



## **2017-2018 ST. PIUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS POLICY**

School uniforms are representative of St. Pius Elementary School, its mission and all which the school teaches. Students should take pride in their personal appearance at all times and wear the uniform as proud representatives of St. Pius Elementary School. Students must be in compliance with uniform guidelines, and the spirit of the guidelines, while on campus and while riding the school bus. Students attending any school function where uniforms are not required should remain cognizant of the mission of the school as well as the modesty to which all Christians are called.

### **STUDENT ID TAGS**

Students are required to wear their Student ID tags at all times during the school day. The ID Tag should be clipped to the collar of PreK through third grade students' shirts or blouses. Fourth through eighth graders are allowed to wear St. Pius lanyards. **A replacement fee of \$5.00 will be assessed for Student ID replacement.** No drawing or decorating of ID's or ID pouches is allowed.

**The official St. Pius Crest, Cougar logo, SPES initials and/or name of the school and its mascot are not allowed on any uniform items other than those specified in this policy. Approved SPES outerwear, gym wear and spirit wear can be purchased through authorized vendor, Perfect Fitz, online at [http://store.perfectfitz.com/St\\_Pius\\_Spirit\\_Store/products](http://store.perfectfitz.com/St_Pius_Spirit_Store/products)**

### **GIRLS:**

All students should have an understanding of the importance of personal appearance. They should take pride in their appearance and dress appropriately and modestly every day. Personal hygiene and grooming, along with modesty, is something to which all St. Pius girls should pay attention. Hair should be kept clean, well-groomed and out of the eyes. Hair may not be dyed or tinted or unnatural or distracting colors and hair cannot be bleached. In recognition and appreciation of our students' natural beauty, no make-up shall be worn. Clear nail polish is allowed but no colored polish should be worn. Skirt length should be three inches from the floor when kneeling (in front) and touching the calf when kneeling in back. Length of long pants should not be above the ankle and a black or dark brown belt must be worn with any long pants that have belt loops. In representing the school, all shirts should have the noted color crest embroidered or screened on the left side of the chest over the heart and shall be worn tucked in at all times.

**SKIRTS:** The official St. Pius plaid skirt, with left-side zipper and button closure and sewn-down box pleats may be worn by girls only in fourth through eighth grades. Solid black, navy or forest green cheer-style bloomers or shorts that do not extend below hemline must be worn with skirts.

**GIRLS' JUMPERS:** The official St. Pius plaid bib-style jumper with side button or zipper, that are offered by official St. Pius vendors and meet the aforementioned length requirements, may be worn by girls in PreK through third grades only. Solid black, navy or forest green bloomers or shorts that do not extend below the hemline must be worn with jumpers.

**SHORTS OR SLACKS:** Girls in all grade levels may wear the official St. Pius plaid shorts or slacks which meet the aforementioned length requirements. PreK through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls may wear pull-up, elasticized waist shorts or slacks. Fourth through eighth grade girls may wear the official solid grey uniform slacks manufactured by Rifle, A+, or Elderwear only. Shorts may NOT be worn on Mass days.

**SHIRTS:** The following shirts are acceptable uniform wear for SPES girls:

**POLO SHIRT:** Must be the official navy blue pique polo shirt with white crest or white pique polo shirt with forest green crest with either short or long sleeves

**OXFORD SHIRTS:** White Oxford cloth shirt, short or long sleeve, with forest green crest may be worn by girls in fourth through eighth grades.

**GIRLS' PETER PAN BLOUSE:** White poly-cotton blouses with Peter Pan collar, long or short sleeve, with the forest green crest may be worn by girls in PreK through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade with shorts or jumper.

**JEWELRY AND HAIR ACCESSORIES:** The only type of earrings permitted for girls are gold, silver and school color post earrings. Only one necklace with religious medal or cross and one bracelet per wrist and one ring per hand may be worn. Bows, barrettes, headbands and ribbons should include only school colors: forest green, navy, black, grey and white or any combination thereof. Additionally, elastic hair bands may be in any of the previously stated school colors or a color that blends with the students' natural hair color. Jeweled and/or feathered hair accessories are not permitted.

**FOOTWEAR:** Lace-up tennis shoes in school colors black, navy blue, white, grey or any combination thereof, if not distracting, may be worn as long as they do not come above the ankle. Solid black dress shoes and/or black and white Saddle Oxfords may also be worn. (NOTE: Athletic shoes MUST be worn for P.E. classes.) PreK and Kindergarten students should have Velcro closures. White, black or grey socks must be worn and visible above the ankle.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** During cold weather, SPES girls may wear white camisoles, sleeveless or short sleeve crewneck t-shirts under their blouses/shirts. High-neck and turtle-neck undershirts are not allowed. Girls may also wear white, navy, grey or black footed tights (not leggings) under their shorts, jumpers or skirts.

## **BOYS:**

All students should have an understanding of the importance of personal appearance. In recognition of the fact that our boys are becoming young gentlemen, they should take pride in their appearance and be properly groomed at all times during the school day. Hair should be clean and cut above the eyebrows, ear and shirt collar. Hair should not be bleached, dyed or tinted with no carving/shaving into the hairline. Boys should be clean-shaven at all times. Short length should be an appropriate three inches from the floor when kneeling. Length of long pants should not be above the ankle. All shorts and slacks should be free of stains and tears and must be sized to fit the natural waistline with no sagging onto the hip. A black belt must be worn with any long pants that have belt loops. All shirts should have the required color crest embroidered or screened on the left side of the chest over the heart and be tucked in at all times.

## **BOYS (Cont'd):**

**SHORTS OR SLACKS:** Boys in all grade levels may wear the official St. Pius solid grey A+ or Rifle brand shorts or slacks. Pull-up style, elasticized waist shorts or slacks may be worn by PreK and Kindergarten boys ONLY. Slacks MUST be worn on Mass days.

