

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School

Uniform Policy

The Principal has the final say in regards to policy whether or not it is stated in this handbook. Students in all grades, PreK-3 through Eighth, will wear uniforms.

Uniform Procedure - Students are expected to dress in the school uniform unless changes or exceptions are announced for special occasions. When you permit your child to deviate from the established code, you are encouraging poor habits in following the rules. **Failure to comply with uniform code will result in the parent being called to bring the correct uniform to the school office.**

Dress Code for 2012-2013 - All students at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School wear uniforms. The faculty chose and the School Advisory Council approved the school uniform to reduce the cost of clothing your child, to avoid dress competition, and to overcome the need to keep up with fads. Please remember that students represent St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School and any recent trend is not part of the uniform.

Uniforms for boys

Pants: True khaki uniform pants and shorts (no cargo, corduroy, carpenter or painter pants)
Holes in pants are not permitted. When pants are torn, they must be repaired or replaced.

- **SOLID** Brown or black belts must be worn on the waist level, not hip-hugging. Pants/Shorts must be belted AT THE WAIST, NOT FALLING AROUND THE HIPS.

Pre-K - must wear elastic waist pants and shorts **only**. No belts for Pre-Schoolers.

Kindergarteners - are encouraged to wear the elastic version, **but must wear a BELT if pants or shorts have belt loops.**

Shirts: navy long or short sleeve uniform polo shirts (collared and two or three buttons), long enough to be tucked in.

- Tee shirts worn under uniform shirts must be white or navy. It must not extend beyond the uniform shirt sleeves. Both shirts will be tucked into the belt at all times.

Uniforms for girls

Pre-K - 4th - Jumpers: plaid jumper available at SchoolTime in Slidell, LA (Hem must be no shorter than 2" above the knee when kneeling)

- Girls MUST wear navy or black knit shorts under their jumper (shorts may not be visible)

Shirts (preK-4th): For all girls, short or long sleeve white button-down uniform collared shirts or white uniform polo (collared and two or three button).

5th - 8th Only -Uniform skirts **or** jumpers from SchoolTime in the school plaid.

- Girls **must** wear navy knit shorts under their jumper and skirts (shorts may not be visible)

Blouses (5th - 8th):

- With Jumper: short or long sleeve white button-down uniform collared shirts, white uniform polo (collared and two or three button).
- With Skirts: Long or short sleeve Oxford white button down collared blouses (thicker material, not rounded peter pan) with proper non colored undergarments. Blouses must remain tucked in all day.

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All Students

Socks:

- **Black, Navy or White** crew or knee socks, **NO ANKLE OR FOOTIE SOCKS**
- **SOLID** Navy blue or white tights (in cold weather)
- Spandex-type leggings and sweatpants may **not** be worn

Shoes:

- **SOLID COLORED BLACK, BROWN or NAVY BLUE** shoes. Boots, high tops, shoes with wheels(heelys), flip flops, sandals, jelly, or croc type shoes are **not** permitted.
- Sturdy, flat-heeled, one-color athletic shoe or dress shoe (**Solid colored-navy blue, brown or black**).
- Shoe must be tied, Velcro or strapped – no slip-ons.
- All shoes must have enclosed toes and backs. No logos / designs/ lines of a different color will be permitted.
- Shoe laces must match the color of the shoe, and contain no designs / logos / lines / ornamentation.

****Please have Pre-Schoolers wear shoes with Velcro fasteners only.****

Outerwear

- **Jackets and sweaters** must be solid navy blue, white, or black. No other color inside or outside of the jacket. No words, designs or strips on sweater or jackets.
- **Navy blue or white** cardigan-type sweaters, jackets, fleecewear or jackets may be worn inside.
- Other colored heavy coats may be worn outside the building on cold days.

Other: Make-up, nail polish, artificial nails and dangling jewelry, or **body tattooing** of any form, etc. is not allowed. Any student arriving at school or adds any of the above to their person at school, will be asked to remove them.

Girls may wear one earring in each ear. No dangling earrings (only studs that do not hang pass the earlobes). Boys may not wear earrings. No Body piercings, tattoos or dyed/colored hair. No other jewelry may be worn except Catholic religious items.

Hair should be kept neatly trimmed, combed and out of the eyes. **Bangs must not be below eye brows.** No excessive hairstyles (including, but not limited to: **unusual styles, colored, Fads – fades, shaved imprints, Mohawks, etc.**). No rat-tails are allowed, no hair ornament fads, i.e. hair wraps, etc. Boy's hair should not touch the student's collar and should be kept above the eyebrows and ears. No hair flips. Excessive hair products such as gel or fixatives should be used sparingly. Facial hair is prohibited. Punk hairstyles/long spikes/highlighted hair/tips, dyed hair, and hair extensions are not permitted for boys or girls. **Girls' and boys' hair should be their God-given unaltered hair color.** Traditional hair braids may be worn. Girls' hair must be worn such that bangs are not in eyes. Long bangs must be held back with simple clips.

Hair bows and clips must match **uniform colors (white, navy, light blue, gold or yellow).**

Label all clothing including hats, coats, jackets, sweaters, and gloves with your child's name.

PreK-3 and PreK-4 should bring an extra set of clothes in a large zip lock bag in case of accidents. Change of clothes does not have to be a uniform. Replace extra clothes when used! There must always be a change of clothes available.

As representatives of St. Charles Borromeo, students should realize that appearance in school and in the public eye impact St. Charles Borromeo and our reputation. Students are expected to be in uniform (with shirts tucked in, belts buckled, and shoes tied) until the end of the school day.

