

**ST. JAMES SCHOOL DRESS CODE & UNIFORM POLICY (revised as of 8/09)**

Summer Uniform may be worn from opening day through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Winter uniform is worn from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>

Summer Uniform resumes again from May 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of school.

**Preschool** - No uniform required; play clothes are fine. Keep in mind that children actively play on floor & out doors.

**Kindergarten** – May wear play clothes every day *except* gym day. On gym day, the official school gym uniform is required.

<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<p><b><u>WINTER UNIFORM: ALL BOYS</u></b> Navy blue pants - official uniform pant only (no Dockers, etc.) Plain white short or long-sleeved polo/golf style shirt – No crest or logo. Navy blue sweater or vest-cardigan, v-neck or pullover or the “official” St. James sweatshirt with the logo. Belt Socks – navy or white. Shirt tails worn so that waistband is visible - tucked in at all times. No earrings at all - not for dress down or any other occasion. If you have any doubts about a shoe, please bring a photo to the office for approval before purchase. For example, some styles of Merrell shoes may pass muster, but many do not.</p> <p><b><u>WINTER UNIFORM: BOYS GRADES 7&amp;8 ONLY</u></b> Grade 7 &amp;8 Boys may opt for pastel colored (light blue or pale yellow) polo/golf -style shirt in addition to the standard white – No crest or logo.</p> <p><b><u>SUMMER UNIFORM: BOYS</u></b> <i>Grade 7&amp;8:</i> same- no change <i>Grades 1-6 ONLY:</i> Navy blue shorts (official uniform short only) may be worn instead of pants. All other policies apply.</p>	<p><b><u>WINTER UNIFORM: GIRLS GRADES 1-6</u></b> Black watch plaid skort or jumper Plain white short or long-sleeved polo/golf shirt – No crest or logo. Navy blue pants - official uniform pant only (no Dockers, etc.) If your child opts for pants, shirts are to be worn tucked-in at all times so that the waistband is visible and with a belt.</p> <p><b><u>WINTER UNIFORM: GIRLS GRADES 7&amp;8</u></b> Navy blue jumper – must be purchased from the official uniform store. White or pastel colored (light blue, pale yellow or pink) polo/golf-style shirt, short or long-sleeved – No crest or logo. Navy blue or coordinating solid colored knee socks or heavy tights</p> <p><b><u>WINTER UNIFORM: ALL GIRLS</u></b> Hem is to be <b>no higher</b> than 1” above the knee. Stud-type or simple small hoop earrings. One earring per earlobe. No makeup &amp; no nail polish at school, not even on dress down day. Navy blue, white or dark green knee socks or heavy tights - no opaque Navy blue sweater or vest-cardigan, v-neck or pullover or the “official” St. James sweatshirt with the logo.</p> <p><b><u>SUMMER UNIFORM: GIRLS GRADES 1-6</u></b> Socks instead of knee socks or tights - short socks or anklets in white or navy blue. Navy blue shorts – official uniform short only</p> <p><b><u>SUMMER UNIFORM: GIRLS GRADES 7&amp;8</u></b> Short socks or anklets may be worn rather than tights or knee high socks. This is the only adjustment from the winter uniform.</p>

**ALL STUDENTS**

**REQUIRED FOR GRADES K-8 :** For the safety of our students, the official gym uniform is worn in grades K-8. Please refer to the guidelines for the gym on page 2.

**HOODIES:** Hooded sweatshirts may **not** be worn in the school building at any time. They are only allowed to be worn as “outer wear” like a jacket at recess time. For safety, students may not approach the entryway wearing a hood as office personnel can not identify who it is they are admitting to the building when hoods are worn. In colder months, student may wear a regular cardigan uniform sweater or their gym sweatshirt for warmth in the classroom as the hooded variety is not permitted.

**SHOES :** Conservative dress shoes either lace-up or slip-on in navy, black, or brown are required at all times except for P.E. classes (oxford style, saddle shoes, loafers, top-siders are acceptable). No sandals, no open-back shoes, work-boot or any other type of boots or hi-top shoes and no shoes with a heel over 3/4 inches (inside heel measurement) are permitted. *NO shoes that look like sneakers are permitted. Shoes must have a non-marking sole.* If you have any doubts about a shoe, please bring a photo to the office for approval before purchase. For example, some styles of Merrell shoes may pass muster, but many do not.

**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The school uniform is not to be damaged in any way throughout the year. Students may not write on their uniforms, tear or rip them, or alter them in any way. Students should keep this policy in mind especially at the end of each school year. Uniforms should always be clean, neat and unwrinkled with all buttons attached and hems intact. Shirt tails should be tucked-in while a student is on campus. Belts must be worn at all times with slacks. Belts may be navy brown or black.

