ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL DRESS CODE
2016-2017 Guidelines "grandfathered" until August 2018

The school dress code is designed to promote neatness, discipline, excellence, and a sense of school pride and identity. A school dress code also provides an atmosphere for learning free of emphasis on clothing. The enforcement of the dress code is the joint responsibility of the parents, students, teachers, and principal. Parents must see that their children leave home following the dress code policy. The teachers and administrator are to enforce the dress code policy at school. The school reserves the right to call for a change of clothes or send home any student whose dress is deemed inappropriate for school. **Parents, please make sure all items, especially sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets, are marked with your child's name.** Dress code clothing can be purchased at Target Stores, JCPenney, Kohl's, and other local retail shops.

SHIRTS

2016-2017: Students may wear solid red, white, navy blue, or yellow long-sleeved or short-sleeved polo shirts (plain or with the SMS logo). Shirts must be tucked in. If a t-shirt is worn under the uniform shirt, it must be solid white. To stay warm during the winter months, students may also wear solid white long-sleeved t-shirts under their short-sleeved uniform shirts.

2018-2019: Students may wear solid red, white, or navy blue long-sleeved or short-sleeved polo shirts (plain or with the St. Matthew School logo). Shirts must be tucked in. A solid, white t-shirt may be worn under the uniform shirt.

SWEATSHIRTS and SWEATERS

2016-2017: Students may wear solid red, white, navy blue, or yellow sweatshirts (plain or with the SMS logo) over their uniform shirts. They may also wear cardigan or pullover style sweaters over their uniform shirts. Students may not wear hooded sweaters or sweatshirts.

2018-2019: Students may wear solid red, white, or navy blue sweatshirts or fleece jackets (plain or with the St. Matthew School logo) over their uniform shirts. They may also wear solid red, white, or navy blue cardigan or pullover style sweaters over their uniform shirts. Students may not wear hooded sweaters, sweatshirts, or fleece jackets.

PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, SKORTS, and CAPRIS PANTS

2016-2017: Students may wear khaki or navy blue pants or walking shorts. Girls may also wear khaki or navy blue skirts, jumpers, skorts, or Capri pants. Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be fingertip length or longer. *Shorts and Capri pants may be worn during the 1st and 4th grading periods only.

2018-2019: Students may wear khaki or navy blue uniform pants or walking shorts. Uniforms pants are pleated or plain front cotton twill pants. No flair bottom, bell bottom, denim, stretch tight fitting, cargo, or carpenter pants. Shorts must be fingertip length or longer and must not fall below the knee. Girls may also wear khaki or navy blue skirts, skorts, jumpers, or Capri pants. Skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be no more than four inches above the knee. *Shorts and Capri pants may be worn during the 1st and 4th grading periods only.

BELTS

Students in grades 1-5 must wear a belt if their pants, shorts, Capri pants, skirts, or skorts have belt loops.

SOCKS and SHOES

2016-2017: Shoes may be casual or athletic in style. Socks must be worn at all times. In the interest of safety, sandals and boots are not recommended. If sandals are worn, they must have backs and may be worn without socks. No flip-flops, high-heeled shoes, or boots with heels.

2018-2019: Shoes may be casual or athletic in style. Shoes must have an enclosed toe and heel. Sandals, boots, and Crocs are not allowed. Socks must be worn at all times. Students may wear solid red, white, navy blue, black, or tan/khaki socks. Girls may wear solid red, white, navy blue, black, or tan/khaki tights or leggings under their skirts, skorts, or jumpers.

JEWELRY

Jewelry needs to reflect Christian values. Boys may not wear earrings. No body piercings or tattoos are allowed. Jewelry that is distracting will not be allowed.

HAIR

Hair needs to be kept neat, clean, and properly styled. Extreme hairstyles and colors are not allowed.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students in Grades 4 & 5 must wear solid color t-shirts, black or blue shorts, and gym shoes for PE class. Shorts must be fingertip length or longer. Students in Grades K-3 wear their regular dress code clothing and gym shoes for P.E. class.

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS

FIRST FRIDAYS—FREE DRESS DAY

The first Fridays of the month are designated as free dress days. On a free dress day, the students may wear whatever they choose with these restrictions: Shirts must have sleeves and contain appropriate pictures and sayings. No halter tops or cold-shoulder shirts. Jeans and pants should not be oversized, frayed, unhemmed, or have holes. No low-rise or ultra-low rise pants, yoga pants, flannel or pajama pants, lycra pants, or words across the seat of pants. Leggings are acceptable only if worn as tights under a skirt or tunic-style shirt or long sweater that is fingertip length or longer. Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length or longer. No hats may be worn inside the building. Sandals with backs and boots with no more than a 1" heel may be worn; no flip-flops. All students have the option to remain in school uniform on free dress days.

LAST FRIDAYS—SPIRIT SHIRT DAY

The last Friday of each month will be designated as Spirit Shirt Day. Students and staff members may wear a St. Matthew shirt or a Diocesan theme shirt with jeans or uniform bottoms.

CONSEQUENCES TO NOT FOLLOWING THE DRESS CODE

First Notice—A friendly reminder will be sent home to be signed by the student and parents and returned to school the next day.

Second Notice—A warning will be sent home to be signed by the student and parents and returned to school the next day.

Third Notice—The student will lose his/her free dress privilege on the next free dress day. A notice will also be sent home to be signed by the student and parents and returned to school the next day.

Fourth Notice—The student will lose his/her free dress privilege the remainder of the semester. The student will also phone his/her parents from school. A meeting with the students, parents, and principal will be held.

Fifth Notice—The student will lose ALL free dress privileges. The student will serve detention.