

Uniform Policy



St. Ann Catholic School

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Dear St. Ann School Families,

Why Uniforms? For many, the first thing that comes to mind when we think about Catholic school students is the Catholic school uniform. St. Ann is no exception to this rule. The navy and plaid patterns, the collared shirts and cardigans, and that special 8th grade apparel are all symbolic of St. Ann school and help represent our community in a visual manner both in the classroom and around the neighborhood.

But why do we wear uniforms? And why do we need to be so detailed about exactly what students wear to school? The answer has many layers and I hope that this new edition of the uniform policy can help illustrate the importance and value of wearing the St. Ann Catholic School uniform.

St. Ann students wear uniforms for practical purposes. Having a predictable and routine wardrobe allows students and families to know exactly what they're wearing each day without the headache of buying new clothes constantly or keeping up with every fashion trend. St. Ann uniforms are specifically designed to accommodate the many kinds of learning and play that students engage in through all four seasons. The white or navy collared shirt and blue pants look handsome in the hallways and feel comfortable on the playground basketball court, all year round. The St. Ann skirts and jumpers showcase St. Ann's classic plaid pattern so everyone recognizes our Crusaders whether they're in school or out in the community.

St. Ann students wear uniforms for social purposes. Having every student in uniform means that clothing and appearances never set apart one student from the rest. The word 'uniform' means 'the same'. We're all equal in the eyes of God and we're all equal in the eyes of one another. The St. Ann uniform illustrates a unity and equality among our student body that helps us to see the face of Christ in every student, in every classmate.

St. Ann students wear uniforms for parochial purposes. Our students wear uniforms and those uniforms often contain insignia and logos specific to St. Ann. The St. Ann plaid pattern is distinct to our school and no other school uses it. Our students do not just represent themselves and their classmates when they put on the St. Ann uniform, they represent the parish, the parishioners, the pastor, the principal, the teachers, the parents, and all of the students and St. Ann community members who have come before them over our school's long history. They can wear it with pride.

The students wear uniforms because they are an outward communication of virtue. They need commitment and consistency to be in uniform each day. The sameness of our clothing represents unity and solidarity. The appropriate nature of the clothing communicates respect and reverence. We put this St. Ann symbolism on our students because we are so pleased to have these children representing our community. When they are learning and growing and sharing in virtue there can be no question about who they are and what they represent. They are St. Ann Crusaders and they look good.

Blessings and peace,

Mr. Jacob Reft, Principal

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:14-17

General Guidelines

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This Uniform Policy Handbook is designed to present and explain the many aspects and potential combinations of the St. Ann uniform. Any areas of discrepancy or confusion can and will be addressed by school administration. This document does not cover every conceivable possibility for school apparel but aims to provide the language and philosophy for any future decisions or rulings to be made in regard to the uniform policy. The school uniform is an endeavor in both function and fashion and will remain a topic of scrutiny and target for refinement for both staff and students throughout the years.



The administration will determine the boundaries of acceptable styles. The principal reserves the right to make the final decision related to any questionable uniform or grooming code violation.

General Guidelines

Student apparel should always be fitted properly to their size and stature. Excessively small or large apparel can be difficult to manage and distracting to students and their classmates.

Hair should always be clean and neatly combed/brushed, and reasonable in appearance. Hairstyles that include designs/imagery created by close shaving are prohibited. Hair dye (even “natural” colors) is prohibited. Shaving a stripe(s) in one’s eyebrows is prohibited.



Archdiocesan Policy 4303.6

Students are expected to dress and present an appearance consistent with standards of good taste and appropriate for school and school events. Any dress or wearing of insignia which conveys the image of gang membership, supports the beliefs of hate groups, makes sexual innuendos, or promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is inappropriate for school and should not be allowed.

Specific Apparel

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Shirts

St. Ann students are to wear a white or navy blue cotton, cotton-blend, knit polo or button down shirt with a pointed collar (or round for girls only) or a solid white or navy turtleneck. The shirt should be clean and sized appropriately. A knit polo or button down shirt may be long sleeved or short sleeved. Button down shirts should always be properly buttoned. Shirts are always to be properly tucked in when students are in the school building and when they are engaged in instructional activities outside the building. St. Ann students are permitted to wear a variety of white undergarments beneath their uniform shirts. These undergarments are to be white and without any writing or imagery. Undershirts permitted include white t-shirts, white a-shirts, white long sleeve thermals, or white long sleeve t-shirts. Navy blue long sleeve thermals or long sleeve t-shirts are only permitted when matched with a navy blue collared shirt.



Pants/Shorts

Students at St. Ann are to wear uniform specific pants or shorts throughout the school year. All uniform pants are to be navy blue in color with no logos or accent features and should be clean and appropriately sized. Uniform pants may have the traditional 4 pocket pattern. Cargo pockets on pants or shorts are prohibited. Capri pants are prohibited. Kindergarten-2nd grade students may wear pants or shorts with belt loops or with elastic waistbands (not sweatpants). Shorts may not be more than 3 inches above the knee or 1 inch below the knee.



