

Objectives:

- A. To promote Christian modesty by appropriate attire for the occasion.
- B. To maintain neatness and acceptable dress.
- C. To foster cleanliness of clothing and personal hygiene.
- D. To assist each student to feel good about themselves.
- E. To promote a positive educational atmosphere in the school.

Students are expected to dress in a manner that meets the objectives listed above. Clothing should be modest, clean, and appropriate for school. The school reserves the right to stipulate that an article of clothing not be worn again.



Everyday, all-year-long expectations:

- 1A. Clothing should be clean and free of holes, rips, or tears.
- 1B. Clothing should be modest and allow students to maintain modesty while sitting, standing, and moving. Necklines should be high enough to provide complete coverage. The bottom of the garment must extend to at least mid-thigh.
- 1C. Undergarments are to be covered at all times.
- 1D. Leggings may be worn as long as the bottom of the dress, skirt or shirt extends to at least mid-thigh.
- 1E. Sleeves are required for all.
- 1F. Winter clothing (including boots, hats, mittens/gloves, and coats) is to be worn as needed. If there is snow on the ground, boots are needed. Students not wearing snow boots will stand in a cleared area during recess. All snow gear must be taken home at the end of each week.
- 1G. Shoes must be able to stay securely fastened to the student's feet during activities and throughout the entire school day.
- 1H. PE attire includes tennis shoes/athletic shoes that stay securely fastened to the feet during exercise and activity. Girls who wear dresses or skirts should also wear shorts.
- 1I. White t-shirts/undershirts may not be worn as outerwear.

Summer/Fall/Spring Exceptions

- 2A. Shorts will be allowed in August, September, October, March, April and May. (Note: The bottom of the short must extend to at least mid-thigh.)
- 2B. Middle school students will be allowed to wear slip on shoes in August, September, October, March April and May.

Mass Day/Holy Day - all day attire

- 3A. Students are expected to dress up on Mass days.
- 3B. Dress shirts, polo shirts, sweaters, turtlenecks, and dress slacks for boys.
- 3C. Dresses, skirts, slacks, sweaters, turtlenecks, and blouses for girls.
- 3D. Leggings may be worn as long as the bottom of the dress or skirt extends to at least mid-thigh
- 3E. No denim of any kind or color (includes skirts, shirts, pants, dresses, and jumpers) on Mass days.
- 3F. No dress shorts, gauchos, Capri, crop pants, or split skirts on Mass days.
- 3G. No t-shirts, sweatshirts or athletic gear on Mass days.

Inappropriate attire

- 4A. Sleeveless dresses/tops or shirts, off the shoulder tops, and midriff tops.
- 4B. Clothing that does not completely cover the stomach/midsection of the body. (No bare midriffs.)
- 4C. Clothing with necklines that do not provide complete coverage and/or dresses/skirts/shorts that do not extend to at least mid-thigh.
- 4D. Flip-flops, jelly sandals, crocs, and other footwear that does not stay securely fastened to the feet.
- 4E. Clothing which displays/promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or that is offensive to others.
- 4F. Wind pants and sweat pants.
- 4G. Pants/shorts or other clothing with writing on the upper back portion of the garment.
- 4H. Hats/caps are not to be worn in the school building.

Consequences for a student who comes to school dressed inappropriately:

- Step 1. First offense – student will be verbally notified that the clothing does not meet the school's dress code. A Dress Code Violation Slip will be completed by the teacher and sent home to the parent.

- Step 2. Second offense – student will be verbally notified that the clothing does not meet the school's dress code. The parent will be contacted by the school office, informed of the dress code violation, and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school for the student. If the parent is unable to bring appropriate clothing, the student will be given a detention.

- Step 3. Third offense – student will be verbally notified that the clothing does not meet the school's dress code, given a detention and placed in in-school suspension. The parent will be contacted by the school office, informed of the dress code violation, and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school for the student. The student will remain in in-school suspension until appropriate clothing is brought or until the end of the school day. The student will be given 50% credit towards detention for any time spent in in-school suspension.

- Step 4. Fourth offense- student will be verbally notified that the clothing does not meet the school's dress code and the student will be placed in in-school suspension for the remainder of the school day. The parent will be contacted by the school office and informed of the dress code violation. The parents will be required to meet with the principal and a Board of Education representative to discuss compliance with the school's dress code.

***We Dress for Success at
St. Malachy School***