

SCBCS 2011-2012

Dress Code

The Gospel calls the people of God to lead simple lives. Therefore, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School (SCBCS) has a uniform dress code with traditional uniform outfits. We choose to have a uniform dress code because:

1. It is a symbol that all children who attend here are equal and act as one as a community of the Body of Christ, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3, 28).
2. It is an outward sign that the material wants of our society should not be a dominating concern allowing our students to lead simpler lives by not worrying about what they will wear each day to school. It removes unnecessary worries from peer pressure on whether the students are wearing the "correct thing," and
3. This uniform dress is a professional outfit for our students. There are certain cultural traditions which will be beneficial for the students to know as they grow, proceed with further education, and enter their vocations or careers. Coupled with clothes which are well kempt and an individual being well groomed and clean, this dress imbues a feeling of respect for others and self as well as removes some distractions from learning.

Everyday Uniform

A. General

Students must adhere to this dress code. There are exceptions to this, e.g., Spirit Days. These exceptions will be addressed in a later section.

- Students must be well groomed, and clothes must be neat.
- All shirts must be tucked-in while at school during the normal school day which is 7:45 am until 3:15 pm.
- All items must fit the student, i.e., not too big or too small
- Unless otherwise noted, the measuring guideline for all items will be the width of a U.S. one-dollar bill, hereafter referred as the *\$1 Measure*
- No logos are to appear on any item. Shoes are excluded from this; however, there are specific guidelines which must be met. Please refer to the "Shoe" section.
- All reasonable judgment should be exercised in regards to weather and temperature. Recess will occur outside—either on the playground or parking lot—as long as there is no hard precipitation and the temperature is above freezing. This determination and whether the student is properly dressed lays with school personnel. This hereafter will be referred as the *Weather Rule*.
- SCBCS partners specifically with Parker Uniform Company. Purchasing items from here will ensure that the students have the correct items. J.C. Penny's and Academy also has many acceptable items; however, ensure that purchases only are made from their uniform section. Purchases from other retailers, which could be acceptable, raises the risk that a specific item may not adhere to the designated design and colors. Therefore, exercise caution.
- Each year there are new cultural items including "fads" which appear in our culture and attempt to appear in our school. These cannot be listed nor a specific regulation devised. When one of these interferes with our learning environment, please know that the dress code will be changed immediately to counter-act this. Therefore, if a family is thinking of a large clothing purchase or doing something which may be permanent to semi-permanent, e.g., a certain hair style, and there may be questions concerning these actions with this dress code, please consult with the principal first.

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B. Shirts and Blouses

- Knit (polo) or oxford button downs
- Long or short sleeved
- *Boys, K-8th, Options*
 - Light blue or white
- *Girls, 5th-8th, Options*
 - Red knit (polo)
- *Girls, K-8th, Options (Additional from Above)*
 - Blouses with a collar and buttons down the front
 - Blouses are the only top to be worn with jumpers.
 - White only

C. Undergarment Shirts & Camisoles

- Optional
- To be worn under uniform shirts or blouses
- White and blank so that nothing shows through
- *Girls*
 - For certain modesty situations, these should be considered mandatory and will be addressed on an individual basis.

D. Indoor Comfort Dress

If a student feels cool most of the time, especially during the cold months of the year, all consideration should be given to the long-sleeved shirt and blouse options. However, other options exist, and these are listed below in this section. For each of these items, please remember:

- No logos other than approved school logos
- \$1 Measure rule applies to length above and below the waist.
- Uniform shirt or blouse must be worn underneath at all times with collar showing.
- If these are removed during the day, they must be hung in the student's locker or placed on his assigned hook.
 1. Sweaters
 - Pullovers or cardigans
 - White or navy blue
 - May have hoods
 2. Sweatshirts
 - Must be SCBCS issued with version of our crest
 - Gray or navy blue
 - The zip-up and pull-over SCB "hoodie" sweatshirts are no longer considered indoor wear. These will be allowed for outdoor wear. Other sweatshirts, jackets, coats, etc., not listed above also only will be allowed as coats and jackets. These may also be worn outside the learning hours of the day, i.e., before 7:45 am and after 3:15 pm.
 3. Fleece jackets
 - Must be SCBCS issued with version of our crest
 - Navy blue

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E. Pants

- *Boys or girls*
- Navy blue or khaki
- Dress or twill
 - This does not include corduroy or jeans.
- Should have belt loops

F. Shorts

Traditionally, there has not been a start or end date for the wearing of shorts given outdoor temperatures. This will be up to the parents' and students' discretion; however, please refer to the Weather Rule.

