

Uniform Expectations for St. Paul Catholic SS

Philosophy

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is committed to supporting a safe, caring, and inclusive learning environment focused on well-being, cultivation of a sense of belonging, and student achievement in all schools. We strive to achieve the personal and social values that are aligned with respectful dress. As a Catholic community, we are, therefore, committed to standards of neatness, diversity, accessibility, safety and dignity of the human person.

By choosing to attend a Dufferin-Peel Catholic Secondary School, students and their parents have made a serious and long-term commitment to Catholic education. The uniform is part of that commitment. It reflects who we are, how we see ourselves, and how others see our schools. It unites us as a community.

Our St. Paul Catholic SS uniform should be worn proudly and must be worn in good repair. The uniform policy must be strictly adhered to.

School uniform items (other than shoes) must be purchased from the Board approved supplier, [McCarthy Uniforms Inc.](#), from the Toronto location at 170 Brockport Drive, Unit 60, in Etobicoke, Ontario.

Uniform Description:

- GOLF SHIRTS: plain white or black collared polo shirt, with St. Paul CSS logo.
- FLEECE SWEATERS: St. Paul CSS fleece sweaters only.
- PANTS: McCarthy manufactured mid-grey dress pants, with school logo.
- SHOES: All black shoes (no coloured logos or markings)
 - Winter footwear is to be left in lockers during the winter season
 - All shoes worn must have backings and closed fronts – sandals and slippers are not permitted.

Expectations:

1. Students are to be in full uniform every day upon arrival to school until they leave at the end of the school day. Students must be in full uniform to attend classes.
2. A student out of uniform is expected to report to the main office before the start of their school day to rectify the situation.
3. Parents/guardians of students who are out of uniform will be contacted. Students who are out of uniform will be directed to either get into proper uniform gear or wear a loaned uniform item available at the main office.
4. Students are to wear the school when representing the school at an out-of-school event. The school uniform will be worn on all educational field trips, unless the nature of the trip warrants other attire, as approved by the school principal.
5. Students who repeatedly violate the Uniform Policy are also in violation of the Catholic Code of Conduct.
6. Non-uniform items are not permitted at anytime during the school day, before or after school activities and events, including lunch time, spares and/or school clubs/games.

Wolverine Spirit Wear Wednesdays

“Wolverine Spirit Wear Wednesdays” are designated days when students may wear approved St. Paul CSS Wolverine Spirit clothing in place of their regular uniform shirt/top.

Wolverine Spirit Wear will be available for purchase during the school year by a board approved provider, through SchoolCash Online. Proceeds from purchases will go towards supporting co-curriculars at St. Paul CSS. Students engaged in school clubs, teams, etc., will be permitted to wear their team and club wear as well.

Students not participating are expected to be in full uniform. Students must wear uniform pants and shoes, with an approved Wolverine top.

Civvies Days

“Civvies Days” are days when the students may wear their casual clothing in place of their school uniform. In keeping with our personal and social values and our schools’ Catholic Code of Conduct, students are expected to conform to standards of simplicity, diversity, accessibility, safety, and dignity of all students.

Students must ensure that their chosen attire for civvies days does not contain messages or portray any offensive and/or inappropriate content. Members of the DPCDSB community will not be permitted to wear attire that promotes hate, discrimination, illegal activity, profanity, violence, political language, threats to health and safety, or content that contravenes the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.