

UNIFORM POLICY

At St. John Catholic High School, the uniform is a source of pride and a builder of community. Students who enroll at St. John Catholic High School do so with a complete awareness of uniform requirements. **Therefore, by choosing St. John Catholic High School, students and parents agree to abide by the established School Uniform Policy.**

The basic requirements for attending classes are that students are to wear a uniform shirt with uniform pants, shorts, or a kilt, along with appropriate footwear. When wearing options such as uniform vests, hoodies or sweaters students are to ensure that the basic requirements are still met.

Students are required to wear the prescribed school uniform throughout the school year, including examination days. Basic uniform items may include:

Uniform Item	Girls	Boys
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Cut Blouse • Oxford Dress Shirt • Golf Shirt (Long sleeve/Short sleeve) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford Dress Shirt • Golf Shirt (Long sleeve/Short sleeve)
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casual Pants (Black/Khaki) • Dress Pants(Black/Khaki) • X-Kilt • Capris • Shorts (May-June Sept-Oct) (Black/Khaki) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casual Pants(Black/Khaki) • Dress Pants(Black/Khaki) • Kilt • Shorts (May-June Sept-Oct) (Black/Khaki)
Sweaters/Extras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vest • Sweater pullover • Hoodie • Half Zip Polo • Tartan Tie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vest • Sweater pullover • Hoodie • Half Zip Polo • Tartan Tie
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green/black/White Knee socks, nylons or full footed green/black tights • Dress shoes or Dress sandals may only be worn with kilt • Dress shoes, athletic shoes , or sandals may only be worn with pants, capris and shorts • See Kilt Option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • socks • dress shoes and athletic shoes • sandals may only be worn with pants, and shorts • See Kilt Option

The Kilt Option

- Socks, tights (closed toed) or nylons are to be worn with the kilt option. **Socks are to be worn at the knee, and must be solid black, forest green or white. Tights (closed toed) are to be solid black, forest green or white. Beige nylons are acceptable.** All items are to be purchased from R.J. McCarthy or are to be an acceptable equivalent.
- Kilts are to be worn at an appropriate length. A student who persistently alters the length may have the privilege of wearing the kilt revoked for an unspecified amount of time.
- For boys wishing to wear the kilt option, a proper boys/men's kilt must be purchased from R.J. McCarthy and worn with appropriate accessories.
- Dress shoes or dress sandals predominantly black, brown may be worn with the x-kilt/kilt option. Open-toed shoes (e.g. sandals) may not be worn in certain courses due to safety concerns. **Boots may not visible above the ankle and are not acceptable footwear with the kilt option.**

- **Students are expected to arrive to school in uniform and are to be in full uniform at all times during the day. Uniforms will be worn on all school trips unless otherwise specified by school administration.**
- Students are expected to display a neat and orderly appearance. Pants must be worn at the waist and clothing should be kept clean and in good condition.
- **There is to be no alteration of the school uniform (including but not restricted to pinning the backs of shirts, re-hemming/fitting of pants, rolling up pant/short legs or kilts, etc.)** All uniform items are to be purchased from R.J. McCarthy.
- If a student arrives out of uniform, the student will work in isolation for the day, and will not be admitted to their classes. Parents/Guardians will be notified. If a student is not admitted to class, he/she will be responsible for all work missed.
- The principal or vice-principal may grant temporary uniform exemptions for extenuating circumstances. In the case of an exemption, students should be in as much of the uniform as possible. Appropriately coloured pants or shorts must be worn. **(Jeans are not acceptable)**
- Coats and jackets are not to be worn in the building during the day and are to be kept in lockers.
- **Only solid, plain white or black t-shirts** can be worn under uniform shirts and must be tucked in. Graphics, scripts, or designs are not acceptable. **A Uniform shirt must be worn under sweaters, vests, hoodies and half zip polos.**
- Baseball caps, hats, bandanas and other headwear are not permitted during school hours and should be left at home. Students wearing headwear risk losing it for the balance of the school day.
- Accessories must be in keeping with the spirit of the uniform. The following are unacceptable: large jewelry, wallet chains, studded belts, collars, or bracelets, gloves (of any style), leg warmers, etc.

Dress Down Days

- Student Council requests days throughout the year during which students may be allowed to wear clothing other than the regular school uniform. These days generally coincide with some special event or spirit/theme day at the school. Students and staff who choose to dress down on these days will make a specified contribution (usually \$2.00) to a charity. Students who choose to come to school in regular uniform on such days are invited to make this donation but are not required to do so.
- On these days, all expectations of appropriate attire are still in place. **All tops, shirts and dresses must have sleeves.** Specifically, all students are expected to dress neatly, modestly and with a sense of personal pride that reflects our Catholic faith. The following items are not acceptable: boxer or short shorts, crop tops, muscle shirts, ripped/torn jeans, monogrammed clothing/jewelry promoting sex and/or the use of drugs or alcohol or jewelry containing spikes, studs or long chains. No short tops. **If you can't tuck it in, you can't wear it.** All tops, shirts and dresses must have sleeves. No hats or bandanas are allowed.