- *Boys or girls*
- Khaki
- Dress or twill
 - This does not include corduroy or denim/jeans.
- \$1 Measure rule applies to length above and below the knee.
- Should have belt loops

G. Belts

- *Boys or girls, 2nd-8th*
 - If earlier grades want to wear belts, consultation must occur with the classroom teacher.
- Must be worn with pants or shorts
- Navy blue, brown, or black

H. Jumpers and Skirts

- Jumpers and skirts are options for girls.
 - *K-4, jumpers*
 - *5-8, skirts*
- Obtainment from Parker's or from the school's uniform exchange is required so that texture and tartan are consistent.
- \$1 Measure rule applies to length above and below the knee.
- No rolling at the waist
- Shorts will be worn under jumpers and skirts for modesty reasons.
 - These should be an athletic short which could be worn for normal athletic competition.
 - Navy blue or black only
 - These should not extend past the hemline of the jumper or skirt when sitting or standing.

I. Socks

- These are mandatory—to be worn at all times.
- Length will cover ankles completely.
- Navy blue or white
N.B. No stripes or other markings should ever be visible except for SCB logo socks.
- *Boys, Options*
 - Tube, crew styled, or ankle socks

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- *Girls, Options*
 - Knee, crew styled, or ankle socks
 - Navy blue or white tights permissible as an alternative
 - These are not to be worn with socks.

J. Shoes

- Students should wear shoes everyday.
 - These may include tennis-type shoes—including Keds and Converse—or Mary Janes. These may not include mule style, Toms, Crocs, boots, et al..
- Color must match the uniform tartan, i.e., predominately *matching* blue, white, black, or red, or be of a neutral color, i.e., tan or gray.
 - No patterns; other elements, e.g., logo; must match the uniform tartan or be of a neutral color.
- They must have shoe laces or Velcro.
- Laces' color must be a matching one to the shoes or be black or white.
- Must be tied at all times
- Must be below ankles, i.e., no high tops

K. Jewelry, Make-up, and Other Accessories

- Students may wear one watch, one ring, and one Christian religious medal on a simple chain.
 - No bracelets, artificial nails, or nail polish are to be worn.
- *Girls, Options*
 - Earrings
 - Must be small posts not to be larger than a dime
 - Only on ear lobes and only one per ear
 - No dangling earrings
 - *Make-up, 5th-8th*
 - Simple base or covering only

L. Hair

Length of hair and style of hair should reflect the idea of a simple life. It should be orderly and clean on a daily basis and not cause a distraction.

- No colored hair or partial dyeing or bleaching
- No shapes, names, numbers, letters, other symbols, etc., allowed to be cut in the hair.
- No extensions of any kind, including but not limited to hair matching swatches, feathers, toys, etc.
- *Boys, Options*
 - Hair length may not be longer than the top of the collar. In addition, hair may not be shaved completely. (Certain medical exceptions may be petitioned to the principal.)
- *Girls, Options*
 - Approved hair decorations include bows, headbands, and barrettes.
 - Color must match the uniform tartan, i.e., *matching* blue, white, black, yellow/gold, or red.
 - Size of bows and barrettes should not have a diameter which is larger than 4".
 - Special holiday bows, e.g., Halloween, will be allowed on specified days.

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Mass Day Clothes

The celebration of the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist within Mass is a special event for those who are Catholic Christians. While, culturally, dress for Mass has changed over the years, it most often is denoted as dressing differently than our normal dress. As God said to Moses on Mt. Horeb, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground" (Ex 3, 5). The following defines our different dress which comes from the current uniform. This will be required on Mass Days:

Boys

Oxford button downs, white or light blue

Pants

Belts

Girls

Blouses with a collar and buttons down the front, white

Oxford button downs, white

Jumpers and Skirts

Other notes:

No knit shirts on Mass Day

All coats, jackets, and sweatshirts will be removed and remain off in the Church.

School Pictures' Clothes

School pictures are both for our yearbook as well as for you to obtain pictures of your children. Therefore, there are some differing options for school picture days:

Wear a uniform option, ideally Mass Day option

Wear dress clothes which are defined as:

A shirt with a collar; no t-shirts

If one wears a sweater, a shirt with a collar must be worn underneath, collar showing.

No denim (jeans, jean shorts, etc.)

Other Dress

P.E. Dress

Given that we do not have adequate changing facilities, the uniform worn on that day will be what is worn for P.E.. There is not to be any removal of clothing.

Field Trips

Teachers will instruct parents and students as to what should be worn on a particular field trip. Everyday uniform options should be assumed unless being notified otherwise.

Spirit Days

Every Friday, excluding special Mass Days, throughout the year are designated as Spirit Days. Spirit shirts, including new ones sold by the PTC and traditional, older ones, may be worn on these days. *These are not jeans days.* Please read the weekly Communiqué to keep up-to-date.

Jeans

Jeans are allowed only on designated days. Jeans must be neat and have no holes or frays. They must be appropriate, e.g., not to be "skinny" jeans or too tight.