**HAIR STYLES/RESTRICTIONS:** Hair should be neat with bangs above the eyebrows. Boy’s hair should be above and not touch the shirt collar and trimmed around the ears. Scrunchies, hair clips, rubber bands, etc. must be in the hair, not worn on wrists. **HAIR COLORING, TINTING AND BLEACHING IS NEVER PERMITTED – NOT FOR GIRLS OR BOYS.** No beads should be worn in the hair.

**SCOUTS:** Students may wear choose to wear their scouting uniforms on meeting days.



GENERAL UNIFORM WHAT NOT TO WEAR	OUT OF UNIFORM GUIDELINES (DRESS DOWN)	GYM UNIFORM GUIDELINES GRADES K-8
No hooded sweatshirts No hats worn indoors No makeup allowed, including colored lip gloss No tattoos No hologram contact lenses No nail polish at school Jewelry limited to one watch, one ring and a simple cross or holy medal on a single slim chain. Watches that “beep” must be shut off during the school day Girls: Only 1 earring per ear in the earlobe, either a stud or a hoop no bigger than a dime. No multiple ear piercing. Boys: No earrings or piercings. No body piercing No skirts more than 1” above the knee No dyed hair No pantyhose or opaque tights -- only approved color anklets or tights for girls. No un-tucked shirts. No missing belts. No ripped clothing. No colored/decorative shoe laces. No non-uniform store pants/shorts – note that other brands fade quickly & will have to be replaced sooner. No “pajama” bottom style pants may be worn under jumpers – only navy blue sweat pants are permitted during January – April.	Students may wear: Jeans Tennis shoes Short socks Shorts no shorter than three inches above the knee Skirts no shorter than three inches above the knee Skorts Sweatshirts Jogging suits Dresses Slacks	All “official” pieces available through uniform stores only Sneakers - must be laced style and be tied at all times. White socks Official gray St. James tee shirt with logo over left-breast Official St. James navy blue sweat shirt with logo Navy blue sweat pants, either plain or official St. James name down the left leg Official navy blue shorts ( <b>no substitution</b> ), mid-thigh in length with St. James imprinted on left leg. May be worn under sweat pants during the wintertime & alone during the summer-uniform period.
	<b>DRESS DOWN DAY WHAT NOT TO WEAR</b>	<b>GYM UNIFORM WHAT NOT TO WEAR</b>
REMEMBER: If you think that you shouldn’t wear it – don’t. If you are not sure if you should wear something, don’t wear it.	No hooded sweatshirts No hats worn indoors No inappropriate logos on tee-shirts No flip flops, open backed shoes or unsecured sandals No shoes that convert to roller skates No biker-style shorts No pajama pants Girls: No short shorts – modest lengths only permitted No tank tops or tops that expose the midriff. No ripped clothing  PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL UNIFORM “WHAT NOT TO WEAR SECTION” FOR POLICIES ON JEWELRY & MAKE-UP. THESE EXTEND TO DRESS DOWN DAYS.	No hooded sweatshirts No non-uniform shorts at all. No mesh-style shorts. Girls – no short lengths – gym shorts are to be worn at mid-thigh Boys – no sport or basketball shorts or over-sized baggy shorts. No non-uniform shirts or sweatshirt No unlaced sneakers No open backed sneakers No sneakers that convert to roller skates No colored/decorative shoe laces No short shorts – should be modest length

**Blake’s Uniform Store** (203) 375-5901  
60 Access Road, Stratford CT 06615

**Dennis/Neil Roberts** (203) 795-5457  
500 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477

Uniform pants, shorts, skorts, jumpers, must be purchased directly through the official Diocesan uniform stores listed above. The official gym uniform may be purchased directly through St. James School or through the official uniform stores listed above.

Students who repeatedly violate the uniform policy will be denied participation in the next out-of-uniform day or will serve a detention.

This policy is posted on the website “documents” section: [www.stjamesstratford.org](http://www.stjamesstratford.org)

**PARENTS PLEASE!** When it falls upon the teachers to “police” student uniform conformity, valuable class-time is wasted for all students, therefore, as the primary and first authority to evaluate your children’s attire as they leave for school each day, particularly on dress down days, we ask that you do your best to reinforce these guidelines. Remember, ultimately you will be the one who is inconvenienced if your child is deemed to be wearing an inappropriate item. Those with daughters need to pay particular attention to hem line modesty – especially on summer uniform dress down days with regard to keeping short-lengths modest and appropriate for school.

**ALL UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT  
TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL**