

## ST. JAMES SCHOOL DRESS CODE & UNIFORM POLICY (revised as of Aug. 2011)

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 & outdoors.

**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</u></b>  <b><u>BOYS GRADES 1-5</u></b>                      Navy blue pants - official uniform pant only (no Dockers, etc.)                      Blackwatch plaid tie (grades 1-4)                      Navy blue tie or blackwatch plaid tie (grades 5&amp;6)</p> <p><b><u>BOYS GRADES 7&amp;8</u></b>                      Navy blue pants or khaki pants- official uniform pant only (no Dockers and no Cargo-style pants)                      Any tie of choice (no offensive or inappropriate images/slogans)</p> <p><b><u>ALL GRADES - BOYS</u></b>                      Belt                      Socks – navy or white.  <i>Plain white button-down collared shirt</i>                      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 - See note below under “Additional Considerations” regarding appropriate sweater/sweatshirt attire during school.</p> <p><b><u>SUMMER UNIFORM : BOYS</u></b>  <i>Grades 7&amp;8:</i> The only adjustment for Junior High boys is in the shirt, which can be any pastel colored polo and no tie. All other policies apply  <i>Grades 1-6 ONLY:</i> Navy blue shorts (official uniform short only) may be worn instead of pants. <b><i>SHIRT:</i></b> Plain white short polo/golf shirt – No crest or logo. No tie. All other policies apply.</p>	<p><b><u>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.                      In Junior High girls may wear clear or pale shaded nail polish and two earrings per ear -- either a stud or a hoop no bigger than a dime.                      Junior High girls may wear multi-color or designed knee socks, however, students who chose to wear tights – they must be the traditional white or navy blue.                      Shoes – see note below</p> <p><b><u>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                      Navy blue, white or dark green knee socks or heavy tights (non opaque)                      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.                      Shoes – see note below</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>ALL GIRLS</u></b>                      Hem is to be <b>no higher</b> than 1” above the knee.                      No moccasins or moccasin-style shoes allowed                      No feathers worn in hair.</p>
<b>ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>	
<p><b><u>REQUIRED FOR GRADES K-8 :</u></b> 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.</p> <p><b><u>SWEATER/SWEATSHIRTS:</u></b> The school uniform permits students to wear a solid, plain, navy blue sweater or vest-cardigan, v-neck or pullover. All students may wear the “official” St. James sweatshirt with the logo in the classroom. <b>ONLY</b> students in grade 5-8 may wear their team spirit sweatshirts during class. Hooded sweatshirts are permitted, however, as a courtesy to the office staff; we request that students remove their hood when presenting at door to be buzzed into the building as this is a safety issue. When wearing “hoodies” we cannot identify the person at the door.</p> <p><b><u>SHOES :</u></b> 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, leather Merrill-style moc, 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. <u><i>NO shoes that look like sneakers are permitted. Shoes must have a non-marking sole.</i></u> 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>GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:</u></b> 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.</p> <p><b><u>HAIR STYLES/RESTRICTIONS:</u></b> 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. <b><u>HAIR COLORING, TINTING AND BLEACHING IS NEVER PERMITTED – NOT FOR GIRLS OR BOYS.</u></b> No beads or feathers should be worn in the hair.</p> <p><b><u>SCOUTS:</u></b> Students may wear choose to wear their scouting uniforms on meeting days.</p>	

GENERAL UNIFORM WHAT NOT TO WEAR	DRESS DOWN DAY WHAT NOT TO WEAR	GYM UNIFORM GUIDELINES GRADES K-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No hats worn indoors</li> <li>• No tattoos</li> <li>• No hologram contact lenses</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Girls up to Grade 6 – Only 1 stud-type earring in each ear lobe.</li> <li>• Junior High Girls -</li> <li>• Boys: No earrings or piercings.</li> <li>• No body piercing</li> <li>• No skirts more than 1” above the knee</li> <li>• No dyed hair</li> <li>• No pantyhose or opaque tights -- only approved color anklets or tights for girls.</li> <li>• No un-tucked shirts.</li> <li>• No missing belts.</li> <li>• No ripped clothing.</li> <li>• No colored/decorative shoe laces.</li> <li>• No non-uniform store pants/shorts – note that other brands fade quickly &amp; will have to be replaced sooner.</li> <li>• No “pajama” bottom style pants may be worn under jumpers – only navy blue sweat pants are permitted during January – April.</li> <li>• No generic sweatshirts – only the permitted types.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No hats worn indoors</li> <li>• No inappropriate logos on tee-shirts</li> <li>• No flip flops, open backed shoes or unsecured sandals</li> <li>• No shoes that convert to roller skates</li> <li>• No biker-style shorts</li> <li>• No pajama pants</li> <li>• Girls: No short shorts – modest lengths only permitted</li> <li>• No tank tops or tops that expose the midriff.</li> <li>• No ripped clothing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All “official” pieces available through school or uniform stores only</li> <li>• Sneakers - must be laced style and be tied at all times.</li> <li>• White socks</li> <li>• Official gray St. James tee shirt with logo over left-breast</li> <li>• Official St. James navy blue sweat shirt with St. James on front</li> <li>• Navy blue sweat pants, either plain or official St. James name down the left leg</li> <li>• Navy blue uniform shorts – poly blend or mesh permitted, mid-thigh in length with St. James imprinted on left leg. May be worn under sweatpants during the wintertime &amp; alone during the summer-uniform period.</li> </ul>
	<u>NOTES</u>	<b>GYM UNIFORM WHAT NOT TO WEAR</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform pants, shorts, skorts, jumpers, must be purchased directly through the official Diocesan uniform stores listed below. (Note: Only Blake’s will carry the girl’s blackwatch plaid jumper.)</li> <li>• The official gym uniform may be purchased directly through St. James School or through the official uniform stores listed above.</li> <li>• Students who repeatedly violate the uniform policy will be denied participation in the next out-of-uniform day or will serve a detention.</li> <li>• This policy is posted on the website and contained in the Parent/Student Handbook -: <a href="http://www.stjamesstratford.org">www.stjamesstratford.org</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No hooded sweatshirts</li> <li>• No short substitutions – MUST be uniform short</li> <li>• Girls – no short lengths – gym shorts are to be worn at mid-thigh</li> <li>• Boys – no sport or basketball shorts or oversized baggy shorts.</li> <li>• No non-uniform shirts or sweatshirt</li> <li>• No unlaced sneakers</li> <li>• No open backed sneakers</li> <li>• No sneakers that convert to roller skates</li> <li>• No colored/decorative shoe laces</li> <li>• No short shorts – should be modest length</li> </ul>

**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

**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 hemline 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 (see handbook dress code for more).**