

Purpose: At SJS we have a school uniform code to support our mission in directing our students' attention on their academic and spiritual formation. The uniform code bolsters our community ethos, our focus on equality and equity, our commitment to shape students who are college and career ready, and it provides a number of interrelated benefits which make a comprehensive uniform code a standard in our nation's best institutions.

General Information: The uniform code is adapted for different grade levels to best address the developmental needs of our students and our community. Students are to dress neatly and shirts are to be tucked in at all times. Uniforms must be worn from the first day of school until the end of the school year, unless otherwise directed. The discretion of the principal is the deciding factor in application of the uniform policy.

- Shirt:** Red or white [K-4]; blue or white [5th-8th] polos - with or without a SJS logo are permitted. No other visible logos.
- Shorts:** Navy [K-4]; Khaki [5th-8th] - *modest length for girls; at the knee or slightly above for boys.* These cannot be denim/jean or cargo pants.
- Skirt/Skort:** Navy [K-4]; Khaki [5th-8th] - *modest length for girls.* These cannot be denim/jean or cargo
- Pants:** Navy [K-4]; Khaki [5th-8th] - worn to the ankle and over the socks are allowed. These cannot be baggy or tight, denim/jean, or cargo pants.
- Sweater:** Navy or red, waist-length (*not oversized*) cardigans or sweater vests are allowed.
- Sweatshirt:** A St. Joseph Sweatshirt, fitted and not oversized or baggy, is allowed. All other sweatshirts (*even outdoors*) will be confiscated. Parents may pick them up at the office.
- Jacket:** Nondescript jackets and jackets from Catholic associated institutions are allowed, but must be worn outdoors only. All jackets must be removed in the classroom. No jackets referencing/advertising an organization outside the Church or its related institutions are permissible.
- Socks:** You must wear socks to school. Solid color socks that match the shoes are permissible (Black, White, Navy, Cardinal Red).
- Shoes:** Students have a choice of a tennis shoe or rubber soled Oxford (*dominant color must be black/dark grey, white, red or navy*). No light-ups are permitted. Shoe laces must be plain black, grey or white. No boots or heels of any kind are allowed.
- Tights/leggings (Girls):** Can be worn with jumper, shorts, skirt. Must be plain, solid white or navy. Must be full-footed or full-length (not Capris). No legwarmers.
- Blouse (Girls):** White Peter Pan blouses are allowed.
- Dress (Girls):** Wilson plaid jumper (*a modest length*) purchased from uniform supplier.

Hair and Hair Accessories

- Hair is to be kept in a neat, conventional style and it must be a natural color.
- Boy's hair must be cut above the earlobe and not touching the shirt collar (*No long hair for boys or attention seeking cuts such as Mohawks are allowed*).
- Hair accessories for girls must match the uniform. No excessive sized accessories, flowers, etc.

- All hair extensions, fake hair, weaves, feathers, etc. are not allowed.

Make-Up/Jewelry (3-8 Girls): Watches, religious pendants, small stud earrings, and clear nail polish are allowed. No dangling earrings, hoops, make-up or lipstick. Hair ribbons, barrettes, and bows must coordinate with uniform.

Jewelry (3-8 Boys): Watches and religious pendants are allowed. No earrings or chains.

Other Accessories:

- Sunglasses may be worn outside the classroom only when the outdoor conditions provide a need, not for fashion.
- Chain wallets and chain keys are not allowed.
- Only school-sanctioned hats are allowed - outdoors only. No other baseball hats or dress hats allowed. Winter hats for warmth are acceptable outdoors.

Electronic Devices: Users must register their devices with the school and follow our BYOD policy.

Middle School Dress Uniform (5-8; no sweatshirts allowed on dress uniform days):

Skort (Girls)	Khaki supplied by uniform supplier only.
Blouse (Girls)	Blue oxford supplied by uniform supplier only.
Sweaters (Girls)	Navy cardigan supplied by uniform supplier only.
Pants (Boys)	Khaki supplied by uniform supplier only.
Shirts (Boys)	Blue oxford supplied by uniform supplier only.
Ties (Boys)	Navy neck tie supplied by uniform supplier only.

College Crusader Days (Every Tuesday)

Students follow the uniform with the exception that they are encouraged to wear a Catholic college T-Shirt or SJS spirit shirt in place of a polo/blouse.

During Physical Education (5th-8th Grade)

Students must wear a Saint Joseph School uniform purchased from their PE teacher.

Free Dress Days**

All clothing worn on free dress days shall be clean, neat, modest, and appropriate.

The following are prohibited (not allowed):

- Any clothing with direct or indirect reference or branding related to drugs, alcohol, or messages incongruent with our school ethos.
- Pants that are too tight or too baggy
- Leggings without shorts, skirt, skort
- Swimming trunks
- Warm-up suits
- Running shorts
- Cut-offs
- Low-riding pants or shorts
- Tank tops/spaghetti straps
- Muscle shirts
- Flip-flops, sandals, shower shoes, high heels.
- Bare midribs
- Short, immodest shorts