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## DRESS CODE

The Dress Code and uniforms of St. Croix Preparatory Academy (St. Croix Prep) build community and diminish the importance of external factors related to clothing. Implementing a dress code at St. Croix Prep, promotes professionalism, cultivates a focused learning environment, and prepares students for the future. Uniforms promote a sense of equality and unity among students. This fosters an inclusive environment where students can focus on their education rather than their appearance.

All St. Croix Prep students are expected to be in school uniform each day, except for the designated dress-up days or spirit wear days. Neatness, cleanliness, and modesty guidelines should be observed at all times. St. Croix Prep reserves the right to determine dress code violations.

## 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).

Families who are eligible for educational benefits are eligible to receive benefits for school uniforms. Please contact the main office.

## Uniform Ordering

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 Storefront

Address: 972 Payne Ave St. Paul, MN 55130

Website: <https://www.donaldsuniform.com>

School Code: STCR01

Phone: 651-776-2723

## Modesty Guidelines

*These guidelines apply to all school dress*

"Modesty" is appearance intended to avoid impropriety or indecency. It is recognized that there are varied opinions as to what constitutes modesty, therefore the following guidelines help define the expectations for St. Croix Prep students.

Violations of these guidelines may result in disciplinary action.

- No underwear showing



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- The latest fashion or fad may not fit the dress code.
- K-4 any colored/patterned leggings.
- Grades 5-12: solid colors only in navy, black, gray or white.

## School Uniform Guidelines

### Shirts, Tops, & Sweaters

- All visible shirts must have a St. Croix Prep logo
- If layering shirts, long-sleeve shirts are not allowed to be worn underneath short-sleeve shirts.
- On uniform days no letter jackets, St. Croix Prep hooded sweatshirts, or spirit wear may be worn
- Collared shirts must be buttoned fully and only the collar and top button may be undone
- Undershirts worn under collared shirts must be solid white
- Undershirts must not hang below the uniform shirt unless it is also a uniform shirt
- All tops must be of an appropriate size and fit that allows for freedom of movement and maintains a professional appearance

### Pants, Shorts, Skirts, & Jumpers

- Kindergarten - 4th grade
  - Pants and shorts must be navy and have no more than 4 pockets – they may be purchased from any vendor but must be similar in style, color, and fabric to Tommy Hilfiger or Donald's Uniform options (no banded bottom cargo pants aka "joggers", no spandex pants or leggings unless under a skirt/jumper, shorts must have an inseam of 6" or greater).
  - Skirts may be purchased from any vendor but must be similar in style and fabric and **must** be navy (no plaid or khaki allowed for K-4th).
  - Jumpers must be purchased from the uniform vendor and must be navy or plaid.
  - Skorts may be purchased from any vendor but must be similar in style and fabric and be navy in color (a skort is a skirt with a pair of integral shorts hidden underneath).
  - Leggings, capri leggings, tights (may be footed or footless and must be opaque), or bike shorts must be worn under skirts and jumpers, and may be any print and color (no fishnets, full-lace, or pajama pants). They must be form-fitting. No sweats, athletic-wear, or pants are allowed under the skirts or jumpers.
- Middle School 5th - 8th grade
  - Pants and shorts must be navy and have no more than 4 pockets – they may be purchased from any vendor but must be similar in style, color, and fabric to Tommy Hilfiger or Donald's Uniform options (no banded bottom cargo pants aka "joggers", no spandex pants or leggings unless under a skirt/jumper, shorts must have an inseam of 6" or greater).



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- Skirts may be purchased from any vendor but must be similar in style and fabric and **must** be navy (no khaki allowed for 5-8).
- Plaid skirts and Jumpers must be purchased from the uniform vendor and need to be plaid.
- Skorts are not allowed in grades 5-12.
- Upper School 9th - 12th grade
  - Pants and shorts must be navy or khaki and have no more than 4 pockets - they may be purchased from any vendor but must be similar in style, color, and fabric to Tommy Hilfiger or Donald's uniform options (no banded bottom cargo pants aka "joggers", no spandex pants or leggings unless under a skirt/jumper, shorts must have an inseam of 6" or greater)
  - Skirts may be purchased from any vendor but must be similar in style and fabric and must be navy or khaki.
  - Plaid skirts and Jumpers must be purchased from the uniform vendor and need to be plaid.
  - Skorts are not allowed in grades 5-12.
  - Only Grades 9th -12th can wear navy shirts & khaki bottoms.

## Shoes

- Shoes should be neat, safe, modest and not draw undue attention. Administration reserves the right to determine appropriate footwear for a safe learning environment.

