

## Uniform Dress Code 2018-2019 School Year

The Dress Code and uniforms of St. Croix Preparatory Academy (SCPA) build community and diminish the importance of external factors related to clothing. SCPA faculty and students are expected to dress in a way that aligns with our mission of maintaining a learning environment that focuses on the development of each student's academic potential, personal character and leadership qualities.

All SCPA students are expected to be in school uniform each day, except for the designated non-uniform days or spirit wear days. Neatness, cleanliness, and modesty should be observed at all times. Please see the modesty guidelines detailed on page three of the SCPA Dress Code. SCPA reserves the right to determine appropriateness of attire. Questions related to the appropriateness of a student's dress will be determined by the administration of SCPA.

### Uniform Provider

Uniform clothing must be ordered through Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform or Donald's Uniform (with the exception of shoes, socks, coats and other accessories).

#### Ordering Information:

##### Tommy Hilfiger School Uniform –Online Only

Website: <https://www.globalschoolwear.com>  
School Code: STCR01  
Phone: 1-877-825-2860 (Customer Service)

##### Donald's Uniform – Online & Retail Store-front

Address: 972 Payne Ave  
St.Paul, MN 55130  
Website: <https://www.donaldsuniform.com>  
School Code: STCR01  
Phone: 651-776-2723

### Grandfathering of Lands' End Uniform Items

Lands' End items which were approved in previous years' dress code are grandfathered in to the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Dress Code; these items must comply with modesty and condition guidelines laid forth in this current Uniform Dress Code. **Key changes for 2018-2019: no skorts** in middle school or upper school and **biker shorts are required under skirts**. Skorts are defined as any of the following: 1). a skirt with a pair of integral shorts hidden underneath, 2). a pencil or straight slim-fitting skirt or 3). any skirt that does not have pleats.

### Modesty Guidelines

Modesty is defined as the reserve in dress to prevent unintentional exposure of the body. It is recognized that there are varied opinions as to what constitutes modesty, therefore the following guidelines help define the expectations for SCPA students. **Violations of these guidelines will be treated as a uniform violation.**

- No underwear showing, bottoms are to be worn at the natural waist.
- No bra straps, or cleavage may be showing.
- No midriff may be showing.
- Outfits, both uniform or non-uniform, that are too tight and/or too revealing, including leggings, jeggings and other tight fitting spandex pants are not to be worn.
- The latest fashion or fad may not fit the dress code.

- ***Biker shorts, or leggings, or tights MUST BE WORN under skirts (applies only to grades 5-12).*** - Solid colors only: navy, black, gray or white.

### **Dress Code Violations**

Students and parents/guardians will be informed of dress code violations. Dress code violations will result in disciplinary actions, which may include but not be limited to:

- A verbal warning and parent notification
- Detention and parent notification
- Conference between parents/guardians, student and Division Principal. Additional consequences may be given at this time.

### **Non-Uniform Days**

Non-Uniform days will be scheduled throughout the course of the year. Students will be informed of non-uniform days prior to their occurrence. Students must demonstrate neatness, cleanliness, and modesty in their appearance on non-uniform days. Clothing on a non-uniform day should not be a distraction to teaching and learning. SCPA reserves the right to determine appropriateness of attire. Questions related to the appropriateness of a student's dress will be determined by the administration of SCPA.

### **Non-Uniform Days**

#### **Additional Items**

- Shirts must have sleeves or have another shirt over the top and must be modestly buttoned. Only the top button may be undone. No underwear, bra straps, cleavage or midriff may be showing.
- Skirts, shorts, dresses, skorts must be no shorter than 1" past end of longest fingertips.
- All other general SCPA dress code guidelines should be followed.

### **Spirit Wear Days**

To enhance school spirit and build a closer community, SCPA will have days when students may wear spirit wear in lieu of their uniform. Spirit wear days will be scheduled throughout the year. The following guidelines apply:

- All previously issued SCPA spirit wear attire, athletic participation shirts and event clothing may be worn. This includes SCPA branded or issued athletic uniform shorts and warm-up pants.
- Jeans (solid blue or black) may be worn otherwise uniform pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts are to accompany the Spirit Wear attire.

### **Opt-Out Provision**

Parents or guardians may apply to the Division Principal for full or partial exemption from the dress code in the following situations:

- A student's disability or medical condition which would substantially interfere with a student's ability to comply with the dress code
- A student's religious observation which would be substantially hindered by compliance with the dress code

### **Physical Education Uniform**

Students in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are required to wear a SCPA gym uniform. The uniform consists of a t-shirt and mesh shorts. The gym uniform is available at **Tommy Hilfiger only. Donald's Uniform does not carry gym uniforms.** Students are required to have tennis shoes for class in all grade levels.

