

June 13, 2011

Dear Parents,

Reviewing the dress code for the upcoming school year required us to take a critical look at dress code issues. We observed many variations in the uniform, and it has become a distraction for students, staff, and parents. The Uniform Dress Code has been reviewed and updated for the 2011-2012 school year. Please review the attached dress code guidelines with your child/children. The faculty and staff will make increased efforts to help our students follow the rules.

Student dress is to be neat, clean, and modest at all times. Seton students should show respect for themselves and their school by taking pride in their appearance and are expected to follow dress code standards set down in the guidelines. Following the dress code is an act of obedience and, therefore, a virtue when done willingly.

Flynn & O'Hara continues to be our uniform supplier as they have been for the past two years. Their contact information is on the attached order form. Flynn & O'Hara is offering a Fit Day at their store in Fairfax for anyone needing to purchase uniform clothing, especially girls' skirts, on June 28 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Identify yourself as a Seton family so that you will order the correct skirt, etc. In addition, all girls must have their uniform skirt approved prior to the first day of school. We will be having Skirt Approval Days at Seton on July 26 and August 24 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Classroom, Activities, and Casual Dress Codes are also being reviewed. These updates will be mailed to you in the August mailing. Thank you for your cooperation.

**God bless,
Mrs. Carroll & staff**

Uniform Dress Code

The Uniform Dress Code is in effect for all regular school days during regular school hours unless announced otherwise. Anything that does not conform to these guidelines will be considered a violation of the dress code. Students not dressed in appropriate dress code will receive demerits and may be sent home.

Outerwear

- Uniform sweaters (gray for seniors), Seton wind shirts, Seton fleece jackets, Seton varsity jackets, official Seton sports team jackets, approved Seton senior class jackets, and navy blue blazers (gray for seniors) are the only acceptable outerwear for uniform dress code. Sweaters and wind shirts must be worn over the blue oxford cloth shirt and/or over a turtleneck. Varsity jackets, sports team jackets, and senior class jackets must be worn over the oxford shirt. (We recommend purchasing one of the above articles of outerwear to wear in cold classrooms.)
 - Uniform sweaters must be purchased through the uniform supplier. There are five styles available in navy with gold “Seton” logo. Seniors have the option of purchasing one of the five styles in gray with gold “Seton” logo.
 - Wind shirts are available for order through the Athletic Department.
 - If students wear another form of outerwear to school, it must not be worn during Mass or class. (Remove illegal outerwear immediately after entering pew or classroom.) This includes other sweaters, sweatshirts (including Seton sweatshirts), vests, etc.

Uniform Shirts

- Students must wear a shirt meeting all three of the following criteria: (1) light blue, (2) button-down collar, (3) oxford cloth shirt. (No French blue, other fabric, brand-name insignia on shirt pocket, etc.) Button-down collar buttons must be buttoned. Sleeves may be short or long. Long sleeves must be unrolled and buttoned at the wrists. (No puffy sleeves or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves.)
 - Shirts must be tucked in at all times. (No shirts rolled under. No elastic sewn on shirt to make it look tucked.)
 - A shirt, such as a plain undershirt or turtleneck, may be worn under the oxford cloth uniform shirt. (No portion of these shirts may protrude from either short or long sleeved uniform shirt sleeves.)
 - Girls may have only the top button unbuttoned.
 - Boys must wear a necktie properly tied at the neck to cover the top button. Neckties must be properly tied when students arrive on campus in the morning. Ties may be removed for after school activities.
 - For girls a turtleneck shirt may be worn under the uniform sweater.

Uniform Skirts

- Skirts must be **below** the kneecap in the front of the leg and must **cover** the crease in the back of the leg so that the knees are covered when walking or sitting, must be loose-fitting, and must be A-line style or better. (If your skirt folds on the floor when kneeling, it will cover your kneecaps when walking or sitting.) Skirts must not be short, tight, or straight.
 - Girls in grades 7-11 may choose from the following skirt styles:
 - Plaid Knife Pleated Skirt from Flynn & O’Hara
 - Navy 4 Kick Pleat Skirt from Flynn & O’Hara
 - Navy A-Line sewn skirt (**See office for details.**)
 - Girls in grade 12 have the option of adding the following skirt styles:

- Gray 4 Kick Pleat Skirt from Flynn & O'Hara
- Gray A-Line sewn skirt **(See office for details.)**
- Gray skirt of their choosing which meets the Uniform Dress Code requirements. It must be approved by two people on the Parent/Faculty Uniform Committee before school starts. Seniors must wear their plaid or navy skirt described above until gray skirt is approved. **(See office for additional details.)**

- Plaid and blue skirts from the previous suppliers of Campus Outfitters and Educational Outfitters may be worn to accommodate families who already have skirts from these companies.
- The plaid wrap skirt has never been an approved uniform skirt. This skirt is not an option.
- **When ordering your skirt from Flynn & O'Hara**, your options are to order the Teen Long or the Custom Length. Flynn & O'Hara skirts do not parallel traditional skirt sizing. They are sized by waist measurements. All skirts come with a 2" hem. **Order by July 1st to ensure delivery before the first day of school.** Remember to identify yourself as a Seton family so that you will order the correct skirt.

*Seton's Uniform Closet has used skirts that meet the above requirements.

Uniform Pants

- Boys in grades 7-11 must wear navy dress slacks of traditional prep school style.
- Boys in grade 12 have the option of wearing gray dress slacks of the same style.
- Boys must wear a dark colored belt of conservative style. (No studded belts, etc. No chains/key chains hanging from belts or pockets. Tuck them in your pockets.)
- Not permitted – jeans styling; cargo and painter pants; loose, baggy, or tight styles; off the waist styles; dragging cuffs, etc.

Uniform Socks

- All students **must** wear socks.
- Girls may wear hose or tights.
- Girls may wear leggings during the winter, but knee-length leggings must be pulled up above the kneecap. Full-length leggings are not permitted.

Uniform Shoes

- All students must wear **solid-colored brown or black shoes**. (This includes shoelaces.) **Traditional, conservative** styles such as oxfords or loafers are recommended. Sperry or Sperry-like shoes with a lighter or darker sole are acceptable as long as they meet all other requirements. (See *Not permitted* below.) Shoelaces must be tied properly.
- Girls and boys may also wear **all black** athletic shoes. (Check at WalMart or on-line at WalMart, Target, Payless Famous Footwear, or DSW.)
- Girls may also wear flats, Mary Janes, heels (not to exceed two inches measured from the back of the heel), and dress boots.
- Not permitted – sneakers; shoes with white sneaker-like soles; moccasins; multi-colored shoes; shoes with stripes, plaids, sequins, or sparkles; sandals; open-toed shoes; sling-backs; mules; clogs; platform shoes; work boots; cowboy boots; rain boots; Ugg boots; Army boots; etc.

Uniform after School

Any students who remain on campus after school must be in uniform until they leave unless they are participating in a school sport or other activity which does not require uniform dress code.