



UNIFORM DRESS CODE POLICY

All students in PK2 through Grade 6 are required to wear the prescribed St. James Catholic School uniform on regular school days, St. James Catholic School-approved t-shirts on Thursdays, and appropriate attire on announced free-dress days. As representatives of St. James Catholic School, students are expected to wear their uniforms in a manner that reflects good character, virtue, and respect for themselves and others while consistently adhering to the school's dress code. The Principal reserves the right to make the final determination regarding all uniform and grooming questions, whether specifically addressed in this uniform dress code or not.

Students not in proper uniform will be handled in a consistent but sensitive manner depending on the student's grade level. A note or a phone call will be made to the parent/guardian to discuss the best way to handle the breach in the uniform code. Parents are asked to cooperate with school personnel when asked to assist with correcting improper uniform dress. Failure to comply with the uniform policy will result in a uniform violation. Students in Grades 2-6 will receive a warning for the first and second violations. Additional violations will result in detention.

Uniforms should be clean, neat, in good condition, and appropriately fitted. As a Catholic school, we strive to foster an environment that reflects the values of modesty, respect, and dignity. Therefore, skorts, skirts, jumpers, and dresses should be of an appropriate and modest length. Skorts, skirts, jumpers, and dresses may be no more than 4 inches from the floor when kneeling. Playground shorts must be worn under all skirts, jumpers, and dresses. Shirts must remain tucked in throughout the school day. White short-sleeved t-shirts may be worn underneath school uniform shirts. Students in grades 2-6 are required to wear a belt with uniform shorts or slacks. Students should wear shoes that are appropriate for school activities and physical education.

Only official St. James outerwear may be worn inside the school building. Students may wear a navy cardigan, navy sweatshirt, or navy fleece embroidered with the St. James crest. During cold weather, students may wear a solid navy jacket/coat outdoors - no logos are allowed, only the school crest. If the temperature falls below 32°F, students may wear a heavier non-uniform coat outside only. St. James School team jackets/sweatshirts must be school colors and be approved by administration prior to ordering and can be worn on Thursday St. James school t-shirt days. All jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, and outerwear should be clearly labeled with the student's name. To help identify misplaced items, school personnel may write the student's name on the tag of any unlabeled item.

Diocesan policy prohibits watches that can send or receive text messages, emails, or phone calls. Apple Watches, Fitbits, and similar smart devices are not permitted. Traditional watches are allowed.

The official school emblem or logos may not be reproduced without permission from school administration, nor applied to an unapproved article of clothing. Uniforms can be purchased at our school-approved vendor, Educate and Celebrate. They are located at 8829 Lorraine Road (Suite 101), Gulfport, MS 39503. Their phone number is (228) 206-1901, and their email address is sales@educateandcelebrate.com. To view the uniform options or to shop online, visit www.shopeducateandcelebrate.com.

GIRLS – Grades PK2-6

UNIFORM

Tops

- Light blue polo style knit shirt with the St. James crest (short or long sleeves)
- Light blue rounded Peter Pan collar blouse (short or long sleeves) – *optional*
- School plaid jumper (no shorter than 4 in. from the floor when the student is kneeling)
 - *Playground shorts must be worn under skirts.*

Bottoms

- School plaid skort (no shorter than 4 in. from the floor when the student is kneeling)
- School plaid skirt (no shorter than 4 in. from the floor when the student is kneeling)
 - *Playground shorts must be worn under skirts.*
- Navy blue uniform shorts or slacks (uniform material only; no knit, cargo, or sweatpants)
 - *Students in grades 2-6 are required to wear a navy, black, or brown belt.*

Dresses (PK2, PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten students only)

- School plaid dress
- Pique knit polo dress (light blue or navy blue)
- *Dresses must be of a modest length. Playground shorts must be worn under all dresses.*

ACCESSORIES / OTHER

Socks & Tights

- Solid white, navy, or black socks (knee socks are permitted)
- Solid white, navy, or black tights are permitted under skorts, skirts, shorts, jumper, or dresses.
- Footless leggings are **not** permitted.
- Logos or designs are **not** permitted on socks or tights.

Shoes

- Black, navy, white, or gray athletic shoes
- Black, navy, white, or brown leather shoes
- No high-tops, cleats, boots, or high heels
- No lights, bells, rollers, or shoe accessories
- Velcro shoes are highly recommended for preschool students for safety reasons. They are required for PK2 students.

Outerwear

- Sweatshirt: solid navy with St. James crest
- Fleece: solid navy with St. James crest
- Pullover: solid navy with St. James crest
- Cardigan: solid navy with St. James crest
- Outside Cold Weather Jackets/Coats: solid navy with St. James crest, no logos
 - *Non-uniform outside coats are permitted to be worn outside only when the temperature is below 32 degrees.*

Hair

- Hair should be neatly groomed, out of the eyes, and free from excessive hairstyles.
 - Natural hair color, no colored hair extensions/attachments
- Hair bows and ribbons must be navy, light blue, yellow, red, white, or the official school plaid.

Jewelry & Grooming

- No makeup.
 - No tattoos.
 - No artificial nails.
 - Light-colored and neutral-colored nail polish only.
 - Jewelry is limited to single stud earrings, school-approved watches, conservative necklaces, conservative bracelets, and conservative rings.
 - *The school is not responsible for lost or damaged jewelry.*
 - *If the conservative jewelry is distracting to the learning environment, students may not be permitted to wear it.*
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BOYS – Grades PK2-6

UNIFORM

Top

- Light blue polo style uniform shirt with the St. James crest (short or long sleeves)

Bottoms

- Navy uniform walking shorts (uniform material only; no knit or cargo)
- Navy uniform slacks (uniform material only; no knit, cargo, or sweatpants)
- Students in grade 2-6 must wear a solid navy, black, or brown belt

ACCESSORIES / OTHER

Socks

- Solid white, navy, or black socks
 - *Logos are **not** permitted.*

Shoes

- Black, navy, white, or gray athletic shoes
- Black, navy, white, or brown leather shoes
- No high-tops or cleats
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Hair

- Hair should be neatly groomed and out of the eyes.
- Hair must remain above the eyebrows, above the shirt collar, and no longer than mid-ear on the sides.
 - *Natural hair color only, colored hair extensions/attachments are **not** permitted*
- No excessive hairstyles, rat tails, hair wraps, or similar fads.

Jewelry

- No earrings
- No tattoos
- Jewelry is limited to school-approved watches, conservative necklaces, and conservative bracelets.
 - *The school is not responsible for lost or damaged jewelry.*
 - *If the conservative jewelry is distracting to the learning environment, students may not be permitted to wear it.*