



Uniform Policy



Kindergarten – 8th Grade

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What is the importance of a school uniform from the Catholic perspective?

The wearing of uniforms in Catholic schools forms a unique symbol for several key aspects of Catholic education, (1) equality, (2) discipline, and (3) costs.

Equality: Service to the cause of justice lay at the very heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore plays a key role in Catholic education. The uniform thus becomes a symbol, not of sameness, but of equality. Equality in the sense that we are all created equally in the image of God.

Discipline: Catholic education distinguishes itself by fostering an effective atmosphere for a learning and loving community. On this level, the uniform represents order and discipline -- discipline based on mutual respect among students and between students and teachers.

The uniform does not exist to eradicate differences between people. The uniform is an outward sign that the measure of human value rests in the heart, mind, and spirit of the individual rather than with how fashionable one may appear.

Costs: A third sound reason for school uniforms is costs. Education can be expensive enough for families and for communities. The uniform can lend much needed relief to the pocketbooks of students and parents that may otherwise feel compelled to spend hard-earned dollars on popular name brand clothing.

Finally, a school uniform encourages modesty, which is of great import in the Catholic faith. Pursuant to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "purity requires *modesty*, an integral part of temperance. Modesty protects the intimate center of the person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden. It is ordered to chastity to whose sensitivity it bears witness. It guides how one looks at others and behaves toward them in conformity with the dignity of persons and their solidarity." See, Catechism of the Catholic Church, [2521]. Further, "the forms taken by modesty vary from one culture to another. Everywhere, however, modesty exists as an intuition of the spiritual dignity proper to man. It is born with the awakening consciousness of being a subject. Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person." *Id.*, [2524].



******As of Fall 2020, khaki colored bottoms will no longer be a part of the school uniform. ******

Options

Students may choose from a variety of options to be appropriately dressed for school:

Shirts –Navy Blue, True Red or White Polo Shirts or blouses – straight edge bottom only. Navy blue and True Red must match Donald’s uniform colors.

Students may wear plain collar, button up, polo, turtleneck, or mock turtlenecks. All shirts are acceptable long and short sleeve.

Skirts, skorts and jumpers

Plaid skirts, skorts and jumpers from Donald’s uniform store only. **Donald’s Plaid order #9455** Khaki or navy must match Donald’s uniform color.

Leggings may be worn under skirts, skorts or jumpers and must be **plain red, white or navy.**

Shorts – Khaki or navy

Khaki must match Donald’s uniform color.

Shorts are not allowed on Mass days and may be worn September and May only. All shorts must be knee length or longer. **After 3 violations of wearing shorts to Mass, students will have the right to wear shorts revoked for the rest of the school year.**

Pants – Khaki or navy

Students may wear long pants, twill khakis, Capri’s, skorts, skirts, jumpers or shorts as long as they are finger tip or longer and are not torn or in any way in disrepair. Cargo and skinny pants are not allowed.

Sweaters – True Red or Navy

Students may wear solid plain sweaters, zip-up, vest or pullover, with or without embroidered logo. Sweaters must be worn with a uniform shirt as described above.

Sweatshirts– True Red or Navy

- Students may wear solid plain sweatshirts, zip-up, cardigan, button down or pullover with or without embroidered logo. Sweatshirts must be worn with a uniform shirt as described above.
- 5th – 8th Grade Middle School students are allowed to wear **St. Francis logo** or **plain navy blue or true red hoodies.**

Shoes

Shoes must have a strap on the back, no flip-flops. Socks must be worn. Gym shoes separate from regularly worn shoes for Physical Education must be worn.

Middle School Gym Attire

Students may wear navy blue shorts or sweatpants and plain navy or white T-shirt.

- **Gym shorts must be purchased through the school for \$7.00.**



Criteria

The following criteria apply to all clothing choices:

- All shirts must be long enough to cover midriff.
- Clothing may not be torn or in any way in disrepair.
- No portion of a student’s undergarments may be visible.
- Jewelry worn must be simple and modest, no hoop earrings.
- No makeup for K-5th grade students. 6-8th grade students may wear modest makeup; cover up and/or foundation only. No extreme make-up, body piercing, hair colors or styles are permitted. Fad clothing or accessories are not part of the uniform.
- Accessories, such as scarfs, are not to be worn.
- Shorts may be worn in September and May and not on Mass days. After 3 violations of wearing shorts to Mass, students will have the right to wear shorts revoked for the rest of the school year.

UNIFORM GUIDELINE CHART
Boys and Girls

Item	Description	Color	Donald Item Number
Top		Navy Blue or True Red	
Bottom		Navy Blue or True Red	

Item	Description	Color	Donald Item Number
Top	Sweatshirt as described above/ blank or with logo	Navy Blue or True Red?	
Bottom	Sweatpants	Navy Blue or True Red?	

Dress Uniform – Boys

Item	Description	Color	Donald Item Number
Top	Short Sleeve Polo/ blank or with logo	Navy Blue or True Red?	
Bottom	Walking Shorts	Khaki	

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Top	Long Sleeve Sleeve Polo/ blank or with logo	Navy Blue or True Red?	
Bottom	Twill Pants	Khaki	

DRESS UNIFORM – GIRLS

Item	Description	Color	Donald Item Number
Top	Short Sleeve Polo	Navy Blue or True Red	
Bottom	Skort	Khaki	

Item	Description	Color	Donald Item Number
Top	Blouse/ Peter Pan Collar	Navy Blue or True Red?	
Bottom	Shift Shadow Plaid	Khaki	
Tights	Heavy Weight Ribbed or Opaque	Navy Blue or Gray?	

» **FAQs**

How will this policy be enforced?

Teachers will complete a uniform violation form for students inappropriately dressed. Students may be asked to change into clothing available at the school.

What if students aren't "in policy"?

The first violation will result in a note to the parents and a discussion with the student. Parents will be contacted after the second violation and will be asked to bring appropriate clothing to school for their child.

» **Where to buy**

Land's End School Uniform – www.landsend.com/school

Preferred School Program – St. Francis School code: 900115015

Donald's – www.donaldsuniform.com

Or pick up order form outside of St. Francis School Office.

Kohl's - Uniform pieces available in the fall.

Target Stores – Uniform pieces available in the fall.

