



DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY

Students are asked to adopt a school dress code out of respect for our community and our common educational goals. Wearing a school uniform is also a visible indicator of school pride. A uniform style of dress diminishes issues of socio-economic differences, which sometimes arise as a result of fashion. At St. James School, we want students to develop a strong sense of self-respect. St. James students are always expected to dress modestly and in a manner which allows the focus of the day to be on academics and spiritual growth. In all cases, a student's clothing should be clean, without rips or holes, and free of commercial logos, slogans, or offensive graphics/language.

Our standard dress code applies the majority of the time, and can be worn throughout the school year. An **optional** summer uniform is available during the warmer weather months. The uniform should always be clean, neat and unwrinkled. Shirts must be tucked in at all times, with the exception of our youngest learners in preschool and kindergarten. Pants and shorts must be uniform, dress style. Cargo or jean-type pants or shorts are not allowed. On each student's designated day for physical education class, the children must wear the gym uniform and sneakers. There are other occasions when students are asked to "dress up" or "dress down". On these occasions, the spirit of the dress code should be adhered to and clothing should always be modest and appropriate for a Catholic school.

Students must refrain from trendy hairstyles and large hair accessories. Haircuts must be neat and clean and not a distraction. Outlandish cuts, coloring of hair or designs set into the hair, etc. are not permitted. Boy's hair should be above the shirt collar and trimmed around the ears. Jewelry should be kept to a minimum. Shoes should be conservative dress shoes either lace-up or slip-on with no embellishments. Oxford style or Merrill-style shoes with rubber soles are acceptable. Sandals, boots, slippers or open-back shoes are **not** allowed.

Regular uniform checks will take place throughout the year. Parents will be contacted if a student is not following the uniform policy on a given school day. Fourth through eighth grade students who repeatedly violate the policy will serve an after school detention. When it falls upon the teachers to "police" student uniform conformity, valuable class-time is wasted. Therefore, we ask parents to evaluate children's attire as they leave for school each day.

During the 2017-18 academic year, we will offer a "Dress Down Day" or a "St. James Spirit Wear Day" each month, for a total of 10 per year. Participation in these events is optional. Spirit Wear is available to purchase through the St. James Parent Association (P.A.). Questions regarding Spirit Wear can be directed to the following email: sjps@sjsct.org.

All uniform regulations and guidelines, including dress down days, are subject to the discretion of the Principal.

Uniforms can be purchased at:

Lands' End
www.landsend.com
School # 900079609

Blake's Uniform Store
203-375-5901
www.blakeschooluniform.com

ST. JAMES SCHOOL – UNIFORM POLICY 2017-2018 YEAR

REGULAR UNIFORM CAN BE WORN YEAR-AROUND.

Optional summer uniform *may* be worn from opening day until Oct. 31st and again from May 1st till year-end.

GIRLS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN:

Regular Uniform: Navy School Uniform Dress with Logo or White Short/Long Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press) Worn with Navy Uniform Pants, Solid Color Navy or White Tights or Socks, Sneakers (Preschool), Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes (Kindergarten)

Gym Clothes: Gray Gym Shirt with St. James Logo, Navy Sweatpants with Logo, Navy Mesh Shorts with Logo (summer uniform) and Athletic Sneakers

Summer Uniform: White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press) and Navy Uniform Shorts, Solid Color Navy or White Socks
(optional)

Outerwear Options: Navy Quarter Zip Fleece with St. James Logo or a Solid Navy Sweater

BOYS PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN:

Regular Uniform: White Short/Long Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press) Worn with Navy Uniform Pants, Solid Color Navy or White Socks, Sneakers (Preschool), Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes (Kindergarten)

Gym Clothes: Gray Gym Shirt with St. James Logo, Navy Blue Sweatpants with Logo, Navy Mesh Shorts with Logo (summer uniform) and Athletic Sneakers

Summer Uniform: White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press) and Navy Uniform Shorts, Solid Color Navy or White Socks
(optional)

Outerwear Options: Navy Quarter Zip Fleece with St. James Logo or a Solid Navy Sweater

BOYS IN GRADES 1 – 5:

Regular Uniform: Long/Short Sleeved White Collared Button-Down Dress Shirt, Black Watch Plaid Tie, Navy Uniform Pants, Black or Brown Belt, Solid Color Navy or White Socks, Solid Color Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes

