

UNIFORM POLICY

A school uniform is a visible sign of the unity of a student body striving to achieve a common goal. Bearing this in mind, the standard remains *uniformity*, not individuality or fashion. While the school strives to develop strong individuals, the well-formed student will possess a true depth of character and a personality strong from within, not defined from without. A uniform facilitates all of this by minimizing the possibility of disordered, vain, or immodest self-expression that seeks primarily to draw attention to self. Beyond this, uniform dress reinforces a sense of solidarity and belonging, and eliminates the significant social pressures associated with style consciousness and competition. Uniforms do not suppress individual expression; willingness to submit to the uniform policy indicates humility and maturity.

This handbook establishes the basic “letter of the law,” but students, aided by their parents, should discern and submit more importantly to the spirit of the uniform policy. Rather than defining each allowable or disallowable clothing item, the school relies on parents, students, and faculty to understand the purpose of uniforms and to comply with the intention of the regulations. Parents with questions or concerns should feel free to contact the school for clarification.

Hygiene and Appearance

For their own health and the consideration of others, students must bathe properly and regularly. Students must appear at school in clean, pressed, and complete uniforms. Damaged or excessively worn uniform items are unacceptable. Students must remain in full uniform while on the school property, even after school.

Make-up

Make-up and cosmetics are forbidden with the exception of medicated bases prescribed by a physician. In these cases, students must provide a note from the prescribing physician. Fingernail polish—colored or clear—is likewise forbidden.

Jewelry

Jewelry is forbidden, with the exceptions of a fine-gauge necklace with a single religious medal. Girls with pierced ears may wear a single gold, silver, diamond, cubic zirconia, or pearl stud, no larger than 5 mm in each ear. Boys may not wear earrings. Only grades 5-12 are allowed to wear watches, but alarms must be turned off. Watches must be non-touchscreen.

Hair

Hair should be cut and styled in a classic fashion. Fad hairstyles for boys or girls are forbidden. Boys must be clean-shaven, well-groomed, with haircut, off the collar and ears. Girls and boys are to keep their hair the natural color, not dyed.

Girls are to keep their hair tied back and off their shoulders (braid, ponytail or half up), with bangs short or fastened back and out of their faces. Any ribbons, hair bands, or other hair accessories are to be simple in design and color (gray, maroon, navy, white, or black). Bright colors and/or big bows and flowers are not allowed.

Required Uniforms

The following provides general guidance concerning articles that make up the uniform, including outerwear.

- First Layer: the basic uniform.
- Second Layer: the first outer layer, a navy-blue embroidered school sweater (cardigan or pullover).
 - Students are not authorized to wear any other color sweater, nor may they wear multiple sweaters or sweaters without Academy crests.
 - During periods of hotter weather, the School Principal may temporarily discourage the use of sweaters.
- Third Layer: during periods of colder weather, the school permits a final layer which may include a winter coat and apparel such as hats and gloves. All accessories must be plain (non-patterned) and a color to match the uniform. Students may not wear casual or active outerwear garments, hooded or otherwise, when in uniform. In particular, sweatshirts (“hoodies”) and denim jackets are forbidden. Jackets may not be worn in classrooms or the church.

Required Uniform for Girls, Grades K – 5

- **Uniform jumper**
 - Blue and black plaid with 2” added (Schoolbelles). The skirt of the jumper must **cover the knees completely while sitting**.
- **Sweater:** Navy blue embroidered school sweater (cardigan or pullover) is to be worn over the jumper (Schoolbelles).
 - NB. Each student is required to have a sweater.
- **Shirt:** White Peter Pan blouse (rounded), broadcloth, short or long sleeve (Schoolbelles / Amazon: French Toast).
- **Tie:** Navy crossover tie with fabric snap (Schoolbelles).
- **Socks:**
 - White knee-high socks / white tights
 - White bobby-socks / ankle socks
 - Black tights
- **Shoes:** Black **Mary Janes**. (Ballet flats not permitted for K-5th grade)
- **Outerwear:** Dark blue, black, gray, or white winter coat (no insignias).

