



KENNEDY CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SCHOOLS
SAINT JOHN PAUL II ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Hoping you and your family had a wonderful summer break! In just a few weeks, Tuesday, August 30th, Saint John Paul II Elementary will be back in session for the 2022-2023 school year. We are eager to start the year and have our Little Eagles back in the Nest! Planning and Preparation for a magical school year has been underway. This school year we will focus on having a growth mindset and the magical power of the word yet. Amazing things are happening here at SJPII this school year and the possibilities of what we can accomplish together as a school family are endless!

We will be implementing the new KCFS Dress Code Policy for this school year. You will find this new dress code policy along with this letter. We will have one main handbook for the KCFS System that will be available on the school website and will be sent home in hard copy form on the first day of school. Please make sure to take the time to familiarize yourself with the handbook and new updated policies throughout.

Please join me in welcoming our new families and students to Saint John Paul II Elementary! We are thrilled to have you join our school family. We will strive to keep the home and school connection a top priority as we navigate the school year together as a school family. School communications will be sent via email and hard copies of important items will be sent home with the oldest child in the family. The weekly Little Eagle Newsletter will be emailed out to families on Friday.

Each child will have a packet of information with remaining forms in their respective classrooms that will go home with them on the first day of school. These forms must be filled out and returned by Friday, September 2nd. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in returning all forms in a timely manner.

I look forward to a safe, successful, and rewarding 2022-2023 school year. I am confident that with the amazing students, families, and staff we will make this school year the best one yet!

Please feel free to reach out via email at ktiefenthal@kennedycatholicschools.org or by calling the school office at 724-342-2205. We are in this together!

God Bless all our students, families, and staff as we begin the school year.

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Kathryn Tiefenthal

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Principal

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KCFS Dress Code

The Administration determines what is and is not acceptable dress for KCMS and KCHS students. Students must adhere to the established dress code. Students violating the dress code will be sent to the office by the teacher noticing the infraction. Students violating the dress code may, at the discretion of the Administration, be sent home for the day.

There are three time periods for dress code.

Fall Dress: First day of school through October 31

Winter Dress: November 1 through March 31

Spring Dress: April 1 through the last day of school

Fall & Spring Dress Code:

- Khaki or black solid dress shorts. Shorts must be no more than 3" above the knee.
 1. To ensure correct length, place a 3" X 5" notecard at the top of the knee cap. The bottom of shorts must touch the top of the notecard when standing up straight.
- A polo shirt or standard dress shirt colored maroon, gold/yellow, black, gray, or white. A collared shirt must be worn at all times. Shirts tucked in at all times.
- Dress shoes are required. Options include boat shoes and ballet flats. No boots including Uggs, Timberlands, or any other similar boot. NO platform soles, high-tops, sandals, Crocs/clogs, slides or slippers are allowed. Solid colors only: black, brown, gray, white, and maroon only.
- Belts and socks must be worn at all times.
- No hoodies permitted. Vest, crewnecks, V-necks, or cardigans must be maroon, gold/yellow, black, gray, or white

Winter Dress Code:

- Khaki or black solid, loose-fitting dress pants. Pants should be in boot cut, flare, or straight cut. Shorts are not permitted. Skinny cuts are not permitted.
- A polo shirt or standard dress shirt colored maroon, gold/yellow, black, gray, or white. A collared shirt must be worn at all times. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Solid maroon, gold/yellow, black, gray, or white sweaters, cardigans, and crew neck sweatshirts are permitted but must be worn over the collared shirt. No large logos or prints including collegiate wear.
- In elementary school, boots may be worn to and from school, but may not be worn during the school day; all students must change into appropriate shoes when they arrive at school.

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Females:

- Females are permitted to wear earrings in ear lobes only; no longer than 1 inch.
- In elementary school, make-up is not permitted, except for light pastel nail polish
- Kindergarten and 1st grade students may wear waistless, plaid or khaki jumpers: Kindergarten through 5th grade may wear V-neck, pleated, plaid or khaki jumpers with a blouse or turtleneck.

Males:

- In high school, boys must be clean shaven and no ear/nose piercings permitted.
- Hair length should not extend over the shirt collar or below the eyebrows.

Not Permitted:

- No visible tattoos or body piercings
- No Uggs, Timberlands, or similar boots/shoes permitted of any kind
- No athletic shoes or shoes that lace up except for during gym class
- No backless shoes/sandals including Crocs and clogs
- No holes or rips are permitted in any article of clothing
- No hoodies are permitted at any time
- Outside coats are not to be worn indoors
- No oversize or baggy pants, cargo pants, skinny or flare-legged pants or shorts are permitted
- No hair color of unnatural color

Gym Uniforms:

- Black, gray or maroon sweatpants or shorts no shorter than 3" above the knee
- KC t-shirt or maroon, gold/yellow, black, white, or gray shirt
- No yoga pants, leggings, or short-shorts
- No hoodies
- Athletic tennis shoes and socks must be worn

Dress Down Days:

- Students are expected to wear modest, casual clothes that are in keeping with the Catholic school environment. Crop-tops, tank-tops, yoga pants, mini-skirts, skinny jeans, or dresses that do not conform to the the established length requirements in the dress code policy are not permitted.
- If a parent or student is unsure if clothing is in compliance with these expectations, prudence would dictate that outfit should not be worn.
- Athletic shoes are only permitted on dress down days. NO clogs/crocs/slides or slipper permitted

Note: On " Spirit Days", students must wear a Kennedy Catholic or Saint John Paul II Elementary t-shirt.

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Examples of Approved Footwear



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