

DRESS CODE

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School has a dress code designed to promote modesty, safety, neatness, and cleanliness among students. The purpose of a dress code is to enable our children to study in a Catholic educational setting without the distraction of a non-uniform environment.

General guidelines

- All clothing must be neat and clean.
- Uniform attire is to be worn on all school days unless specifically labeled as Charity Day or special days that occur throughout the year.
- Students will receive a written dress code violation if the dress code is not followed.
- **If you have any questions about the dress code, please consult with a staff member.**
- **Jumpers and skorts/skirts must be purchased from MyAplus Uniforms.**

Individual pieces of clothing

Shirts:

- Shirts may be purchased from any store. Colors permitted are: solid white, gray, black, or burgundy for girls K - 8 or gray, burgundy or black for boys K - 8.
- Shirts may not have logos.
- Shirts must be worn at all times, even when worn under a sweater or sweatshirt.
- Shirts may be **dry fit, cotton or polyester polo style for grades K - 8.**
- Shirts should be long or short sleeves, but not cap sleeves.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- No other shirt should show below the sleeve line. If an undershirt is worn, it must be white with no pattern/design showing.
- Shirts are available for purchase from MyAplus Uniforms, Land's End, JCPenney, Old Navy, as well as other stores.

Pants:

- Pants must be plain, black or gray for boys K – 8 and girls 5 – 8.
- Pants should be cotton twill or polyester/cotton. (No knit, corduroy or spandex)
- Cargo pants, hip huggers, skinny pants, baggy pants, sweatpants, or rivets on pants are not acceptable.
- Belts must be worn in grades 4 – 8 for both boys and girls.
- Pants are available from MyAplus Uniforms, Land's End, JCPenney, Old Navy, as well as other stores.

Shorts (Boys):

- Shorts must be uniform/dress style shorts. If in doubt, please contact the school office.
- Shorts must be plain, black, gray or khaki cotton twill or polyester/cotton. (K-8) No cargo shorts please.
- Shorts can be worn in August, September, May and June only.
- Shorts cannot be more than 3 inches above the knee.
- Shorts must sit at the waist.
- Belts must be worn in grades 4 – 8.
- Uniform style shorts are available from MyAplus Uniforms, Land's End, JCPenney, Old Navy, French Toast brand, as well as other stores.

Shorts/skorts/skirts/jumpers (Girls):

- **Jumpers for grades K – 4 and plaid skorts or skirts for grades 5 – 8 must be purchased from MyAplus Uniforms.**
- Shorts or the uniform plaid skirts or skorts may be worn in grades K – 4 only in the months of August, September, May and June. Grades 5 – 8 must wear the plaid skirt or skort all year unless wearing pants.
- Shorts, skorts or skirts may also be plain gray, black or khaki cotton twill.
- Shorts, skorts or skirts should be walking or Bermuda-style with length no more than 3 inches above the knee.
- **Jumpers should be no more than 3 inches above the knee.**

Accessories:

- No make-up (light make-up for grades 7 & 8 only)
- Clear nail polish only
- No dangling earrings
- Earrings are not permitted on boys
- No body piercing other than earrings will be permitted
- No choker chains
- Jewelry must be discreet and small in scale

Hair and hats:

- Hair must be neat and clean.
- Eccentric cuts or colors are not permitted. Hair should be a natural color only.
- No Mohawk cuts permitted.
- Boys' bangs should be above the eyebrows and hair should be above the collar.
- Hats must be removed once inside the building.
- **Hair bows must be burgundy, white, gray, black or uniform plaid, and must not be elaborate in size.**

Charity Day (K - 8):

- Jeans and shorts are acceptable. *Shorts are permitted in August, September, May and June.
- T-shirts or sweatshirts may be worn. No offensive styles or words on shirts are permitted.
- No tank tops, spandex or tight fitting shirts are permitted.
- **Leggings may be worn ONLY with long tops or a dress.**
- Socks must be worn.

Our Uniform Company is:

MyAplus Uniforms
2055 28th st SE Suite 18
Grand Rapids MI 49508
616-214-3732

<https://lansing.myaplusuniforms.com/collections/st-charles-borromeo>

Sweaters:

- **Sweaters must be waist length either solid black, gray or burgundy without any colored trim. (K-8)**
- Sweaters may be crewneck, V-neck pullover, cardigan (button or zippered) or a vest. No hooded sweaters please.
- A sweater must be worn over the uniform shirt.
- Sweaters and vests can be purchased through MyAplus Uniforms, Land's End, JCPenney, Old Navy, as well as other stores.

Sweatshirts:

- An approved St. Charles sweatshirt may be worn on Mondays with the school uniform.

Socks:

- Socks must be worn and visible.
- **When wearing shorts or a plain colored skort or skirt, socks must be solid white, gray or black crew or ankle-high sport socks.**
- Solid white, gray or black socks must be worn when wearing pants.
- **When wearing plaid--either the jumper, skort or skirt--gray, burgundy, black or white knee socks must be worn by girls K - 8.**
- Tights and leggings (gray, burgundy, white or black) are acceptable for girls.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be tied and fastened at all times.
- **Due to safety concerns, children may not wear cowboy boots, high heels or sandals.**

Belts:

- Belts must be worn by girls and boys in grades 4 - 8 when wearing shorts or pants.
- Belts must be solid black, brown or gray in color without designs.