

DRESS CODE POLICIES 2015-2016 (updated June 2015)

The school requires a standard uniform for both boys and girls. A student's appearance at school reflects an attitude of pride in self, school, and the community. Uniforms are an important part of the school setting. They allow the students to focus on their education and not be distracted by dress fads or accessories. They allow the teachers the opportunity to get on with the business at hand of teaching. It is not the responsibility of the school or school staff to see that children are in proper uniform each day; it is the responsibility of the parents and the child. Immaculate Conception Dardenne needs your help in accordance with the school mission to cooperate and support the school dress code. It is the parent's responsibility to dress their children in the prescribed dress code. All clothing should be neat, cleaned, pressed and mended when necessary.

Where to Buy Uniforms and Spiritwear? Parents can purchase uniforms from outlets that carry appropriate uniform attire. This includes but is not limited to Land's End, Just Me Apparel, Kohl's, Target and ICD Spiritwear store at <http://www.companycasuals.com/ICD/start.jsp>

Logos/Crests on Uniforms There are no requirements for logos or crests on ICD uniforms. Parents may choose to have the logo embroidered on the uniform through Land's End or Just Me Apparel for an additional fee.

SHIRT Girls and Boys will have a choice of wearing a white knit or light blue or cotton oxford shirt.

- Uniform shirts standard include: collar, short or long sleeved, brand logo free, no pleats, buttons only.

If an undershirt is worn beneath the uniform shirt, this too must be brand logo free white. Undershirt sleeve length should match the shirtsleeve length. Shirts must be tucked in completely at all times, and therefore shirts must be long enough to be tucked in and long enough to stay tucked in.

PANTS/SHORTS Must be navy blue twill or corduroy, plain or pleated uniform type. Uniform type is defined as inside pocket both front and back with zipper (no outside stitched pockets or rivets). Straight leg pants. Stirrup pants, knit, yoga style or stretch pants are not acceptable. No jeans. No oversize, sloppy pants. Pants must be worn at the waistline. Pants worn sagging or "slacking" will not be permitted.

Shorts must be navy blue uniform style walking shorts with zipper and inside pockets, (no outside stitched pockets or rivets). Shorts must be of appropriate fit and length. Walking shorts may be worn from the start of school until Fall Break and from the end of Spring Break to the last day of school. PE shorts are not considered walking shorts and are not allowed except for PE.

BELTS A dark blue, black, or brown belt must be worn with pants and shorts that are designed with belt-loops for students in grades 1-8. No oversized or decorative buckles. Belts for Kindergarten are optional.

GIRLS' JUMPERS/SKIRTS Dark blue plaid jumpers for grades K-4, purchased through Fischers/Just Me Apparel. This is the designated fabric chosen to represent Immaculate Conception Catholic School. Dark blue plaid skirts or shorts for grades 5-8, purchased through Fischers/Just Me Apparel. Skirts and jumpers must be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the kneecap. Skirts may not be rolled up at the waist.

GIRLS' MODESTY SHORTS Shorts must be worn at all times under the jumper or skirt. Stretch bike shorts in the colors of solid black or navy are strongly recommended. No long pants may be worn under skirts or jumpers, including when on the playground.

LEGGINGS/TIGHTS Basic solid navy leggings or tights will be acceptable attire for girls, worn underneath the standard uniform jumper or skirt. Girls wearing leggings will still be required to wear the regular school socks. No long pants may be worn under skirts or jumpers. This includes when on the playground.

SWEATSHIRTS Students in K-7 choosing to wear a sweatshirt may wear an official ICD navy blue embroidered sweatshirt or an ICD hooded sweatshirt.

8th grade students will have the option of purchasing a hooded ICD sweatshirt, standard 8th grade red sweatshirt with the ICD left chest logo, or an administration approved sweatshirt e.g. pro-life, 8th grade class sweatshirt. A uniform shirt must be worn under the sweatshirt.

ICD Sweatshirts are the only sweatshirts that will be allowed to be worn in school or in church. Students will be asked to remove other jackets or sweatshirts.

FLEECE SWEATSHIRTS Students may wear the official navy blue embroidered fleece with a small embroidered left chest logo. A uniform shirt must be worn under the fleece.

SWEATERS Navy blue V-neck, crew neck or cardigan with long sleeves or sweater vest may be worn. A shirt or turtleneck must be worn under the sweater.

SOCKS Solid white, navy, or black socks only. Socks with a small manufactured logo are permitted. All socks must be visible. Solid white, navy, or black colored knee socks may be worn with girls' uniforms

SHOES Shoes must be Oxford style or standard athletic.

Athletic Shoes - The predominant or primary color of the athletic shoes must be in accordance of our school colors. The acceptable colors are red, any shade of blue, white, black, brown or gray. The shoe may have other accent colors on it.

- **Standard Hi/Mid/Low Top shoes are acceptable as long as they are in accordance with school colors and fit properly.**

Oxford Shoes - The oxford style shoes may be in the colors of black, gray, navy or brown. Sperry style (loafer or boat) shoes are acceptable as long as they are in accordance with school colors and fit properly.

- **No lighted shoes, roller shoes, oversize shoes**
- **No sandals, heels, platform/wedges, open toe, or open back shoes of any kind.**

Shoes designed to be tied must have shoestrings and must be tied tightly. Shoelaces must be a solid color. Standard athletic shoes must be worn for PE classes.

MAKE-UP No make-up of any kind. This includes no nail polish, no artificial nails, no French manicures or no mascara.

JEWELRY Girls may wear small post earrings, only one stud earring per earlobe. Earrings hanging below the earlobe or multiple earrings in one ear are not permitted. Girls may not have any other piercing. Boys may not wear earrings or have any other piercing. Bracelets, necklaces or rings are not allowed. Religious chained or leather strapped plain medals or crosses are allowed, but must be worn underneath the uniform. Boys or girls may wear wristwatches without beepers or alarms. For safety reasons, watches and religious medals should be removed during PE classes.

Hair ornaments must be in keeping with the total image the uniform represents. Excessive, large or distracting hair accessories are not allowed. Hair bows, for example, should be small.

HAIR Must be neat and clean. Hairstyle must be in keeping with the total image the uniform represents – that is, no extreme hair styles such as coloring, faux hawks, hair extensions, wraps, feathers or beading.

- For girls, hair should be kept out of the eyes, as well as not be hanging over the eyes.
- For boys, hair should be kept out of the eyes, as well as not be hanging over the eyes; hair may be no longer than touching the top of the collar. Boys' must be clean shaven.

Girls' and boys' hair must be their God-given color. Hair may not be bleached, highlighted or have other chemical alterations.

PE UNIFORMS PE uniforms are required for grades 6-8, boys and girls, and are not required for K-5 students. The uniform includes a gray t-shirt and navy shorts, both with a silk-screened ICD logo, sold through the ICD Spirit Wear Online Store. When ordering from the Online Store, parents will have the option of having the LAST NAME imprinted on the sleeve of the shirt and beneath the logo on the shorts. Navy blue sweats may be worn on colder days. Students in grades 6-8 who do not have the designated uniform on for class will be given a signature. All students (K-8) must wear standard tennis shoes with non-scuffing soles during PE class. Laces must be tied or fastened tightly.

NAME TAGS Nametags are important safety feature and are required as part of the uniform. Nametags must be worn at all times including lunch and recess. If a child's nametag is lost, the charge is \$3.00 per new nametag. Nametags should remain neat without stickers, markings, or other obstructions. Nametags include important information regarding student's name, class, teacher, lunch number, and medical school codes.

OTHER UNIFORMS Scouts/Heritage Girls/Approved groups may wear their uniforms to school on school days when Troop, Den, Pack meetings or Scouting special events may occur. Scout uniforms must include identifiable Scout markings and must be in keeping with the overall Scout uniform. All pieces must be official scout or school uniform (NO jeans).

SPIRIT DAY - DRESS CODE One Friday of each month is "Spirit Day". On these days, students may wear the official ICD T-shirt, ICD sweatshirt or the ICD Youth Rally T-shirt with jeans or pants of their choice. On Spirit Days, students are allowed to wear a nice white long sleeve shirt under the t-shirts. On spirit days, all other policies for dress, such as acceptable shoes, socks, and no jewelry or make-up, no PJ pants remain part of the dress code. In addition to the Spirit Days, and at the discretion of the teacher, the shirts will also be worn on field trips and other special occasions.

- Pants may not have holes, cuts, frays or any other type of tearing.
- Shorts, at the shortest point of fabric, must measure below the longest finger tips when arms are at rest. The ICD Spirit Day T-shirts are sold through the ICD online store via the school's website.
- Girls may wear boots on dress down days. Boots must be well-fitted and should not impede a child's ability to walk properly. No high heeled boots are allowed.

8th GRADE SPIRIT SHIRT/SWEATSHIRT At the onset of the school year, a special 8th grade Spirit Day T-shirt or sweatshirt will be designed and may be ordered as an optional purchase to be worn by the 8th graders on Spirit Days. This will be available through our Online Store and will only be available for purchase by eighth graders.

DRESS CODE FOR FREE DRESS DAYS Occasional free dress days will be scheduled. Free dress days refer to clothing only. On free dress days, students are allowed to wear nice jeans/pants. Girls may also choose to wear a skirt that follows uniform style and length with shorts underneath. No jeggings or yoga pants are allowed to be worn. Clothing worn on free dress days must be in good taste and must be able to be worn for all normal school activities. Any dress or wearing of insignia which conveys the image of gang membership, supports the beliefs of hate groups, makes sexual innuendos, or promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is inappropriate for school and will not be allowed.

Shorts may be worn from the start of school until Fall Break and from the end of Spring Break to the last day of school. Shorts, at the shortest point of fabric, must measure below the finger tips when arms are at rest. Low-riding hip-hugger shorts are not acceptable. Pants that are yoga style are not allowed. Tank tops, thin strap tops, or bare midriffs are not allowed. On free dress

days, students may wear socks of their choice. However, all other policies for dress, such as acceptable shoes, no jewelry, no nail polish, and make-up remain part of the dress code.

If children come to school on free dress days dressed inappropriately, parents will be called to bring other clothing. A general rule of thumb to use is “when in doubt of the appropriateness of some piece of clothing, don’t wear it”.

Birthday: Children may have a free dress day on their birthday if they wish. If a child’s birthday falls during the summer s/he may choose another day for free dress.

No uniform/dress code can possibly cover all eventualities or possibilities. It should be understood that the principal will have the final decision as to what is acceptable and what is unacceptable.

Consequences enforced for students who are out of uniform: Nonessentials will be removed (sweatshirts, sweaters, jewelry, excessive hair clips, etc.). For grades 3-8, student will call home if essentials of the uniform are not present. Parents are asked to bring the item to school. For grades K-2, students will be given a note for parents to sign.

Students in grade 5-8, who violate the dress code in minor ways, such as a shirt untucked, socks not visible or inappropriate, make-up, sweatshirts, jackets while in the building, no PE uniform, or skirts rolled-up... may receive a signature on their disciplinary card.