

Uniform Policy *Last Revised 4/19/2024*

Parents/guardians and students are asked to cooperate fully with the uniform requirements (dress, PE, warm weather, and dress down) outlined below. Students wear uniforms daily unless special non-uniform days are announced.

Dress Uniform

Boys: Kindergarten- 4th Grade

- Navy blue uniform trousers with solid brown, navy, or black belt *
- White or ash gray polo shirt, short or long sleeve - no colored or printed t-shirt underneath
- St. Edward monogrammed sweater, sweatshirt or vest
- Accessories:
 - Crew length socks - solid white, black or navy blue (no quarter length or shorter)
 - Solid black or brown dress or tennis shoes

Girls: Kindergarten- 4th Grade

- Girls may wear a jumper or navy blue trousers
 - Jumper - St. Edward plaid jumper - SB #1423, color #0523 (Schoolbelles), moderate length**
 - Solid black or navy-blue leggings may be worn under the jumper
 - Navy blue uniform trousers with a solid brown, navy, or black belt*
- White or ash gray polo shirt, short or long sleeve with navy blue trousers or white, button-down blouse with jumper -no colored or printed t-shirts or undergarments worn underneath
- St. Edward monogrammed sweater, sweatshirt, or vest
- Accessories:
 - Crew length or knee-high socks or tights -solid white, black, or navy blue
 - Solid black or brown dress or tennis shoes

Boys: 5th-8th Grade

- Navy blue uniform trousers with solid brown, navy, or black belt
- White or blue oxford button up shirt, short or long sleeve -no colored or printed t-shirt underneath
- St. Edward blue plaid tie -color #0523 (SchoolBelles)
- St. Edward monogrammed sweater, sweatshirt, or vest
- Accessories:
 - Crew length socks -solid white, black, or navy blue (no quarter length or shorter)
 - Solid black or brown dress or tennis shoes

Girls: 5th-8th Grade

- Girls may wear a skirt or navy blue trousers
 - Skirt-St. Edward plaid jumper -SchoolBelles #1521, color #0523, moderate length**
 - Solid black or navy blue leggings may be worn under the skirt
 - Navy blue uniform trousers with a solid brown, navy, or black belt
- White or blue oxford button up shirt, short or long sleeve -no colored or printed undergarments
- St. Edward blue plaid tie -color #0523 (SchoolBelles)
- St. Edward monogrammed sweater, sweatshirt, or vest
- Accessories:
 - Crew length or knee-high socks or tights -solid white, black, or navy blue (no quarter length or shorter)
 - Solid black or brown dress or tennis shoes

**Belts not required for Kindergarteners*

***Jumpers and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Skirts should sit at the waist and not be rolled.*

Physical Education (PE) Uniform

PE uniforms are worn twice a week for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Each grade's designated PE days are communicated at the beginning of each new school year. On PE days, students remain in their PE uniform for the entire school day. Note – the gym uniform cannot be altered in any manner. Uniform items are sold at Land's End and at SchoolBelles:

- St. Ed's monogrammed t-shirt, gray heather
- St. Ed's monogrammed sweatshirt, classic navy
- St. Ed's monogrammed sweatpants, classic navy
- St. Ed's monogrammed mesh shorts, classic navy (only during warm weather policy)
- Accessories:
 - Crew length socks -solid white, black, or navy blue (no quarter length or shorter)
 - Tennis/gym shoes

Hair, Jewelry, Make-up, Shoes and Additional Requirements***

- **Hair** – hair should be clean, combed, not cover the eyes, and out of the face. Extreme hairstyles and/or color/bleached hair is not permitted. Boys' hair must be trimmed on top and in back and sit above the collar. No tails are permitted. Girls' hair accessories must match the school uniform colors and style. Facial hair is not permitted.
- **Jewelry** – Wrist watches, medical alert bracelets, and fitness trackers are acceptable. Apple watches or any other wearable technology that allows communication or access to the internet are not permitted. Body piercings are not permitted. Girls: Small-post earrings are acceptable (non-dangling). Students are allowed to wear a modest religious medal or cross.
- **Make-up** - the wearing of makeup or artificial nails is not allowed. Clear nail polish is acceptable. Tattoos, henna tattoos, and other skin decorations are not permitted.
- **Shoes** - Any logos on the shoes must be the same color as the shoe. No high-top white rimmed, fur lined, skateboard shoes or Crocs, or the like are permitted. Heels must be 1 inch or shorter. If rain/snow boots are worn to school, uniform shoes should be brought to change into for classroom wear.
- **Additional Requirements:**
 - Polos and Oxford shirts must be tucked into trousers, shorts, or skirts at all times.
 - Leggings as a substitute for navy blue uniform trousers are not permitted.
 - All clothing should be neat and clean with no holes.

Warm Weather Policy (May – Sept. unless otherwise stated on the school calendar)

The following uniform changes are made for the warm weather months, so students are as comfortable as possible:

- Navy blue uniform shorts with a belt may be worn in place of the navy blue trousers.
- Land's End or SchoolBelles St. Edward monogrammed Mesh Gym Shorts (classic navy) may be worn in place of the PE sweatpants.

Dress Down Day Policy (i.e. NUT Card (No Uniform Today), Picture Day, etc.)

Any non-uniform clothing worn on dress-down days must be clean, neat and appropriate. A Catholic approach to clothing recognizes that the body, created good by God, must be cared for and respected, even if doing so means rejecting popular fashion. Most importantly, it honors God's expectations of modesty. The way that one dresses reflects one's attitude toward this basic reality.

If an out of uniform day happens to occur on a day when students will be going to church, they should wear clothes appropriate for church. All regular policies regarding jewelry, make-up, and hair are applicable on dress down days. The principal makes final decisions on acceptable appearance. Unacceptable clothing includes, but is not limited to:

- Tops - bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, sleeveless, or low-cut tops
- Pants/shorts - pants or shorts with writing on the backside or inappropriate writing on the front side. No short shorts (moderate length, no shorter than 2 inches above the knee--same rule as skirts/jumpers) or skin tight clothing. If leggings or yoga pants are worn, shirt length must come to mid-thigh.
- Hats, sunglasses, scarves, bandanas, flip-flops, slippers, shoes without backs, and Crocs.
- Clothing that advertises alcohol, drugs, or displays images that are not aligned with the school environment or our Catholic faith are prohibited.

****Illinois Public Act 102-0360, known as the Jett Hawkins Law, prevents school boards, local school councils, charter schools, and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools from creating hairstyle-based dress code requirements. Specifically, the Public Act prohibits discriminating against hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists. This law takes effect January 1, 2022. Schools that do not comply with this law risk losing recognition status from the Illinois State Board of Education.*

Dress and PE specific uniform garments are available at:

SchoolBelles: located at 7254 W. Foster Avenue, Chicago, IL

- School Code: S2579

Land's End

- School Code: 900117250

Uniform violation: Students who are routinely out of uniform after being asked to abide by uniform policy will receive a uniform violation notice. The parent will be notified that the student has been violating the uniform policy and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the issue. After three uniform violation notices, the student will serve an after school disciplinary time.

Pre-Kindergarten: There is no formal uniform for our Pre-K students. Boys and girls in the Pre-K classes should wear weather appropriate, clean play clothes free from tears with buttons and closures that they can manipulate independently in the washroom. Pre-K students should wear gym shoes or other closed-toed shoes that have velcro. For the safety of the students, they should not wear shoes with shoelaces or Crocs.