## Additional Notes:

- Worn, damaged, faded or outgrown uniforms should be repaired and/or replaced.
- Hats and sunglasses are not allowed to be worn in school unless permission is granted by St. Croix Prep staff.
- All clothing, jewelry, make-up, hairstyles and accessories should be neat, modest and not draw undue attention.
- No coats and non-St. Croix Prep sweaters/sweatshirts may be worn during school hours except for recess.
- No writing on arms, legs, faces or uniforms.

## Physical Education Guidelines

Students in 5th-12th are required to wear a ST. CROIX PREP gym uniform. The uniform consists of a t-shirt and mesh shorts. The gym uniform is available at Tommy Hilfiger and Donald's Uniform. Students are required to have tennis shoes for class in all grade levels.

## Concert Attire Guidelines

- Lower School: Dress-up attire is suggested. No jeans, t-shirts or short skirts. For safety purposes, flat shoes should be worn.
- 5-8th grade Concert Attire:



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- Every student must be in concert attire for performances. For MS choirs, this includes the following: Black dress pants, black skirts or dresses, black button-downs, black blouses, black collared shirts, and black shoes. Essentially, formal/elegant all black clothing (no jeans, t-shirts, sweatpants etc..). Concert attire must adhere to the Modesty Guidelines as outlined in the St. Croix Prep Uniform Policy. If concert attire is a financial hardship or if you have any questions, please contact [marykatherinemaney@stcroixprep.org](mailto:marykatherinemaney@stcroixprep.org).
- 7th/8th Grade Choir Concert Attire:
  - Black top, black dress slacks or skirt (black dress is acceptable), 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.
- 9-12th grade Concert Attire:
  - Students in all Upper School music groups wear formal attire for performances. Students should wear a black dress or tux and black shoes. If concert attire is a financial hardship or if you have any questions, please contact [marykatherinemaney@stcroixprep.org](mailto:marykatherinemaney@stcroixprep.org)
- All Other Middle School Ensembles (Including 7th/8th Orchestra & Band)
  - 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:
  - 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: approximately \$60.
  - Men must provide their own black socks and dress shoes.
  - Tuxedo Price: approximately \$100 (includes jacket, shirt, pants, tie, and cummerbund).



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- 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.

## Dress Code Violations

Students and parents/guardians will be informed of dress code violations. Dress code violations will result in disciplinary actions, which vary by division (Lower, Middle or Upper School). Specific dress code violation consequences are listed in your student's annual school planner (3rd-12th grades) or division level handbook (Lower School and Middle School). Handbooks are posted on the school website ([www.stcroixprep.org](http://www.stcroixprep.org)) (K-8th grades).

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

- Parents may be contacted to bring an appropriate uniform.
- Student may be sent home for the day.
- Reoccurring uniform violations may result in further disciplinary actions.

## 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.

## Non-Uniform & Spirit Wear Days

Non-Uniform days will be scheduled throughout the course of the year. 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. St. Croix Prep 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 St. Croix Prep.

## Non-Uniform Guidelines

- Shirts must have sleeves or have another shirt over the top and must be modestly buttoned. Only the top button may be undone. No tank tops or spaghetti straps. No underwear, bra straps, cleavage or midriff may be showing.
- Skirts, shorts, dresses must be no shorter than 2" above the knees (shorts must have 8"-10" inseam which include bermuda shorts, trouser shorts, and athletic/basketball shorts.).



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- Jeans, sweats, joggers/athletic pants (no holes or fraying). No spandex pants or shorts of any kind - i.e. yoga pants, leggings, and/or biker shorts.
- All other general ST. CROIX PREP dress code guidelines should be followed.

Non-Uniform Days are as Follows:

Tuesday, November 21*	Friday, February 23*
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\*Coupons obtained during Go-Green collections must be presented upon arrival in non-uniform or a violation will occur. Uniforms must be worn if you do not have a coupon.

## Spirit Wear Guidelines

To enhance school spirit and build a closer community, St. Croix Prep 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 St. Croix Prep spirit wear attire, athletic participation shirts and event clothing may be worn. This includes St. Croix Prep branded bottoms. St. Croix Prep branded bottoms include both spirit wear and bottoms issued by St. Croix Prep Teams and Clubs.
- Jeans (solid blue or black) may be worn otherwise uniform pants, shorts, or skirts are to accompany the Spirit Wear attire.
- Athletic wear that is not Prep branded is not allowed.

Friday, September 8	Friday, October 6	Friday, November 3
Friday, December 22	Friday, January 26	Thursday, March 21
Friday, April 12	Friday, May 17*	Thursday, May 30

\*Field Day ONLY, appropriate athletic bottoms may be worn. (e.g. sweats, basketball shorts, etc.)

**BOARD ADOPTED DATE: 08/2004**

**REVISED DATE: 4/1/2024**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: 8/28/2023**