

How To Be The Best Dressed Mom At The PTA

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Just when you thought you'd outgrown schoolyard drama, you get pulled back in. Only this time, it's your kid's school. If you can't get out of the car when you drop your kids off in the morning because you're still in your PJs, all but the judgiest of moms will totally sympathize (<http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/04/09/4049317/mama-sass-ill-keep-wearing-my.html>) (though the school's administration may not



http://thestir.cafemom.com/big_kid/127371/school_gives_dress_code_to)).

But the truth is, whenever you do have to exit the vehicle and actually enter the school, you want to be dressed well enough to command respect from the teachers and other parents. But how can you be the best dressed mom at the PTA when you're so busy?



We couldn't resist.

Your Secret Weapon

Remember super-stylish [Laura Bennett](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laura_Bennett) (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laura_Bennett) from season 3 of Project Runway? Almost everything she wore was a [little black dress](http://abbeypost.com/blog/four-good-reasons-need-black-dress-one-bad-reason/) (<http://abbeypost.com/blog/four-good-reasons-need-black-dress-one-bad-reason/>). She wore a dress and very high heels every day because she said they make getting dressed so easy, and as a mom, it was all too easy to slide into wearing sweatpants constantly. (I saw her on the subway once, and not only was she the best dressed person I'd seen all day, but she managed to keep her balance in 4-inch heels.)

Obviously, I hated her.

But she was right. Not about the high heels – most of us mere mortals need to wear flats sometimes. And I don't want to live in a world where we wear cocktail dresses all day. But she was right about how easy it is to get ready in the morning when you wear dresses. You just pull it over your head and boom – you're dressed. You don't have to waste time searching for the one top that goes with that skirt, or for a pair of pants that fit well even when you're a little bloated. With a dress, if you're in a hurry, you can even grab your [belt](http://abbeypost.com/blog/can-plus-size-women-wear-belts-2/) (<http://abbeypost.com/blog/can-plus-size-women-wear-belts-2/>), a jacket or cardigan, and a great piece of jewelry and put them all on once you've gotten the kids out of the front door.



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What Makes a Good Day Dress?

Versatility (<http://abbeypost.com/blog/versatile-clothing/>). If you're going to be the best dressed mom at the PTA, you need dresses that will take you anywhere. A good day dress works just as well with a blazer at the office as it does with a denim jacket in the playground.

You want a dress that looks as good with a big statement necklace (for drinks with a client), as it does with more subdued accessories (for parent teacher conferences). That way, you can man your table at the bake sale without looking like you can't wait to change out of the clothes you wore to the office – even though you ARE wearing the same clothes you wore to work.



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The [Audrey](http://abbeypost.com/shop-custom-plus-size-dresses/audrey.html) (<http://abbeypost.com/shop-custom-plus-size-dresses/audrey.html>) dress goes to the office with business-like accessories.

Same dress, different accessories—totally different look!



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dressed mom at the PTA.

You Really Do Have Time To Be The Best Dressed Mom In The PTA

The reason moms drop off their kids at school while still wearing their pajamas is that it's so hard to get the kids fed and dressed and out of the house on time. How can you even think about dressing nicely, or planning a change of accessories? Since you're not mixing and matching separates, you'll have a little extra time and energy. (And with a [Made to Measure dress](http://abbeypost.com/shop-custom-plus-size-dresses) (<http://abbeypost.com/shop-custom-plus-size-dresses>), you won't have to wrestle yourself into shapewear since the dress already fits you perfectly.)

You probably already know which accessories look good with which dresses. You can experiment with different combinations on the weekend, or when you have a little extra time. For weekdays, go with what you already know works. A travel jewelry case can keep necklaces from tangling or

getting lost in your purse. Keep some work-appropriate earrings in your desk at the office, and a more casual set in your handbag or glove compartment.

Give it a try, and you'll find that being the best dressed mom in the drop off line is easier than you ever thought it would be!

What are your tips and tricks for being the best-dressed Mom—even if you're the busiest too? Drop us a line in the comments!

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