



# Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School

## School Uniform Policies & Procedures

The Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School uniform identifies each student as a member of our school community. The school uniform reflects the mission of the SMCDSB: faithfully, inclusively and equitably, we inspire every student to realize their God-given potential. In addition, the school uniform contributes to the positive atmosphere in the school community and a safe, inclusive and equitable learning environment for all. Our school has consulted with the Catholic School Community Council (parents), students and staff to develop this set of shared standards for student dress. By choosing to attend Patrick Fogarty, you have chosen to wear the uniform with pride, and are expected to follow the school uniform policy. Your cooperation and assistance is very much appreciated.

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- It is the responsibility of the student to be in full and proper uniform daily
- Our only school uniform provider is DGN Kilters at [www.dgn-kilters.com](http://www.dgn-kilters.com)
- The school logo is on all DGN Kilters uniform pieces
- Contact DGN Kilters should there be sensory or significant size need to be accommodated
- With the exception of pants that are too long, uniform items are not to be altered
- A student must arrive and leave the building in uniform
- A student may not change out of uniform at lunch or throughout the day
- Students riding the school bus must be in uniform
- The uniform is to be worn on exam days, school day field trips/excursions/retreats, during assemblies/mass
- Hoodies, scarves, jeans, black pants, cargo shorts/pants, yoga pants, hats, co-curricular attire, and other non-uniform items are not permitted (including in the halls, cafeteria or upon entry)
- Students in specialty classes are required to wear full uniform to class, including at the start and end of the school day

### Tops

- Golf polo, short and long sleeve
- White, green or black t-shirt
- Rugby shirt
- Black zip sweater (must be fully zipped)
- Crewneck
- Zip polo sweatshirt
- V-neck vest (with plain t-shirt)
- V-neck sweater (must be fully buttoned)
- Only a plain t-shirt underneath, crewneck, white or black
- Tops are not required to be tucked in
- Not to be gathered at the back (with an elastic, etc.)

### Attire in Specialty Classes

- Physical Education - t-shirt and shorts purchased through the phys ed department
- Health & Vitality - physical education uniform, school uniform, or plain black yoga pants with a uniform top
- Hospitality - school approved chef jacket/apron may be worn over full uniform
- Automotive Transportation - school approved coveralls/shop coat may be worn over full uniform, goggles as required
- Construction Tech - school approved coveralls/shop coat may be worn over full uniform, goggles as required
- Science - goggles and lab coats must be worn as necessary

### Bottoms

- Black dress or casual pants
- Black walking shorts (unaltered)
- Black capri pants
- Must be worn at waist level

### Accessories

- Modest and respectful accessories
- Worn in the spirit of our Catholic uniform
- For safety reasons, flip-flops and beach footwear are not permitted in specialty classrooms

### Civvies, Spirit & Theme Days

- Spirit days are held periodically, which allows students to wear a **SOLID** red/green shirt, school purchased spiritwear shirt, PF team/club shirt/ jersey - uniform pants are required on spirit day - Info on purchasing spiritwear is sent out multiple times throughout the school year
- Civvies day occurs for the most part on the last Friday of each month
- Students must wear appropriate clothing, undergarments must be concealed, and are not permitted tank tops, spaghetti strapped tops, midriff baring tops, ripped clothing above the knee, or skirt/dress/shorts length 5cm above the knee
- Inappropriate logos and graphics are not tolerated, including ones depicting sexual content, racial/gender/or any other discrimination, substance use, profanity or violence
- Spirit wear and theme days allow students to promote and instill Patrick Fogarty spirit and pride
- Theme days are typically held each month, are sometimes buy-ins for a particular charity, and students choosing to participate in theme days must follow criteria and dress in the spirit of the theme day
- On these non-uniform days, clothing is to be clearly reflective of our Catholic values and learning environment
- Many theme/spirit days involve only a change of shirt, and an announcement is made indicating whether the day involves wearing school uniform pants or cozies
- Students unsure of the criteria for these particular days are to wear their full school uniform
- Students may choose to wear their full uniform should they not wish to participate in civvies, spirit and theme days
- Please note that the final discretion rests with school administration regarding appropriateness of clothing



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### ***What is considered defiance of the uniform policy?***

- Not wearing a uniform top or bottom at school, including arrival/departure, during transition/lunch time, and in class
- Wearing a non-uniform item in the building (such as a hoodie, jacket, hat, or toque), including between classes and at lunch
- Altering the school uniform, with the exception of pants that require hemming
- Not riding the bus in school uniform
- Not following the uniform criteria and expectations in specialty classrooms
- If a student is out of uniform in the hopes of not being noticed, but has a back-up uniform in their school bag/locker
- Not following the criteria for civvies days
- Not following the criteria for spirit or theme days, including dressing in the spirit of the day

### ***What if I don't follow the school uniform policy, or expectations for civvies, spirit and theme days?***

- A student will not be admitted to class if they are not in full uniform
- Students out of uniform are to report to the office
- Students out of uniform are not sent back to class, nor is there such a thing as a uniform pass
- Uniform violation for the first time:
  1. The student will contact a parent/guardian from the office to have the appropriate uniform piece dropped off
  2. If uniform items cannot be dropped off, the student can be given parental permission to walk home
  3. The student may borrow from a friend (but cannot disrupt students who are in class)
  4. If available, the office may loan the student a uniform item for the day
  5. If unable to get into uniform, the student will be assigned a location to work for the day (likely the office).
- Subsequent uniform violation:
  1. Same procedure as a uniform violation for the first time
  2. Parent/guardian contact will be made by the student or office via phone or email
  3. Progressive discipline is implemented, such as a conversation or lunch detention
- Persistent uniform violations:
  1. Persistent uniform violations include: staff having to direct a student multiple times to get into uniform, putting on a hat/hoodie/etc. after being asked to remove the item, repeated uniform violations, and more
  2. Students in persistent defiance of the uniform policy are sent home
  3. Parent/guardian contact to give permission for their teen to walk home or be picked up immediately
  4. Progressive discipline for defiance, including suspension from school