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Skirts/Jumpers

St. Ann skirts and jumpers are of a specific 4 color plaid pattern that is available for purchase at Fischer's uniform supply store- 314-921-9972, <https://www.fischersuniforms.com>. A limited number are available for purchase at school. Young ladies in grades KDG-5th wear plaid jumpers. Young ladies in grades 6th-8th wear plaid skirts. A uniform code garment (shorts, tights, pants, leggings) should be worn daily under skirts and jumpers. Skirts and jumpers may not be more than 3 inches above the knee or 1 inch below the knee.

Tights/Leggings-Solid black, gray, or navy tights, footless tights, or leggings may be worn under skirts or jumpers. Footless tights and leggings must reach the ankle and are preferably worn tucked into a sock. Footless tights/leggings may not have decoration. (The appearance of footed tights is preferred code.)

Sweaters/Cardigans

A cardigan style navy blue sweater or navy blue sweater vest may be worn by both girls and boys. The cardigan sweater may zip or button. No hoods are allowed on any sweaters or vests. A navy blue crewneck St. Ann sweatshirt may be worn. A plain navy crew neck sweatshirt is not permitted.

Sweatshirts/Hoodies

A navy blue crewneck St. Ann sweatshirt may be worn over the regular white or navy blue uniform shirt. A plain navy crew neck sweatshirt is not permitted. All St. Ann students should wear a white or navy collared shirt under all sweatshirts, sweaters, cardigans, sweater vests, etc..



Specific Apparel

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Shoes/Socks

Students are to wear appropriate, practical, all-season footwear to school. Tennis shoes, jogging shoes, basketball shoes, and dress/church shoes are most appropriate for students engaging in the St. Ann curriculum. All shoe colors are permitted in many patterns and color schemes.

Excessive metallic, excessive neon, any glitter, any sparkles/sequined, character, or light up shoes are not allowed. Shoes with wheels are not allowed. Open toe or open heel patterns are not allowed for safety purposes. Boots and sandals may not be worn during the school day. If boots are worn because of the weather, students must change into uniform code shoes once they arrive at school. Shoes must be laced/fastened securely at all times.



All students must wear socks at all times. Solid white, black, gray, or navy ankle, crew, or knee socks are to be worn. Socks must be clearly seen above the top of the shoe. A small black, white, gray, or navy logo/brand is acceptable on socks.



Accessories

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There are a number of accessories that can accompany the St. Ann uniform apparel:

- Belts must be worn in grades 3-8 for both male and female students. The belt must be solid navy blue, black, or brown with a small buckle. Neon, studded, or metallic belts are not allowed.
- Scout uniforms may be worn on days when meetings occur directly after school or when scouts will be engaged in a scouting specific activity during the school day.

Jewelry

- Watches may be worn. Apple Watches or similar electronic watch-like devices that synchronize with cell phones are prohibited.
- Students may wear only post earrings.
- Students may wear a single small religious necklace. A bracelet or necklace for medical purposes is allowed.
- Body or facial piercing, tattoos, headwear (except headbands) and the like are not allowed.
- Excessive head/hair bands should not be worn as wristwear when not being utilized to maintain hairstyles. (principal discretion)
- Fingernail polish and fake fingernails of any sort are prohibited
- Cosmetic makeup of any sort is prohibited

Hair

- Hair should be clean, neatly combed, and reasonable in appearance.
- Drastic hairstyles and hair dyeing of any sort are not allowed.
- Headbands for hair are permitted in solid navy, solid white, solid black, solid grey, or in the St. Ann plaid swatch pattern.



Out of Uniform Guidelines

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Some school days are out of uniform days. The administration will determine the boundaries of acceptable styles. The principal reserves the right to make the final decision related to any questionable uniform or grooming code violation. The fit, length, neatness, and appropriateness of all out-of-uniform clothing follows the regular uniform guidelines and:



- All clothing must be correctly and appropriately sized (no items too loose or too tight), hemmed neatly, and not faded or torn.
- All bottoms must be worn at the waist. Low-rise pants, shorts, capris, skorts, or skirts are not allowed. All shorts, skorts, and skirts must reach a student's fingertips and/or be no more than 3 inches above the knee.
- Appropriate athletic clothing including t-shirts, sweatpants and shorts are allowed.
- All shirts must have sleeves. No sleeveless, tank, spaghetti strap, or cropped shirts are allowed. Tops may not be longer than or as long as bottoms. No skin may be shown between top and bottom.
- All print, words, and/or logos must be appropriate for school.
- Boots, sandals, open toe, backless, or high heeled shoes are not allowed.
- Designated colors on out of uniform days (Field Day, Theme Days) must be worn.

