white with one solid check mark are the only acceptable logo.)
- Socks **MUST** cover the ankle (crew socks)

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EXAMPLES OF NOT ACCETPABLE SOCKS (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)



Other Reminders:

Sweatshirts - Many students tend to wear sweatshirts as a winter coat / jacket on colder days. Please note that these **MUST** be removed once the students are in school or at mass unless it is a school uniform sweatshirt. Wearing a coat or jacket could help alleviate this confusion.

Hairstyles – Please note the section of the handbook regarding appropriate hairstyles. Boys' hair must be above the collar and the ear. Girls' hairstyles should be conservative. Please note that any hair wraps that are applied over the summer must be removed prior to the first day of school.

Make-up – NONE. Girls should not wear mascara, eye shadow, eye liner, lipstick, or nail polish. If they come to school with this on, they will be asked to remove it.

Out of Uniform Days - There will be significantly fewer opportunities for dressing out of uniform next year. We recognize the sense of unity established by a dress code and are looking forward to a more consistent appearance in gym class as well.

When there are opportunities to dress out of uniform there are specific guidelines that must be followed in efforts to promote the modesty required of a Catholic school student.

- Tank, sleeveless, or spaghetti strap tops may NOT be worn without a sweater/shrug.
- Tops that are low-cut at the neck or expose bare midriffs when sitting, stretching, bending, stooping, etc. may NOT be worn
- Skirts or dresses cannot be any shorter than 2 inches above the knee
- Skinny jeans or other tight fitting leg wear should be worn with a long sweater, shirt, or skirt to provide adequate coverage
- No yoga pants are to be worn
- No shorts are to be worn unless stated by the principal
(Being that we are in an air-conditioned building, this would be a rare exception.)
- When permitted, girls' and boys' shorts must be appropriate length and boys' shorts must be no longer than the knees. (Bermuda Shorts, Cargo Shorts, and/or Capris are appropriate.)
- Sandals, slides, Crocs, clogs or backless shoes are NOT PERMITTED at any time
(Especially as wood chips on the playground would easily get in those shoes.)
- The language/decoration on the shirts should be appropriate for St. Albert the Great School

We appreciate your support and assistance in helping your children understand the importance of a modest and uniform dress code.

We look forward to a great 2017-2018 School Year!