Gym Clothes: Gray Gym Shirt with St. James Logo, Navy Blue Sweatpants with Logo, Navy Mesh Shorts with Logo (summer uniform) and Athletic Sneakers

Summer Uniform: White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press), Navy Uniform Shorts, Black or Brown Belt, Solid Color Navy or White Socks, Solid Color Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes
(optional)

Outerwear Options: Navy Quarter Zip Fleece with St. James Logo or a Solid Navy Sweater

GIRLS IN GRADES 1 – 5:

- Uniform:* Solid Navy Uniform Pants with a Black or Brown Belt and LS/SS White Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press) **or** Black Watch Plaid Jumper (either v-neck or round neck style) with White SS/LS Polo Shirt **or** Black Watch Plaid Skirt/Skort with White Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press), Navy or White Tights, Knee or Crew Socks, Solid Color Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes.
- Gym Clothes:* Gray Gym Shirt with St. James Logo, Navy Blue Sweatpants with St. James Logo, Navy Mesh Shorts with St. James Logo (summer uniform), and Athletic Sneakers
- Summer Uniform:*
(optional) White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press), Solid Color Navy Uniform Shorts, Black or Brown, Belt, Solid Color Navy or White Crew Socks, Solid Color Navy, Black or Brown Dress Shoes
- Outerwear Options:* Navy Quarter Zip Fleece with St. James Logo or a Solid Navy Sweater
- Other:* Girls may wear a simple stud or small hoop earring. No makeup or nail polish is allowed. These rules apply to all school days, including dress down days. **Hem for jumpers and skirts must be no higher than 2” above the knee.**

BOYS IN GRADES 6 – 8:

- Regular Uniform:* Long/Short Sleeve White Collared Button Down Dress Shirt, Tie of Choice, Solid Color Khaki Pants, Brown or Black Belt, Brown, Navy or White Socks, Solid Color Navy, Brown or Black Dress Shoes
- Gym Clothes:* Gray Gym Shirt with St. James Logo, Navy Blue Sweatpants with St. James Logo, Navy Blue Mesh Shorts with St. James logo (summer uniform) and Athletic Sneakers
- Summer Uniform:*
(optional) Khaki Shorts, White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press), Brown or Black Belt, Brown, Navy or White Socks, Solid Color Navy, Brown or Black Dress Shoes
- Outerwear Options:* Navy Quarter Zip Fleece with St. James Logo or a Solid Navy Sweater

GIRLS IN GRADES 6 – 8:

- Uniform:* Gray Uniform Skirt with Long/Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press) **or** Navy Uniform Jumper with White Long/Short Sleeve Polo Shirt **or** Khaki Uniform Pants with a Solid Brown or Black Belt and White Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press), Socks of Choice, Solid Color Brown, Black or Navy Dress Shoes.
- Gym Clothes:* Gray Gym Shirt with St. James Logo, Navy Sweatpants with St. James Logo, Navy Mesh Shorts with St. James Logo (summer uniform) and Athletic Sneakers
- Summer Uniform:*
(optional) Khaki Shorts, White Short Sleeve Polo with St. James Logo (embroidered or heat press), Brown or Black Belt, Socks of Choice, Solid Color Brown, Black or Navy Dress Shoes

GIRLS IN GRADES 6 – 8: (cont.)

Outerwear Options: Navy Quarter Zip Fleece with St. James Logo or a Solid Navy Sweater

Other: A simple stud or small hoop earring (no larger than a dime) may be worn. Clear or flesh tone nail polish may be worn. Make-up is not allowed. **Hem for jumpers and skirts must be no higher than 2 " above the knee.**

GYM UNIFORM GENERAL NOTE:

We are moving away from the sweatshirt in preference of the St. James fleece for the gym uniform. The fleece is one style, and is multi-functional as it provides warmth and may be worn everyday outside, in the classroom and also for gym class over the t-shirt if needed. The blue sweatshirts will no longer be sold. However, if you still own the blue sweatshirt, your child may still wear it on his/her gym day. In addition, all pieces of the gym uniform must be branded with St. James in words or with our logo. This includes the t-shirt, shorts, and sweatpants. Please do not send your child on gym day with other types of shorts, sweatpants or random t-shirts. Thank you for your cooperation.