

1 DRESS CODE

1.1 UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

St. Andrew's Regional High School has a student dress code consisting of a prescribed uniform. The uniform distinguishes our students as members of our Catholic school community. Commitment to the dress code requires self-discipline and is an outward sign of support for the spirit and values of St. Andrew's. Having a uniform dress code allows students to focus their attention on academic achievement and personal growth.

Students are expected to arrive and leave school in uniform and to remain in uniform during the school hours, including lunch breaks. The uniform is to be worn appropriately at all times, that is, men's styled dress shirts are tucked-in and ties are knotted at the top button of the dress shirt. Sweaters are not to be tied around the waist, and pants/kilts are not to be worn on the hips (no low-riders).

It is the responsibility of each student to present a well-groomed appearance. Hair is to be kept clean and tidy; hair dyed an unnatural color and extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Facial hair is to be kept neat and trimmed. Excessive piercings are not allowed; tongue and lip piercings are not permitted. Jewelry is to be minimal and not be a distraction. Students may not have visible tattoos. Make-up is to be discreet. Decisions regarding what is appropriate to wear are made at the discretion of the administration.

If a student is unable to wear any part of the prescribed uniform, parents/guardians must contact the school office. Any component of the uniform that is unacceptable must be replaced as soon as possible to adhere to the prescribed uniform. If in doubt as to whether a uniform piece meets the school dress code, please check with the office before purchasing the new item. In all cases of alternative uniform items, please contact the administration.

The prescribed uniform, including the sweater, is required throughout the year for all masses, assemblies, and school related ceremonies. Administration may make exceptions to the uniform code during hot weather.

1.2 PRESCRIBED UNIFORM

BOYS:

- Tie: St. Andrew's school tie
- Shirt: Plain white collared dress shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Dress Pants: Medium-gray dress pants
- Socks: Plain black, navy, or dark-gray
- Shoes: Black shoes (black laces required on lace-up shoes)
- Sweater: School-crested navy V-neck pullover or sweater vest (optional)

GIRLS:

- Shirt: Plain white collared dress shirt (long or short sleeve) (ladies' shirts without shirtheads may be worn untucked)
- Kilt: Gordon-plaid kilt (**to the knee**)
- Dress Pants: Medium-gray dress pants
- Knee-High Socks or Tights: Plain black, navy, or gray
- Shoes: Black shoes (heels not higher than 5 cm; black laces required on lace-up shoes)
- Sweater: School-crested navy V-neck pullover or sweater vest (optional)

Note: Undershirts and all undergarments are to be tucked in and not visible.

1.3 OPTIONAL SUMMER UNIFORM

The summer uniform may be worn from September until the Thanksgiving break, and then from after Spring Break until the end of June.

BOYS AND GIRLS:

- Navy knee-length walking shorts
- Navy school-crested polo shirt

1.4 GYM UNIFORM

Physical Education (PE) gym uniform is mandatory and constitutes a portion of the student's PE grade. On a Civvies Day, the prescribed PE uniform is optional.

BOYS AND GIRLS:

- St. Andrew's T-shirt
- Navy athletic shorts
- Indoor running shoes
- Cleats (for field)
- School-crested hooded/crew neck sweatshirt
- SARHS sweat pants.

1.5 CIVVIES DAY

The school designates a number of days each year as Civvies Days when students do not have to wear the uniform. It is expected that students will dress appropriately for a high school setting. Attire that is deemed inappropriate by administration will have to be changed immediately. If the Civvies Day is a fundraiser and the student wears civvies but does not donate to the cause, the student will receive a Uniform Infraction unless the donation is received by the next school day.

1.6 UNIFORM INFRACTIONS

Students who do not adhere to the school's uniform code will receive a uniform infraction. Repeated non-compliance with uniform expectations will result in escalating consequences.

- Infraction #1: Teacher addresses behaviour; asks student to correct the problem;
- Infraction #2: Student meets with administration; parents/guardians are contacted;
- Infraction #3: Student is issued a warning of suspension from school; parents/guardians will be informed; and
- Infraction #4: Student will receive a one-day in-school suspension; parents/guardians will be notified.

Administration will document each infraction. Infractions are accumulated within a school semester and do not carry over to the next semester.