

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.

Dress Code Requirements

The dress code includes a shirt, pants/shorts*, jumper/skort/skirt*, socks and shoes according to the following specific guidelines. (Optional tie for boys K – 8 and girls 6 – 8).

***Shorts and skirts/skorts are for August, September, May and June only.**

***Exception: Girls in grades 5 – 8 can wear the uniform plaid skort/skirt from Educational Outfitters throughout the school year. Girls K - 4 must wear their jumper from October to April.**

Our Uniform Company is:

Educational Outfitters

2055 28th St SE Ste. 18
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Phone: (616) 245-4800

General Guidelines

- All clothing must be neat and clean.
- Uniform attire is to be worn on all school days unless specifically labeled as Jean Day or special days during Catholic Schools Week.
- Students will receive a written dress code violation if dress code is not followed.
- If in doubt about dress, please consult with a staff member.
- **Jumpers and skorts/skirts must be purchased from Educational Outfitters.**

Oxford/Shirts (may be purchased from any store) – Shirts may not have logos.

- A uniform shirt must be worn at all times, even when worn under a sweater or sweatshirt.
- Cotton polo shirt for grades K – 8; **optional plain white oxford shirt for boys K – 8 and girls grades 5-8.**
- Not form fitting (too tight)
- Long or full-sized short sleeves, but not cap sleeve.

- **Solid colored white, gray, black or burgundy (girls K - 8); gray, burgundy or black (boys K - 8).**
- **White oxford is permissible for boys K-8 and girls 6-8 when worn with the plaid tie**
- Must be worn tucked in at all times, even when sitting.
- No other shirt should show below sleeve line.
- If an undershirt is worn, it must be white with no pattern/design showing.
- Shirts are available for purchase from Educational Outfitters, Land's End, JC Penney, Old Navy, and other stores.

Pants

- **Plain, black or gray full-length (to the top of the shoe) for boys K - 8 and girls 5 - 8.**
- Cotton twill only (no knit, corduroy or spandex)
- No rivets, cargo pants, hip huggers, skinny pants, or baggy pants.
- Belts must be worn in grades 4 - 8.
- Pants are available from Educational Outfitters, Land's End, JC Penney, Old Navy, and other stores.

Shorts (Boys)

- Uniform style shorts. If in doubt, please contact the office. Uniform style shorts are available from Educational Outfitters, Land's End, JC Penney, Old Navy, French Toast brand, among others.
- **Plain, black, gray or khaki cotton twill only (K - 8)**
- May be worn only in the months of May, June, August, and September
- Walking or Bermuda-style length with no more than 2 inches above the knee. No cargo shorts.
- Must sit at waist, no hip-huggers or low-rise shorts.
- Belts must be worn in grades 4 - 8.

Jumpers/Shorts/Skorts/Skirts (Girls)

- **Jumpers for grades K - 4 and plaid skorts/skirts for grades K - 8 must be purchased from Educational Outfitters.**
- Shorts or the uniform plaid skorts/skirts may be worn in grades K - 4 only in the month of May, June, August and September. Grades 5 - 8 can wear the plaid skirt or skort all year.
Skorts/skirts are to be the approved plaid from Educational Outfitters. Shorts/skorts/skirts may also be plain gray, black or khaki cotton twill.
- **Educational Outfitters has an optional plaid skort/skirt for girls in grades 5 - 8 that can be worn all year.**

- Shorts/skorts/skirts should be walking or Bermuda-style with length no more than 2 inches above the knee.

Socks (K – 8) – Socks may not have stripes or logos.

- Socks must be worn and visible.
- **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.
- **When wearing shorts or skorts, 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. (No designs on socks.)**

Shoes (K – 8)

- Must be completely closed shoe style. (No sandals, open heel clogs, open heel shoes).
- Shoes must be tied or fastened at all times.
- Boots may be worn to and from school and during recess only.
- Fashion boots are not permissible during the school day, except on Jean Day.

Sweaters

- **Solid, black, gray or burgundy with no trim in grades K – 8.**
- Must be worn over a uniform shirt/blouse that shows at the collar.
- May be crewneck, V-neck pullover, cardigan (button-up or zippered), or vest. No hooded sweaters.
- Sweaters and vests can be purchased through Educational Outfitters, Land's End, JC Penney, Old Navy, and other stores.

Sweatshirts

- St. Charles Borromeo school sweatshirt can be worn on Mondays with the school uniform.

Belts

- Students in grades 4 – 8 must wear a belt when wearing pants or shorts. A plain black, brown or gray belt only (no designs or colors).

Accessories (K - 8)

- No makeup
- No nail polish
- 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 (K - 8)

- Neat and clean
- Boys' hair must be cut above the eyebrow, collar and ears.
- Eccentric cuts or colors are not permitted. Natural color only.
- No Mohawk cuts.
- No big or elaborate hair accessories.

Hats (K - 8)

- Must be removed once inside the building.

Jean Day (K - 8)

- Jeans, capri pants (for girls) and shorts (if during August, September, May and June) are acceptable.
- T-shirts or sweatshirts may be worn. No offensive styles.
- No leggings, tank tops, spandex or tight fitting shirts.
- Socks must be worn.