



St. Patrick's Catholic High School

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Dear Student, Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR NEW STUDENTS 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

As you know, our Catholic school community has a firm school uniform policy. As a student at St. Patrick's Catholic High School, you are an ambassador of all that St. Patrick's symbolizes. By choosing to attend St. Patrick's Catholic High School, students and their parents have made a serious and long-term commitment to Catholic Education. Parents and students accept the school uniform as an integral part of the school community life.

St. Patrick's student uniforms are **available for purchase exclusively through McCarthy Uniforms**. All clothing pieces are embroidered with the SPHS logo. I encourage you to visit the McCarthy Uniform website as soon as possible at www.mccarthyuniforms.ca to **register to open your account** and begin making your selections. By registering, you will be added to the email mailing list to receive the current sales promotions and updated information on the hours for the London retail store.

Due to the social distancing measures currently in place, McCarthy Uniforms is not able to hold a uniform fit show and sale at the school this summer, as we have in previous years. **They are holding a Zoom Information Session on Thursday, June 3 at 7:00 pm to answer any questions that you may have. The registration link is included below. In addition, the showroom and store at 431 Newbold Street in London is open for shopping by appointment only.** Once you register to open your online account, you will be given the option of book a private fitting session at the store. You can also book an appointment by phone by calling the **call centre at 1-800-668-8261**.

Uniform clothing can also be purchased online or by phone with payment by credit card. To assist you with selecting the right size, McCarthy Uniforms provides a measurement worksheet on the home page and a size guide for every clothing item. If you have any **questions** related to the purchase of uniform clothing, please contact School Secretary, **Mrs. Sandee Durnez at 519-332-3976 ext 20411 sandee.durnez@st-clair.net**

Sincerely,

Ms. Karoline Lobsinger
Vice Principal

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Source: SPHS Code of Conduct - <https://www.st-clair.net/Data/Sites/30/media/code-of-conduct-july-2017.pdf>

1. Do I have to wear the school uniform all day, every day?

- YES - Students are to be in full uniform every day when they first arrive at the school until after the final dismissal bell of the day. Students may not be out of uniform at lunch or during spare periods. Students will not be allowed to attend class unless in full uniform.

2. What is spirit wear? Where can I buy it? When can I wear it?

- On specially designated days only, you will be encouraged to show your school spirit by wearing t-shirts or hoodies that have been approved by the school administration and/or faculty. Spirit wear is available throughout the school year from our school store. Students who participate in a school sport, activity, club or specialty program will often have an opportunity during the school year to purchase spirit wear tops from their team coach, faculty advisor, or teacher.
- You must wear uniform bottoms with spirit wear t-shirts or hoodies.
- Please be aware that any internet shopping sites that are selling St. Patrick's school spirit wear are not approved or endorsed by the school and the clothing items are not authorized to be worn.

3. Can I wear a non-uniform shirt under my uniform?

- Only a plain white or black, short sleeved t-shirt may be worn under an approved uniform shirt.

4. Am I allowed to alter or taper my uniform clothing?

- Uniforms are to be neat, clean and in good repair (no altering of style or colour).
- Pants are to be properly hemmed. Rolled up pant legs, capris, shorts, and kilts are not acceptable. Uniform pants purchased new from McCarthy's Uniforms come at a standard length that are meant to be hemmed either by stitching or with the hemming tape that is provided with the pants.
- Altering the fit (tapering the legs) is not permitted. If you are wearing uniform clothing that is noticeably altered, you will be asked to change.
- Over-sizing or under-sizing of clothing is not allowed.

5. Where can I buy my uniform for my physical education class?

- Physical education uniforms consist of polyester forest green shorts and a grey t-shirt with the St. Patrick's school crest. On the first day of class, your physical education teacher will provide you with the information to purchase your physical education uniform directly from your teacher; school cash online is the preferred method of payment. Wear comfortable athletic wear for your first day of physical education class.
- Sweat-suits may be worn over gym suits for outdoor activities. White-soled running shoes must be worn in the gym. Physical education uniforms are not considered spirit wear and are not to be worn outside of physical education class.

6. Can I wear shorts, capri pants and kilts all year or just during specific months of the school year?

- Walking Shorts-black or khaki are permitted only from April 1st through to the end of June and September through to October 31st.
- Capri pants may be worn year-round.
- Stewart plaid kilts may be worn year-round with knee high socks, full footed tights, or pantyhose; knee socks, tights and panty hose worn with the kilt must be solid in colour and non-textured and be complimentary.

7. Does St. Patrick's have a school store where I can buy new or used uniform items?

- NO - The school store operates throughout the school year and sells only official school spirit wear. New school uniform pieces must be purchased through McCarthy Uniforms. The school store does not sell used uniforms.
- The school office has a small supply of donated uniform items that are made available during our uniform swap events that are held throughout the school year.

8. Can I wear gently used uniform clothing that was given to me or purchased second-hand?

- Yes, you can wear second-hand clothing, however, you must ensure that the uniform items have the current circular embroidered SPHS logo in the correct placement on the garment. For example, for shorts, the location of the logo is near the hemline not the pocket.

9. What kind of shoes should I wear with my uniform?

- Footwear includes shoes or athletic/running shoes in good repair that must be worn as part of the uniform. Appropriate footwear, socks, or full tights with no extreme colours or style must be worn.

10. Can I wear my own coat or jacket over top of my uniform?

- Coats and jackets are not to be worn while inside the school. The expectation is that once the student is inside the main building, he/she will remove the jacket, place it in their locker or backpack and be in proper uniform. Coats may only be worn upon entering or leaving the building.
- Coats and jackets will not be a substitute for a sweatshirt or school sweater at any time.