



## DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY

Families are asked to adopt a school dress code out of respect for our community and our common educational goals. Wearing a school uniform is a visible indicator of school pride. A uniform style of dress diminishes issues of socio-economic differences, which sometimes arise as a result of fashion. At St. James School, we want students to develop a strong sense of self-respect. *St. James students are always expected to dress modestly and in a manner which allows the focus of the day to be on academics and spiritual growth.*

- In all cases, a student's clothing should be clean, neat and unwrinkled, without rips or holes, and free of commercial logos, slogans, or offensive graphics/language.
- Our standard dress code may be worn throughout the school year. An *optional* summer uniform is available during the warmer weather months or from school start to Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and May 1st to end of year.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times and pants must be worn with belts with the exception of our youngest learners in preschool and kindergarten.
- Pants and shorts must be uniform, dress style. Cargo or jean-type pants or shorts are not allowed.
- On each student's designated day for physical education class, the children must wear the gym uniform and sneakers.
- Students must refrain from trendy hairstyles and large hair accessories. Haircuts must be neat and clean and not a distraction. Outlandish cuts, coloring of hair or designs set into the hair, etc. are not permitted. Boy's hair should be above the shirt collar and trimmed around the ears.
- Modesty is the rule. Jewelry must be minimal. Boys may not wear earrings. Hem length is 2" above the knee and not shorter.
- Shoes should be conservative dress shoes either lace-up or slip-on with no embellishments. Oxford style or Merrill-style shoes with rubber soles are acceptable. **Sandals, boots, slippers or open-back shoes are not allowed.**
- Parents will be contacted if a student is not following the uniform policy on any given school day. Fourth through eighth grade students who repeatedly violate the policy will serve an after school detention. When it falls upon the teachers to "police" student uniform conformity, valuable class-time is wasted. Therefore, we ask parents to evaluate children's attire as they leave for school each day.
- There are other occasions when students are asked to "dress up" or "dress down". On these occasions, the spirit of the dress code should be adhered to and clothing should always be modest and appropriate for a Catholic school.
- When we host "Dress Down" days and/or "St. James Spirit Wear" day, participation in these events is optional. St. James Spirit Wear is available to purchase through the Home School Association (H.S.A.). Questions regarding Spirit Wear can be directed to the following email: [sjhsa@sjsct.org](mailto:sjhsa@sjsct.org).

**All uniform regulations and guidelines, including dress down days, are subject to the discretion of the Principal.**

Uniforms can be purchased at:

Land's End

[www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)

[www.blakeschooluniform.com](http://www.blakeschooluniform.com)

Blake's Uniform Store

203-375-5901

## ST. JAMES SCHOOL – UNIFORM POLICY (as of Oct. 2020)

**Regular uniform can be worn year-around.**

**Optional summer uniform *may* be worn from opening day until October 31<sup>st</sup> and again from May 1<sup>st</sup> till year-end.**

### ALL STUDENTS/ALL GRADES:

*Gym Clothes:* Gray Gym Shirt with St. James Logo, Navy Blue Sweatpants with Logo, Navy Blue Sweatshirt with St. James Logo (optional), Navy Mesh Shorts with Logo (Summer) and Athletic Sneakers

**ONLY In-Class Outerwear Options:** Navy or Gray Full-Zip Fleece or Navy Quarter-Zip Fleece with St. James Logo

### PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN:

*Regular Uniform:* White Short/Long Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo Worn with Navy Uniform Pants, Plain White Short/Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Worn with Navy Uniform Jumper for Girls, Solid Color Navy or White Tights or Socks, Sneakers (Preschool), Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes (Kindergarten)

*Summer Uniform:* White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo and Navy Uniform Shorts, Solid Color Navy or White Socks, Solid Color Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes  
*(optional)*

**Preschool students** are asked to wear sneakers *every day* to school.

### BOYS IN GRADES 1 – 5:

*Regular Uniform:* Long/Short Sleeved White Collared Button-Down Dress Shirt, Black Watch Plaid Tie (tie is optional), Navy Uniform Pants, Black or Brown Belt, Solid Color Navy or White Socks, Solid Color Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes

*Summer Uniform:* White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo, Navy Uniform Shorts, Black or Brown Belt, Solid Color Navy or White Socks, Solid Color Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes  
*(optional)*

### GIRLS IN GRADES 1 – 5:

*Uniform:* Navy Uniform Pants with a Black or Brown Belt and White Polo shirt with St. James Logo or Black Watch Plaid Jumper **or** Black Watch Plaid Skirt, Plain White Short/Long Sleeve Polo Shirt (under jumper only), Navy or White Tights, Knee or Crew Socks, Solid Color Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes.

*Leggings:* Navy blue or white leggings may be worn with skirt/jumper when temperature is 32 degrees or below

*Summer Uniform:* White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo, Solid Color Navy Uniform Shorts, Black or Brown Belt, Solid Color Navy or White Crew Socks, Solid Color Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes  
*(optional)*

*Other:* Girls may wear a simple stud or small hoop earring. No makeup or nail polish is allowed. These rules apply to all school days, including dress down days. **Hem for jumpers and skirts must be no higher than 2" above the knee**

### BOYS IN GRADES 6 – 8:

*Regular Uniform:* Long/Short Sleeve White Collared Button Down Dress Shirt, Tie of Choice (tie is optional) or Long/Short Sleeve Navy Blue or White Polo with St. James Logo Solid Color Khaki Pants, Brown or Black Belt, Navy or White Socks, Solid Color Navy, Brown or Black Dress Shoes

*Summer Uniform:* Khaki Shorts, Navy Blue or White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo, Brown or Black Belt, Navy or White Socks, Solid Color Navy, Brown or Black Dress Shoes  
*(optional)*

### GIRLS IN GRADES 6 – 8:

*Uniform:* Gray Uniform Skirt with Long/Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo either Navy Blue or White or Khaki Uniform Pants with a Solid Brown or Black Belt and Navy Blue or White Polo with St. James Logo, Solid Color Tights or Socks of Choice, Solid Color Brown, Black or Navy Dress Shoes.

*Leggings:* Navy blue or white leggings may be worn with skirt/jumper when temperature is 32 degrees or below

*Summer Uniform:* Khaki Shorts, Navy Blue or White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo, Brown or Black Belt, Socks of Choice, Solid Color Brown, Black or Navy Dress Shoes  
*(optional)*

*Other:* A simple stud or small hoop earring (no larger than a dime) may be worn. Clear or flesh tone nail polish may be worn. Make-up is not allowed. **Hem for jumpers and skirts must be no higher than 2 " above the knee**