Required Uniform for Girls, Grades 6-12

- **Skirt:** blue and black plaid **skirt with 5” added** (Schoolbelles). The skirt must **cover the knees completely while sitting**.
- **Vest:** with crest is the 1st layer of the basic uniform and is always to be worn.
- **Sweater:** Navy blue embroidered school sweater (cardigan or pullover) is to be worn over the vest in cold weather (Schoolbelles).
 - NB: Each student is required to have a sweater.
- **Shirt:** White uniform blouse; long or short sleeve
 - White pointed collar Oxford blouse, short or long sleeve (Schoolbelles / Amazon: French Toast).
- **Tie:**
 - Grade 6-8: Navy crossover tie with fabric snap (Schoolbelles).
 - Grade 9-12: Maroon crossover tie with fabric snap (Schoolbelles / Amazon)
- **Socks:**
 - White knee-high socks / white tights
 - White bobby-socks / ankle socks
 - Black tights
- **Shoes:** Classic black uniform shoes: polished traditional ballet flats, Oxfords, or loafers, no thick soles or large treads
- **Outerwear:** Dark blue, black, gray, or white winter coat (no insignias).

PE Uniform for Girls, Grades 7-12

- Grey Cavaliers PE T-shirt (order through the school).
- Navy knee-length skirt made of stretchy material, full enough to move comfortably in, with black knee-length athletic pants under skirt OR navy PE skirt with 4” added (Buy through the school or source your own).
- White athletic socks
- Athletic shoes
- During winter months a navy blue or white long-sleeved sweatshirt may be worn (no insignias or slogans)

Required Uniform for Boys, Grades K – 12

- **Pants:** flat front or pleated khaki dress pants (Schoolbelles / Amazon: French).
NB: See **Uniform Supplement** for approved styles and khaki colors.
- **Shirts:**
 - Grades K-8: Button-down white Oxford shirt (short sleeve or long sleeve). Shirt sleeves must not be rolled up. (Schoolbelles / Amazon: French Toast).
 - Grades 9-12: Button-down blue Oxford shirt (long or short sleeve). Shirt sleeves must not be rolled up (Schoolbelles only).
 - Students must attach OLOSA patch (available through Secretary).
- **Black belt**
- **Tie:**
 - K-4: Navy blue classic pre-tied bow tie (Schoolbelles / Amazon: “WELROG” – See Uniform Supplement for brand links).
 - Grades 5-8: Navy blue with no design (Schoolbelles).
 - Grades 9-12: Navy blue and grey Classic Stripe Jacquard (Amazon: “Secdtie” - See Uniform Supplement for specific brand).
- **Socks:** Navy blue or black dress / long socks that cover the ankle (No designs or insignias).
- **Shoes:** Black leather shoes, clean and polishable (loafers allowed); athletic socks and shoes for recess.
- **Sweaters:** Plain navy cardigan or pullover sweaters with OLOSA patch (Sweaters are ordered from (Schoolbelles). Patches are available from the church or school office.)

PE Uniform for Boys, Grades 7-12

- Cavalier PE T-shirt (ordered through the school)
- Navy knee-length athletic shorts (ordered through the school)
- During winter months, a blue long-sleeved sweatshirt may be worn (no slogans)
- Athletic shoes
- White or black cotton sport socks

Uniform Orders

Parents are expected to purchase uniforms through our uniform suppliers and students are expected to maintain their uniform's cleanliness and integrity at all times. Please see the Uniform Supplement published on the website for a full list of suppliers, restrictions and recommendations. Uniforms must be purchased through one of the recommended sites unless otherwise stated.

School patches must be worn on all uniforms and may be purchased from the school office. PE t-shirts may also be ordered through the school office.

NOTE: Women (parents, volunteers, visitors) and girls must wear modest skirts or dresses whenever on school or church grounds.