

## **SAINT GREGORY SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY ~ 2011-12**

**SAINT GREGORY SHIRTS:** All students are required to have an official (*Royal Blue tee, polo or sweatshirt with the school logo or school name*) Saint Gregory shirt. Orders for these shirts are taken 2-3 times each year through the school or can be purchased at any time at the T-Shirt Loft which is located on Main Street in Zelenople.

Students **MUST** wear the Saint Gregory shirt on **Mass** days and for all **field trips**. On these occasions the St. Gregory Shirt must be visible and not hidden under a sweater. A turtleneck may be worn **UNDER** the St. Gregory shirt or a St. Gregory sweatshirt can be worn for warmth.

Students in grades 7 & 8 must have a Saint Gregory **Polo** Shirt for the annual trip to Washington D.C. in the spring.

*Please put your child's initials or your family name in all St. Gregory clothing items so that they do not get lost.*

**SHIRTS:** With the exception of the St. Gregory shirts, ALL shirts must have a collar. Solid colored or striped button down or polo shirts, or official St. Gregory shirts (as described above) must be worn. Stripes can be any color and can be either a single stripe or many stripes that run parallel to one another. NO plaids, prints, graphics or writing on shirts. NO sweatshirts except for St. Gregory sweatshirts.

Sweaters must be solid colored or striped and can only be worn over a St. Gregory shirt or a collared shirt. Pullovers and cardigans are acceptable. Sweaters cannot have hoods.

Turtlenecks are only permitted under a St. Gregory shirt or a collared shirt. A turtleneck is NOT considered a collared shirt.

Shirts from school events such as our anniversary, sports programs, Challenge of Champions, etc. are only permitted on designated, monthly Spirit Days.

Please make sure that your child has a St. Gregory sweatshirt or an appropriate sweater (*see above*) to keep at school when the weather is cold. They will not be permitted to wear jackets or any other kind of sweatshirt in school.

**PANTS:** Solid, any color, dress pants must be worn during school. This includes *Dockers* style khakis, corduroys and dress slacks. Pants must fit properly. NO tight fitting stretch pants, "skinny" pants, leggings, blue jeans, excessively loose fitting pants, etc. Pants should not be so long that they are being walked on.

**SHORTS:** Solid, any color, *Dockers* style walking shorts are permitted from the start of school through September 30<sup>th</sup> and from May 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of the year. Shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the knee when standing.

**SKIRTS:** Solid blue, solid khaki, or blue plaid skirts are permitted. Skirts must be no shorter than 3" above the knee when standing. The same applies to **skorts, culottes, & jumpers.**

**SHOES:** Students should wear shoes that are comfortable and easy to move around in. **Tennis shoes are always permitted.** NO backless shoes, fashion boots, large platforms, skinny heels, flip flops, Crocs or Heelys. No heel is allowed to be over 2” high. Students wearing winter boots to school must have shoes to change into.

**GYM:** Pants for gym must be either dress code pants, dress code shorts (*when permitted*) or solid colored cotton gym pants or sweatpants on gym days. Tennis shoes are **required** on gym days. No other gym pants are permitted and no gym shorts are permitted. This includes, but is not limited to warm-up, wind, break away & basketball pants/shorts. Shirts for gym must be dress code – either blue St. Gregory shirts or collared shirts.

**SWAP SHOP:** Please be sure to take advantage of our school swap shop. We have many, many gently worn items that have been donated back by other families. Some items may have a small price tag, but most items are FREE! There are pants, jumpers, shirts, and even shoes available. We only have room to store so much at a time, so don’t be afraid to take as much as you can use.

**SPIRIT DAYS:** Once a month we will have a school spirit day and any shirt from Saint Gregory activities, such as our anniversary shirts, Challenge of Champions, sports tournaments, and other school related events may be worn on those days.

**DRESS DOWN DAYS:** There are occasions when we will have dress down days throughout the year. These may be for student council, to raise money for a charity, for field day, etc. While the students do not have to be in dress code on these days, they still have to be dressed appropriately. Pants cannot have holes, shorts and skirts must still be of proper length (no shorter than 3” above knee), and shirts must cover appropriately and not include any inappropriate graphics or sayings. No tank tops and no t-shirts that are cut open on the sides. Please use common sense.

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Good grooming sets the tone for the general atmosphere of the school. A student’s style of dress should create a wholesome and healthy attitude towards learning.

It is your responsibility to see to it that your child comes to school dressed properly. If your child gets in trouble over the dress code, don’t blame the school. You are made aware of the dress code at the time of registration. If you don’t want your child to follow those guidelines, then you should find a new school for your child. We cannot expect the children to learn to follow rules if we break them ourselves. Neither you nor your children need to worry about how anyone else is dressed or what is being done about it. That is not your concern.

If your child does not have clothes that fit the dress code and money is an issue for you, please contact the school office and I will work something out without ever revealing your name.

Although dress code appropriate clothing can be purchased almost anywhere, you can visit either frenchtoast.com or schoolbelles.com for plaids or other uniform style attire.

**Looking ahead:** Please keep in mind that there will be more changes to the dress code for the 2012-13 school year. These changes will be sent home before Thanksgiving break so that you have them in plenty of time to do your Christmas shopping.

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