

St. Nicholas Catholic School Uniform Policy

Parents/guardians are expected to help children keep the school uniform rules. At St. Nicholas Catholic School, we wear uniforms in order to:

- discourage differences brought about by various income levels, thus eliminating unnecessary peer pressure and allowing the attention of the student to be directed to learning.
- assure that the dress standards of the school emphasize neatness.
- promote an image of pride both at and away from school.
- represent our Catholic school image.
- help create a positive climate of discipline and responsibility.
- provide cost effective clothing that is easily maintained.
- promote an attitude of moderation and modesty.

The school uniform policy applies to appearance as well as attire. Uniforms must fit well and be clean and in good repair. Shirts are to be tucked in.

Free Dress

Free dress is allowed on special occasions throughout the school year as designated by the principal. Clothing must be appropriate for school – modest, non-distractive, and moderate. Not allowed: short shorts/skirts (must be fingertip length), halter tops, sleeveless or shoulder-baring tops, or cut-offs. All tops must be long enough to tuck into pants/skirts. Clothing must be clean and in good repair. Hair, make-up, and jewelry policies are in effect even on free dress days unless otherwise stipulated. The regular uniform shoe policy must be followed EXCEPT students may wear shoes and/or laces of any color on free dress days.

Field trip wear will be decided in consultation with teachers and administration and will depend on the circumstances surrounding the field trip. Weather and location will especially be taken into consideration.

We feel that it is not only the school's responsibility to determine the student dress code, but also the student's and parent's responsibility to adhere to a dress code that is conducive to a proper learning environment. Ultimately, modesty should prevail, not the latest in fashion trends. We appreciate your attention to, concern with, and responsibility for the manner in which your child dresses for learning.

Hair	Jewelry, Make-up, and Accessories
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Hairstyles are to be neat, clean, and conducive to a quality-learning environment, while not drawing attention to oneself * Hair color should be one's own natural color, without dyes, bleaches, or streaks * Boys and girls are to keep their hair out of their eyes * Boys' hair should be cut above the eyes, above the collar, and above the ears. * Students will be sent home to have hair properly groomed if it is found to be extreme. This will be at the discretion of the principal. * Boys must be clean-shaven 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Make-up is not allowed. This includes eyeshadow, liner, mascara, tinted lip-gloss or balm, lipstick, foundation make-up or powder. * No fingernail polish or artificial fingernails * Students may wear a cross or religious medal. No other necklace is allowed. * Students may wear a watch. No other bracelets are allowed, with exception of medical alert bracelets. * Girls may wear one set of post earrings. They must be smaller than a dime. No dangling or hoop earrings. * No other jewelry is to be worn at school. * Hair bows, ribbons, and barrettes in black, gray, navy, light blue, white, or blue plaid are allowed, as long as they are not a distraction. No oversize bows or headbands, no sparkles or sequins. * No tattoos, body art, or facial piercings.

Mass Uniform

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Jumper or skort * Tights or knee-high socks (no leggings) * White or light blue polo shirt * Uniform sweater, cardigan, or vest (no sweatshirts or fleece) * Black or brown leather shoes (no ballet flats) OR athletic shoes that follow the regular uniform shoe policy (see next page) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Navy uniform pants * Black, brown, or navy solid color belt (grades 5-8) * White or light blue shirt * Uniform sweater, cardigan, or vest (no sweatshirts or fleece) * Black or brown leather shoes OR athletic shoes that follow the regular uniform shoe policy (see next page)

Regular Uniform Options

Item	Color	Grade	Comments
Pants and Shorts	Navy Blue	PS - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cotton twill ankle length, straight-legged pants, no adornments or stitching (Uniform Store style) * No skinny pants/leggings/jeggings * No cargo style * Pants must be worn at the waist. * Shorts must be twill walking shorts no shorter than 3" above the knee and can only be worn August-October and April-June.
Leggings	Navy, Gray, or White	PS - 8	For girls, under uniform jumper or skort only; must wear socks
Jumpers	Blue Plaid	PS - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Jumpers must be purchased from Ideal Commercial Uniform Store * The length is to be no shorter than 3" above the knee * Shorts (grades PS-5) or leggings (grades PS-3) must be worn under jumpers for modesty purpose. Leggings may not be worn in grades 4-5.
Skorts	Blue Plaid	PS - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Blue plaid skorts must be purchased from Ideal Commercial Uniform Store. * The length is to be no shorter than 3" above the knee
	Navy	6 - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Solid navy with no adornments (Uniform Store style) * The length is to be no shorter than 3" above the knee
Shirts	White or Light Blue	PS - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Long or short sleeved white or light blue polo * Long sleeved white or light blue turtleneck * No logos other than St. Nicholas logo * Shirts must be tucked into the waistband.
Sweaters, Cardigans, and Vests	Gray	PS - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sweaters, cardigans, and vests with St. Nicholas logo must be purchased from Ideal Commercial Uniform Store. * Must be worn on Mass days
Sweatshirts and Fleece	Gray Crew Neck Sweatshirt	PS - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Only uniform sweatshirts and fleece purchased from Ideal Commercial Uniform Store or another SNCS Authorized Dealer with the St. Nicholas logo may be worn in the classroom. * Sweatshirts and fleece may not be worn to mass.
	Gray Quarter Zip Sweatshirt and Fleece	6 - 8	
	Gray Full Zip Fleece	PS - 8	
Shoes	Colors harmonious with the uniform	PS - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Shoes must be comfortable, practical, and neat in appearance. * Athletic/tennis shoes are recommended (and should be worn on PE days). Leather dress shoes are also permitted. * Shoelaces must be in good condition and kept tied. Velcro and strap closures are also acceptable. * Colors of shoes and laces should be harmonious with the uniform. Glitter, sequins, lights or neon/fluorescent colors are not permitted. * No Crocs, Heelys, sandals/flip flops, heels higher than 1" or boots are permitted except during inclement weather, students may wear plain black rain boots. (No patterns, decoration, or other colors are permitted.) Students wearing rain boots on PE days must bring athletic shoes.
Socks and Tights	White, Gray, Navy, or Light Blue	PS - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Socks must be worn at all times and should cover the ankle bone * Knee-highs, anklets, and tights are acceptable * Socks and tights must be in solid colors, no pattern
Belts	Black, Brown, or Navy	5 - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Solid color * Must be worn with pants and shorts in grades 5-8