**Updated Dress Code**

**August 2019**

St. Andrew Nativity School views the education of its students as its most important task. All aspects of school life must support this task. Therefore, just as the school requires that students wear specific clothing when playing a sport, appearing in a play or concert, etc., the school requires that students dress in a specific manner that contributes to the creation of a Christian learning environment. If the Dress Code is a financial problem, please contact the Administrative Assistant, Principal, or President.

Parents/Guardians should also be sure that students attend to matters of personal hygiene and grooming. All clothes must be clean and in good repair. Students must arrive to and leave school in uniform. Students may not change clothes after arriving or before leaving school without permission from the school.

Any item of clothing that is distracting to the learning environment will not be allowed.

**On school days without Mass, students may wear:**

* Khaki or navy blue hemmed trousers, skirts, skorts, jumpers or shorts. Shorts are allowed at the school administration’s discretion. Skirts and shorts must be no shorter than two inches above the knees.
* A black or brown **belt** must be worn with shorts and trousers.
* A collared white dress shirt/blouse OR a collared white or navy blue polo shirt. Brand logos or emblems may be no larger than 2” inches. Shirts can be short- or long-sleeved. Anything worn under the shirt must be white. **Shirts should be tucked in.**
* Students may wear a mostly blue necktie or bowtie with a button-down dress shirt, but ties are not required on non-Mass days.
* A **navy blue** sweater or vest.
* Shoes must be closed-toed and have a back. No heels are allowed.
* Jewelry should be minimal and not a source of distraction. Students may wear one earring in each ear. Long, dangling earrings are not appropriate for school. Hoop earrings must be smaller than a quarter. No other piercing-style jewelry may be worn.
* Hairstyles should not be a source of distraction.
* Hair accessories should be black, white, grey or navy blue.
* Hats and hoods are only to be worn outside the buildings.
* No false fingernails or excessive makeup should be worn.
* Coats, jackets and non-uniform sweaters and sweatshirts are not to be worn in the building during the school day and should be stored in the students’ cubby or locker.
* Good personal hygiene should be observed.

**On Mass days (usually once a month), students must wear a more formal version of our uniform, which requires:**

* No shorts.
* No polo shirts.
* Male students must wear mostly blue neckties or bowties with their button-down dress shirt

**On free dress days, students and families should use their best judgement on the appropriateness of attire.** If a student’s clothing is inappropriate for school activities, he or she will be given a spare uniform to wear.

**The school administration reserves to itself the final word regarding the appropriateness of student dress.**