

Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi School Ministry Uniform Policy

We believe a uniform code is appropriate for our school environment. Student dress has a direct influence on attitude and behavior. A dress code eliminates competition of student dress and allows emphasis to remain on the learning process.

There are two distinct uniforms in our code: **Formal Uniform** and **Daily Uniform**. We collaborate with Tommy Hilfiger and Land's End for school uniforms. Students are required to purchase only certain uniform items from the uniform companies. Those items are indicated with an asterisk in the descriptions below. This ensures a uniform look among our students. Tommy Hilfiger and Land's End makes it convenient for Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi School Ministry students to shop online.

Please note that skirts from those lines must follow guidelines of appropriate length.

Formal Uniform

All items denoted by a single asterisk (*) must be purchased from Tommy Hilfiger or from Lands' End

Girls in grades K – 4 are required to wear all of the following:

- Either pleated skirt/skort* with crosstie or pleated side-buckle plaid jumper*
- White oxford blouse* (short or long sleeve)
- Crosstie (crosstie can also be purchased in the school office)
- Fine gauge navy cardigan sweater* (not required)
- White/navy knee length socks or tights
- Tennis shoes or black closed-toe dress shoes

Girls in grades 5 – 8 are required to wear all of the following:

- Plaid skirt/skort*
- White oxford blouse* (short or long sleeve)
- Plaid tie* or crosstie (plaid tie and crosstie can also be purchased in the school office)
- Fine gauge navy cardigan sweater* (not required)
- White/Navy knee length socks or tights
- Tennis shoes or black closed-toe dress shoes

Boys in grades K – 4 are required to wear all of the following:

- Khaki pants*
- Navy sweater vest* (not required)
- White oxford shirt* (short or long sleeve)
- Tennis shoes or black or brown closed-toe dress shoes and socks
- Black or brown belt (for those in grades 3-4)
- No shorts are allowed for the formal uniform

Boys in grades 5 – 8 are required to wear all of the following:

- Khaki pants*
- White oxford shirt* (short or long sleeve)
- Tennis shoes or black or brown closed-toe dress shoes and socks
- Black or brown belt
- Navy tie* can also be purchased from the school office
- No shorts are allowed for the formal uniform

Daily Uniform

Shorts may be worn before November 1 and starting on March 1.

Girls K-4:

- Khaki uniform pants, khaki shorts, khaki/plaid skirts* or khaki/plaid skorts* with a navy blue, grey or white polo shirt
- Navy uniform pants, navy uniform shorts, navy/plaid skirts* or navy/plaid skorts* with a white or grey polo shirt

Girls 5-8, Boys K-8:

- Khaki uniform pants or khaki shorts with a navy blue, grey or white polo shirt
- Navy uniform pants or navy uniform shorts with a white or grey polo shirt 30

Special notes:

- Navy polo may not be worn with navy pants.
- The daily uniform requires closed-toe shoes and can be tennis shoes. No boots allowed.
- Daily uniform pants can be purchased at any retailer
- Formal uniform pants must be from Tommy Hilfiger or Land's End.
- All pants and shorts must be of uniform style including a zipper and button.
- Cargo pants, shorts and leggings are not approved.
- The formal uniform may be worn instead of the daily uniform.

Accessories

- Belt required for all students in grades 3 - 8
- Black or brown belt for boys
- Black, brown, or navy belt for girls
- White/black above the ankle socks or white/navy tights (leggings are not to be worn)

Sweaters/Sweatshirts:

All daily approved uniform fleece/sweatshirts must be purchased through our online site. The link to the online store can be found on our website.

- Official ¼ zip Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi School Ministry logo sweatshirt
- Official fleece or wick fleece Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi School Ministry logo wear jacket ¼ zip or full zip
- Official crewneck sweatshirt
- Fine gauge cardigan sweater* (the formal wear sweater from Tommy Hilfiger or Land's End.)

General Appearance Guidelines

- Shorts and skirts must follow guidelines of modesty and not be more than 2 inches above the knee. The measurement is taken when the child kneels and the hem is measured from the floor.
- Clothing- Free of designer monograms, insignias, symbols.
- Jewelry – No large hoops, dangling, or distracting jewelry is allowed. Boys may not wear earrings.
- Makeup – Students are not allowed to wear make-up. Girls may wear clear nail polish. Colored nail polish or false nails are not permitted.
- Tattoos – Visible tattoos are not permitted.
- Boys' Hair – Must be off the collar, above the eyebrow and above the ear. Hair must be neat, clean, groomed in style suitable for school.
- Girls' hair –Must be a natural hair color. Highlights or streaks must also be natural. Extra accessories such as feathers are not allowed.
- Outerwear – Sunglasses, hats, jackets, coats, or other outerwear is not permitted in the classroom other than the sweaters/sweatshirts outlined above.

Out of Uniform Days

There are days in our school year that students are allowed to be out of uniform.

- No leggings
- No holes/rips in pants/shorts
- No sleeveless shirts
- Must wear closed toed shoes
- Appropriate length of shorts/skirts 2" above the knee

Spirit/Faith In Action Days

One day each month will be dedicated to a Faith In Action Day as a way to display pride in our school and build our community. Students may also wear any Catholic school attire on Faith In Action Days. CYO team shirts may be worn on spirit days. Faith In Action and Spirit days will be announced in the Wolf Report.

Uniform Notice

Because the uniform code is about self-discipline and structure in the school environment, children not wearing proper uniform attire will be given a uniform notice. The notice serves as communication between home and school regarding uniform code infractions. These include but are not limited to: un-tucked shirts, improperly styled uniform pieces (shirts, pants, shorts, belts), no belt, incorrect socks, and incorrect Mass day uniform articles. Notices will be sent through PowerSchool. Repeated offenses will be handled in the school office.

The principal or designated staff person reserves the right to determine appropriate and inappropriate school dress and appearance. In the event that inappropriate attire is worn or a child is not dressed according to the dress code and/or guidelines presented for "out of uniform" days, parents will be contacted via telephone and requested to bring appropriate clothing.