



SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dress Code 2023-2024

Because the teen years are marked by independence and self-expression, teenagers generally reject the idea of a uniform since it restricts their individuality and forces a sense of conformity when they struggle to define themselves.

Despite this reality, it is important to communicate the importance of a uniform in the larger context of what Springfield Catholic prepares our students for. We consider pride in one's appearance an essential mark of the mature person and expect each student to reflect that pride by consistently manifesting a respectable and appropriate appearance.

Springfield Catholic uniquely combines the academic, spiritual, athletic, and extracurricular, successfully integrating learning, faith, and service. From the first moment, a student sets foot in the school, he or she gets the impression of entering a formative environment illuminated by the light of faith.

This atmosphere is vital to learning, especially in forming Christian attitudes and values and affirming our Catholic identity. Ideally, this sense of the structured form of the whole Christian person should be understood as a seamless continuation of the primary educational experience of many of our students who were formed in the Springfield Catholic School System.

Springfield Catholic has established a dress code, appearance, and expectation conducive to a serious scholastic and values-oriented environment. The uniform positively contributes to this effort by forming character and instilling a sense of self-discipline that empowers students to develop an appreciation for the greater good of all. It also promotes those skills and graces needed to act responsibly and successfully in adult society.

Uniform apparel can be purchased at either **DeSales Catholic Book Store**, 210 East Sunshine in the Wedgewood Shopping Center, or **Land's End** under the apparel tab from the SCHS website. The SCHS dress codes are outlined below. Highlighted items are the most infractions.

Mass Dress Code

All school Masses are held monthly and posted on our school calendar. **Students must be in the Mass dress code that entire day.** The Mass dress code consists of the following:

Boys

- School ties *must be* purchased from the vendor, DeSales Catholic Bookstore
- White oxford dress shirt tucked in
- Khaki pants, no cargo
- Nice shoes. Shoes that are not worn on regular school days.
- Brown or black belt

Girls

- White Polo Shirt with SC embroidered *must be* purchased from DeSales or Land's End. (Grades 9-12)
- **School khaki skirts, and skorts no more than 3" above the knee. (Grades 9-12)**
- Dress in khaki pants. (Grades 9-12)
- Shoes- Flats with closed-toe and no open back, Shoes that are not worn on regular school days.
- Navy Sweater with SC embroidered purchased from Lands End or DeSales. (Grades 9-12)

Regular School Day Dress 2022-23

Boys

Tops

- Navy, Green, or White with the SC logo. Must be purchased from DeSales or Land's End. Required
- Optional Sweatshirts or Jackets: **Springfield Catholic sweatshirts or jackets purchased from Team Store or DeSales.**

Bottoms

- Khaki or Navy blue pants, no cargo
- **Khaki shorts/No underwear showing**

General Appearance – Boys

- No “extraordinary” belts or other accessories will be allowed. Belts are to be traditional with a buckle. Chains, hooks, keys, rings, excessive necklaces or bracelets, or any such items hanging from the person are not permitted. Hats are not permitted during the school day.
- Gentlemen shall be clean-shaven. Beards, mustaches, and extremes in grooming and hair color are prohibited. Hair should be no longer than one inch below the collar and clear of eyebrows. Sideburns may not extend onto the cheeks or face or below the earlobe.
- No visible tattoos or ink markings on the skin are allowed
- Boots and flip-flops are not allowed. Sandals with a backstrap are acceptable.

Girls

Tops

- Navy, Green, or White SC logo Required
- Optional Sweatshirt or Jacket: **Springfield Catholic sweatshirts or jackets purchased from Team Store or DeSales.**

Bottoms

- Khaki or Navy pants, no cargo, can be purchased from any vendor (9-12)
- Khaki or Navy shorts with 9 1/2 inseam.
- **Khaki or Navy Skirts/Skorts with full or side pleats must be purchased from Lands' End, or DeSales Skirts/Skorts should not exceed 3 inches above the knee. (Grades 9-12)**
 - **Girls in grades 9-12 who violate the skirt length must wear khaki or Navy pants.**

General Appearance – Girls

- Jewelry, belts, and hairstyles should be modest and tasteful. Extremes in grooming and extremes in hairstyles are not allowed.
- Camisoles or tank tops hanging below the un-tucked uniform shirt are strictly prohibited.
- **Only ears may be pierced. NO Nose piercings.**
- No visible tattoos or ink markings on the skin are allowed.
- Boots and flip-flops are not allowed. Sandals with a strap are acceptable.

It is the responsibility of the student and parent to ensure proper attire before arrival at school. All students must be in uniform upon arrival and remain in uniform throughout the school day. (The only exceptions are A.M. weight training and first block physical education.) The school administration reserves the right to deem clothing inappropriate or immodest.

Any student not in uniform may be issued a demerit and/or be sent home to change into uniform. Should this occur, parents will be notified, and missed class time will be unexcused. The consequences for an unexcused absence will be followed.

Adherence to the dress code is a condition for attendance at SCHS.

***Springfield Catholic High School has a dress code. Since the Covid pandemic, we have gotten loose with enforcing the dress code. Please read the dress policy and know students will be held to these standards. Demerits will be issued to girls wearing skirts shorter than 3 inches above their knees. Girls must not roll skirts. I am strongly encouraging girls to wear khaki or navy blue pants. Shorts must have a 9 1/2 inch inseam. Boys will not be allowed boxers/ underwear to show under their shorts.**

Out-of-Uniform Days

Students are expected to be in modest and appropriate attire on non-uniform days. Shirts, blouses, and tops must be long enough to cover the midriff when arms are extended upward. If wearing leggings, shirts must reach the ends of the student's thumbs and completely cover the torso. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, and tops with revealing necklines or those that allow undergarments to be visible are not to be worn. Clothing, including jeans, may not be torn or raveled. Skirts, skorts, and shorts must not exceed 3 inches above the knee. For safety reasons, sandals, flip flops, open-toe, and/or open-backed shoes are not to be worn at any time. At all other times, students are expected to comply with the requirements of the uniform. Students not complying will be asked to change. The school administration, when appropriate, must arrange special exceptions to this requirement before the non-uniform day.

If the administration determines that a student's appearance is distracting to the educational process at Springfield Catholic Schools or diminishes the reputation of the school, they will request that the student make modifications and will expect that the parents will cooperate with and help to enforce these requests.