

2008-2009 Uniform Regulations

Uniform regulations, though they may seem strict and narrow, are intended as guidelines to help parents and students avoid any misunderstanding of school administration's expectations.

The uniform at St. Louis is intended to remove attention from physical and socioeconomic differences among students. A student's appearance will be expected to be well groomed, in good taste, **not distracting to others**, and according to the rules below. This expectation also applies to hair color.

Parker is the uniform company for the school, and all available items, including outerwear, should be purchased from the factory representative. *Any staff member (teachers, office staff, paid early morning supervisors, lunch monitors, etc.) may ask a student to remove or replace articles of clothing or accessories that do not comply with the guidelines below.* All items are to be worn to produce the intended uniform look, not to imitate the latest fad (including hairstyle and/or color).

SHORTS ARE NOT TO BE WORN ON MASS DAY.

Boys and Girls:

1. Parker Khaki shorts and Parker Khaki slacks (gr. 1 – 8). The 2008-09 school year will be the final year to wear green Parker slacks. As of June, 2009 they will be phased out completely.
2. Parker plain white blouse or shirt (all grades); Parker green shirt (6 – 8 only), substitute white shirts are to be in traditional styles and must have collar and buttons down front (or a button placket for knit pullovers). Shirts are to be tucked in at all times when a student is on the St. Louis complex. NO EXCEPTIONS. The only non-uniform piece allowed is white shirts. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Parker plain dark green or white cardigan or pullover sweater worn over #2.
4. Parker dark green fleece jacket with embroidered logo.
5. Plain white sweatshirt or St. Louis sweatshirt (see #2 under "...violations that are NOT acceptable:" on last page.)
6. Solid white **over the ankle**, crew, or knee socks are to be worn in grades PK – 8 at all times. **No tennis style socks are to be worn.**
7. Black and/or white tennis or athletic shoes with matching laces and non-marring (preferably white) soles NO OTHER COLORS BUT BLACK AND/OR WHITE, MAY BE ON SHOES. **Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten students MUST wear athletic or tennis shoes with non-marring soles, but do not have to adhere to the above color restrictions.**
8. Only the following jewelry is permitted:
 - one wristwatch; one ring
 - neckwear – only ONE chain (gold or silver, no ribbons, cords, or beads)
with ONE religious medal, cross or crucifix
 - earrings – (GIRLS ONLY) only one pair of studs that do not extend beyond the earlobe (no hoops or multiple earrings)

BRACELETS OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED.

9. Hairstyles are to be conservative and in the natural color. Boys' hair may not extend below the top of the shirt collar. EXCESSES AND/OR WHAT IS PERCEIVED TO BE DISTRACTING, WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE PRINCIPAL.
10. Sunglasses, hats, or caps are not permitted.
11. With shorts or slacks, a plain black or brown belt is REQUIRED to keep shorts or slacks AT THE NATURAL WAISTLINE. Belts are available through the office on an emergency basis only.

Girls:

1. Parker plaid jumper (1 – 4)
2. Parker skirt (5 – 8), the skirt's hemline must touch the floor when a student is in a kneeling position.
3. **Parker uniform skirts purchased will now have stitched-down pleats. The current uniform skirt will still be accepted for an undetermined length of time.**
4. Dark green or white tights without design are optional.
5. Make-up is prohibited below seventh-grade; Seventh and eighth-grade girls may wear natural shades of lipstick only. NAIL POLISH (AND ARTIFICIAL NAILS) ARE PROHIBITED IN ANY SHADE. THE PRINCIPAL AND/OR HER DESIGNEE WILL DETERMINE EXCESSES.
6. No make-up (including eye make-up), artificial nails, nail polish, perfume, or hair preparation is to be brought on the campus. If confiscated, it will be discarded. Hair accessories are to be minimal, conservative, and color-coordinated with the uniform, or can match your natural hair color.

All students (grades 1 – 8) must wear a uniform jumper, skirt or slacks on ALL mass days. Shorts are not to be worn on mass day.

A student is expected to be in complete uniform from the time he/she arrives on campus until he/she has left the campus, unless involved in a supervised activity for which other attire has been approved, such as a field trip or participation in an athletic event. Students enrolled in after-school care must remain in uniform until they are picked-up by a parent.

No student is to deface his/her, or anyone else's clothing in any way, such as marking or attaching things.

Coats, jackets, and non-uniform (non-Parker) sweaters or other outerwear are prohibited at all grade levels inside school buildings and the church. Coats and jackets should be placed in lockers or cubbies before classes begin at 8am each day.

As a courtesy to families, the school allows scouts to wear the official scout uniform on meeting days. For Boy and Cub Scouts, this is the official Class A uniform. For all levels of Girl Scouts,

all “formal” uniform pieces are acceptable. Those items not allowed are leggings, sweatshirts, T-shirts, and the mock turtleneck.

All students in grades 5 to 8 are required to wear a P.E. uniform for gym class. This uniform will consist of green shorts and gray t-shirt to be purchased through Parker. The P.E. teachers are required to penalize a student for not dressing out. Girls in grades 1 – 4 are required to wear shorts appropriate for P.E. under their jumpers.

Parents are to mark children’s clothing with permanent marking ink or sewn-in labels. Please check the lost and found often for lost clothing and other items.

For non-uniform days or periods, students are to dress neatly, modestly, and appropriately. Specific guidelines are issued for these days and shall include: NO SHORTS EXCEPT UNIFORM SHORTS; denim, of any kind, are NOT allowed; sandals must be worn with hose or socks.

Flip-flops or slide shoes, shirts with offensive words or pictures (including alcohol/tobacco), or commercial advertising of any kind are not allowed.

The following are uniform violations that are NOT acceptable:

1. rolled, pinned, or tucked in pant legs
2. blouses or shirts with dropped sleeves, thick seams, or stitching on the front of the yoke, such as artist’s shirts, oversized shirts or sweatshirts that fall below the hips or wrists
3. turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks
4. undershirts that show at the neck or have markings which show through the shirt
5. puffed sleeves
6. lace, eyelet, or ruffles on collars, sleeves, plackets, or socks
7. shoes other than tennis shoes or athletic shoes, e.g., slippers, loafers, boots, dress shoes, jazz shoes, sandals, “roller” athletic shoes, or flip-flops
8. shoes trimmed in neon or conspicuously non-uniform colors or with flashing lights in the heel or sole
9. neon shoe laces
10. hairstyles with notable locks or tails or shaved portions of the scalp
11. skirts with extra seams or pleats to change the way the skirt is intended to fit or hang; skirts with colored threads removed
12. pants, shorts, or skirts worn BELOW the natural waistline
- 13. stapled, rolled or pinned waistlines or hemlines on jumpers or skirts**
14. overly wide headbands, headbands in non-uniform, or natural hair colors, or large, attention-getting hair ornaments

Uniform regulations will be strictly monitored. The consequences for continued violations are posted in each classroom.

ALL UNIFORM PIECES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PLAIN WHITE SHIRTS,
ARE TO BE PARKER UNIFORM ISSUE.

PLEASE REMEMBER:
USED PARKER UNIFORM PIECES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SCHOOL
OFFICE