**SHIRTS:** The following shirts are acceptable uniform wear for SPES boys:

**POLO SHIRT:** Must be the official navy blue pique polo shirt with white crest or white pique polo shirt with forest green crest with either short or long sleeves

**OXFORD SHIRTS:** White Oxford cloth shirt, short or long sleeve, with forest green crest may be worn by boys and girls in fourth through eighth grades.

**FOOTWEAR:** Lace-up tennis shoes in school colors - black, blue, white, grey or any combination thereof, if not distracting, may be worn as long as they do not come above the ankle. Solid black dress shoes may also be worn. (NOTE: Athletic shoes must be worn for P.E. classes.) PreK and Kindergarten students should have Velcro closures. White, black or grey socks must be worn and visible above the ankle.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Boys may wear one religious medal on chain or leather necklace. One bracelet and/or one ring, designed specifically for males, may be worn. Solid white, crew neck t-shirts may be worn under any official SPES shirt. High-neck and turtle-neck undershirts are not allowed.

**OUTERWEAR:** All new, approved St. Pius outerwear is offered exclusively on the SPES Online Spirit Shop, with the exception of the forest green sweaters. Slightly used SPES outerwear is offered by official SPES vendor, Uniformity. If purchasing used uniform outerwear, refer to the SPES Online Spirit Shop to determine currently accepted outerwear.

**SWEATSHIRTS:** Must be long sleeve, crew neck or hooded pullover style in grey, navy or forest green which appear on the SPES Online Spirit Shop. Anytime a sweatshirt is worn, it must be worn over an approved uniform shirt.

**JACKETS:** The official all-weather nylon jacket with grey sweatshirt lining is available for purchase on the SPES Online Spirit Shop. Full zipper fleece jackets with the SPES crest embroidered in white, in both navy and forest green are sold only on the SPES Online Spirit Shop. (NOTE: USED SPES fleece jackets may be purchased at official SPES vendor, UNIFORMITY.)

**SWEATERS:** Forest green knit sweaters, manufactured by School Apparel, Universal or A+, with the official SPES crest in white may be worn over any official SPES shirt approved for the grade level. Sweaters may be long sleeve button-up crew or V-neck cardigan, long sleeve crew or V-neck pullover or sleeveless V-neck pullover style.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Official SPES crested scarves in navy and forest green, as well as knit beanies and gloves in navy and forest green are allowed on cold weather days.

**P.E. WEAR:** All students in fifth through eighth grades must dress out for P.E. class in the official St. Pius P.E. uniform offered exclusively through the St. Pius Online Spirit Shop. The official uniform consists of green mesh SPES gym shorts (in two lengths), grey and green SPES t-shirt, uniform socks and uniform tennis shoes (see above for uniform specifications). When dressing for P.E. the aforementioned attention to modesty, grooming and self-respect should remain in place. Gym wear should be loose fitting, not too short or too form-fitting. If P.E. teachers determine a student's gym wear ill-fitting and/or inappropriate, the shorts and/or shirt must be replaced upon teacher request. Sample uniforms are available in the Dean of Students' office at the front of school. Gym wear must be stored in the official green and black P.E. bag available solely on the St. Pius Online Spirit Shop.

**SPIRIT DRESS DAYS:** Spirit Dress Days are scheduled on the last Thursday of each month. All students and faculty/staff members may wear official SPES Spirit Shirts (entitled “SPES-APPROVED...”) which are offered on the St. Pius Online Spirit Shop. Students may also wear current year athletic team jerseys/shirts or current year school-sponsored club shirts. PreK students may wear the special spirit shirts they receive on “Meet the Teacher” day and eighth graders may wear the official eighth grade class shirt presented to them at the first Mass of the school year. Spirit shirts may be worn with uniform shorts, slacks, skirts or jumpers. Students, faculty and staff also have the option to contribute \$1 to the missions on Spirit Day which entitles them to wear blue jeans (free of stains, tears, extreme fading, patches, “bejeweling,” etc.) with their official SPES spirit shirts.

**NOTE:** *Students should always pay attention to uniform guidelines since uniform violations are counted as minor violations affecting the conduct grade. It is impossible to anticipate all possible uniform-related violations. Anything determined to disrupt/distract from the school day and/or anything that is considered inappropriate, not in keeping with the spirit and/or philosophy of St. Pius Elementary School will be deemed a uniform infraction even if not explicitly set forth in this policy.*

#### **APPROVED UNIFORM VENDORS**

- **Fashion World**  
3607 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy, Lafayette, LA 70503                      991-0017  
[www.fwschooluniforms.com](http://www.fwschooluniforms.com)
  
- **Perfect Fitz**  
Authorized Vendor of SPES outerwear, P.E. uniforms and spirit wear  
100 Burgess Drive, Broussard, La. 70518                                      837-6461  
[http://store.perfectfitz.com/st\\_pius\\_spirit\\_shop](http://store.perfectfitz.com/st_pius_spirit_shop)
  
- **School Time**  
1875 West Pinhook Road, Lafayette, LA 70508                                      988-9740  
[www.schooltimeuniforms.com](http://www.schooltimeuniforms.com)
  
- **Uniformity**  
New and Pre-Owned Private School Apparel  
601-D Kaliste Saloom Rd, Lafayette, LA 70508                                      205-0200  
[www.uniformitylafayette.com](http://www.uniformitylafayette.com)
  
- **Young Fashions**  
2722 Kaliste Saloom Road, Lafayette, LA 70508                                      988-3600  
[www.youngfashions.com](http://www.youngfashions.com)