### **Dress Code Notes**

#### **Shirts**

- All shirts must be buttoned modestly at all times. Only top button may be undone.
- Uniform shirts do not need to be tucked in. Uniform shirts may hang out under the uniform sweatshirt, sweater or fleece jacket and vests.
- No long-sleeve shirts may be worn underneath short-sleeve shirts.
- Undershirts under uniform collared shirts must be white.
  - Undershirts may not hang below the uniform shirt.
  - No print, lace or frayed shirts.
  - Peter Pan Shirt- No ruffles on collar.

### **Sweatshirts**

- Current dress code sweatshirts/polar fleece only – no SCPA hooded sweatshirt or spirit wear.
- Must have uniform shirt underneath sweatshirt if sweatshirt is removed during school hours.

### **Jumpers / Skorts / Skirts**

- *Bike shorts, leggings or tights MUST BE WORN under skirts in grades 5-12.*
- **Skorts are not allowed in grades 5-12. Skorts are defined as:**
  - **A skirt with a pair of integral shorts hidden underneath.**
  - **A pencil or straight slim-fitting skirt.**
  - **Any skirt that does not have pleats.**
- Uniform shirts must be worn under the jumper.
- Length, no shorter than 1" past end of longest fingertips.
- Leg Coverings (tights, socks, leggings)
  - Lower School - any color & print.
  - Middle and Upper School - Solid colors only: navy, black, gray or white.
  - Tights (footed or footless)
  - Capri leggings
  - Must be opaque
  - No fishnets or full-lace tights/leggings.
  - No pajama pants under jumpers/skorts/skirts.

### **Pants/Shorts**

- All K-8<sup>th</sup> grade pants and shorts must be purchased through Tommy Hilfiger or Donald's School Uniform.
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade pants may be purchased from any vendor but must be navy or khaki and have no more than 4 pockets. Banded bottom cargo pants ("Joggers") are not allowed. **All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade pants must be similar in style, color and fabric to Tommy Hilfiger or Donald's uniform options.**
- *All K-12<sup>th</sup> grade shorts can be no shorter than 1" past end of longest fingertips.*
- No skin or underwear showing.
- No rolling/cuffing.

### **Shoes**

- **Shoes should be neat, modest and not draw undue attention to the student.**
- No flip-flops.
- No heel height restrictions have been made, but the school reserves the right to make restrictions.

### **Concert Attire**

- **Lower School:** Dress-up attire is suggested. No jeans, t-shirts or short skirts. For safety purposes, flat shoes should be worn
- **Middle School except for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Prep Choir:**

- White top, black dress slacks or skirt, and black shoes (NO jeans or leggings).
- Shirts/tops must have sleeves or be worn with a sweater/jacket.
- Boys must wear a collared shirt (polos are acceptable, but **no** t-shirts).
- Girls' skirts must be **longer than the knees while sitting or wear solid opaque black or white leggings or tights under skirts/dresses.**
- **Upper School and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Prep Choir:** Concert Attire measured for and purchased at the start of each school year.
  - Women must provide their own black tights and close-toed shoes. Minimal jewelry and hair accessories. Dress Price: \$60
  - Men must provide their own black socks and dress shoes.  
Tuxedo Price: \$100 (includes jacket, shirt, pants, tie, and cummerbund)
- **Financial Assistance for Concert Attire:** If concert attire is a financial hardship or if you have any questions, please contact your child's music director directly.

**Additional Notes:**

- Only Grades 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> can wear navy shirts & khaki bottom.
- Only Grades 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> can wear plaid skirts.
- Worn, damaged, faded or outgrown uniforms should be repaired and/or replaced.
- No letter jackets are to be worn in the classrooms except on spirit wear days.
- Hats and sunglasses are not allowed to be worn in school except for special event days that specifically allow for these to be worn.
- All clothing, jewelry, make-up, hairstyles and accessories should be neat, modest and not draw undue attention to the student. Students may be asked to remove inappropriate accessories.
- **Specifically excluded accessories include: arm warmers, bandanas, or clothing ornamentation such as scarves and pins.**
- **Belts are acceptable only with bottoms that have belt loops and belts must be worn through the belt loops.**
- No tying shirts in the back.
- No gloves or mittens may be worn during school hours except for recess. No coats and non-SCPA sweaters/sweatshirts may be worn during school hours except for recess.
- No writing on arms, legs, faces or uniforms.