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ST. CROIX PREPARATORY ACADEMY STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE Policy #504

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish student appearance and dress code guidelines for St. Croix Preparatory Academy (“St. Croix Prep”).

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

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

III. DRESS CODE

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.

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 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.

Inappropriate school attire will be considered a violation and will require correction. Parents may be contacted to assist in managing inappropriate school attire.

- No undergarments may be showing
- 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
- On uniform days no letter jackets, SCPA hooded sweatshirts, or spirit wear may be worn
- Collared shirts must be collars buttoned and only the top button may be undone
- Polo shirts may only have the top button undone.
- Undershirts may not be worn under polo shirts.
- Undershirts may be worn under collared shirts, must be solid white, and must not be worn lower than the sleeve of the shirt. No long sleeve undershirts under short sleeve collared shirts.
- 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, 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 grade).
 - Jumpers must be purchased from the uniform vendor and must be navy or plaid.
 - Skorts and shorts must be purchased from the uniform vendor 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).
 - Skirts (not including plaid 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, joggers, no spandex pants or leggings unless under a skirt/jumper, shorts must have an inseam of 6" or greater)
 - Skirts (not including plaid skirts) may be purchased from any vendor but must be similar in style and fabric and must be navy or khaki.
 - Plaid skirts need to 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.
- Backpacks should be put away before the opening bell. Students may not carry backpacks to class.

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.
- **Middle School**
Black dress pants, black skirts or dresses, black button-downs, black blouses, black collared shirts, black socks, and black shoes. Essentially, formal/elegant all black clothing (no jeans, t-shirts, sweatpants etc.). Shirts must have sleeves and skirts must be longer than the knees while sitting. Concert attire must adhere to all other Modesty Guidelines as outlined in the St. Croix Prep Uniform Policy.
- **Upper School**
Students in all Upper School music groups wear formal attire for performances. Concert Attire is measured for and purchased at the start of each school year. Dress price is approximately \$60. Tuxedo price is approximately \$100 (includes jacket, shirt, pants, tie, and cummerbund). Students must wear black dress shoes (and black socks).
- **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 each division level handbook. Handbooks are posted on the school website (www.stcroixprep.org).

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 undergarments, cleavage, or midriff may be showing.
- Skirts, shorts, dresses must be no shorter than 2" above the knees (shorts must have at least a 6" inseam, which include Bermuda shorts, trouser shorts, and athletic/basketball shorts.).
- 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 may be worn alone.
- All other general ST. CROIX PREP dress code guidelines should be followed.

Coupon Non-Uniform Days are as Follows:

Coupons obtained during the 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.

Tuesday, November 26, 2024	Friday, February 21, 2025
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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 or issued athletic uniform shorts and warm-up pants.
- Jeans (solid blue or black) may be worn; otherwise uniform pants, shorts, or skirts are to accompany the Spirit Wear attire. Jeans may not have holes, frays, etc.
- Athletic wear that is not Prep branded is not allowed.



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Spirit Wear Days are as follows:

Friday, September 27, 2024 (marathon) **	Friday, October 4, 2024	Friday, November 8, 2024
Friday, December 20, 2024	Friday, January 24, 2025	Thursday, March 4, 2025
Friday, April 11, 2025	Friday, May 16, 2025 (field day) **	Tuesday, June 3, 2025

For all spirit wear days, students must wear uniform bottoms, vendor approved spirit wear bottoms, or blue/black long denim jeans only (no holes/fraying).

**Marathon/Field Day ONLY may include any athletic wear bottom.

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