## DRESS CODE & UNIFORM POLICY 2023-2024

It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to see that children are neat, clean, well-groomed and in complete uniform per the school uniform code. The school dress code assists in maintaining discipline and instilling a sense of personal pride in the children. The teacher or principal will inform parents of children who do not comply with the policy. A warning will be given when a student is in violation of the dress code. Repeated violation of the dress code will result in disciplinary action. Some infractions will necessitate that the parent/guardian is called to make arrangements to ensure that parents and students are compliant with school expectations.

If there is a question concerning any dress code directive, the principal will make the final decision. If it is necessary for a child to come out of uniform, the parent/guardian should send a note to the school office. Students coming out of uniform without a written excuse from the parent will not be allowed to stay in class until the proper attire is worn. All clothing worn should be clean and be the appropriate size and fit. The student's undergarments should be covered at all times and should not be overtly visible.

\*All skirts, jumpers and ties must be ordered through the Schoolbelles Company www.schoolbelles.com - school code S1957

	Boys	Girls
Mass/Special Occasion Days	On Mass Days and Special Occasions throughout the year (as determined by School Administration), students will be expected to wear their dress uniform. Dress uniforms require the following standards:	
(Dress Uniform)	Grades PK-3: Embroidered school polo shirt & slacks or shorts	Grades PK-8:  Embroidered school polo shirt & plaid jumper,
	Grades 4-8: (August through October) Embroidered school polo shirt & slacks or shorts (November through March) Button-down dress shirt, embroidered school tie & slacks	plaid skirt or plaid skort
Jumper/Skirt	None permitted	Grades PK-5: Blue plaid jumper - Style #0194 or #1417 Blue plaid skirt - Style #1521 Blue plaid skort - Style #1533
		Grades 6-8: Blue plaid skirt - Style #1525 *Undershorts, leggings or tights only may be worn under all skirts and jumpers
Pants / Slacks	Solid navy blue or tan <b>dress slacks</b> may be worn. Pants must be straight legged or boot cut in style. Acceptable materials will be primarily cotton with limited stretch, including twill and chino. <b>NO DENIM, CARGO, CORDUROY, JOGGER OR SKINNY STYLE PANTS THAT DO NOT MEET SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS ARE PERMITTED</b> . They must be comparable to those purchased through Schoolbelles. Samples of appropriate slacks can be found in the school office.  Please note: Pants made of high stretch materials such as Ponte, Jersey, etc. are not permitted.	
Leggings	None permitted	Solid navy blue, gray, or black leggings only worn under skirts or jumpers. Leggings must extend down to the ankle.
Shorts	Solid navy blue or tan <b>dress shorts</b> may be worn from the start of the school year until November 1 <sup>st</sup> and then again from March 1 <sup>st</sup> until the end of the school year, unless otherwise conveyed by Principal. Shorts length should come close to the knee, and should be a long or Bermuda style. Acceptable materials will be primarily cotton with limited stretch, including twill and chino. NO DENIM, CARGO OR CASUAL SHORTS THAT DO NOT MEET SCHOOL EXPECTAION ARE PERMITTED.	

Belts	Black, brown or navy belts must be worn with pants and shorts by students in grades 4-8. Belts are recommended for students in grades K-3. Belts should be simple in nature and should not have ornamentation.		
Blouses / Shirts	Solid <b>navy blue</b> , <b>light blue</b> or <b>white</b> button-down dress shirt, blouse or polo shirt with a collar. The same colored turtlenecks may be worn from November 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 1 <sup>st</sup> . Shirts, blouses and polos may be short or long sleeved. Shirts must be tucked into slacks, skirts, shorts.  * <b>Only white</b> , <b>navy</b> , <b>black or gray plain undershirts with no visible logos</b> may be worn under the uniform shirt.  *Please see note regarding dress uniform for Mass/Special Occasion Days.		
Sweaters/Vests/ Sweatshirts/Pullovers	Solid white, gray or navy blue cardigan, pullover sweater or vest are permitted. Only St. Cecilia Spirit Wear fleece and sweatshirts (no hoodies) are permitted.		
Socks	Matching socks, either anklets, dressy knee socks (no sport) or tights, in solid white, navy blue, gray or black. No brightly colored or neon colored socks are permissible. Socks should not be on the outside of slacks.		
Shoes	Gym shoes or dress shoes may be worn. Exaggerated styles such as, platforms, clogs, sandals, or flip-flops are not permitted. Shoes must be completely enclosed, <b>no open toes or backs</b> . No boots are permitted to be worn during the school day but may be worn to school and after dismissal. Light up shoes are not permitted.		
Hair	Haircuts and styles are to be conservative in nature and meet the standards of good grooming. Hair should be clean, styled and cut above the eyebrows. No mohawks or other exotic hairstyles, colors or fads. No shaved designs or shaved portions of the head (including eyebrows) are permitted.		
Makeup	None is permitted	Makeup (eye shadow, mascara, eye liner, blush, lipstick or gloss) is <b>NOT</b> permitted. Clear nail polish (no color or French tips) may be worn.	
Jewelry	No jewelry except a necklace (simple chain with simple pendant), one ring, one non-distracting bracelet and a watch (no smart watches are permitted) may be worn. Students with pierced ears may wear single earrings on the ear lobe. No hoops or gauges; studs only. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Jewelry should be simple in appearance with no excessive ornamentation. All tattoos and piercings are not permitted.		
Accessories	Only Solid navy blue, gray, black and school plaid headbands, bows and scrunchies are permitted. Students are not permitted to carry a purse or shoulder bag with them to their classes. They should be kept in lockers or cubbies for the duration of the school day.		
Gym Class	Gym shoes must be worn for class for ALL grades (PK-8). Gym uniforms are solid navy blue, gray or black elastic/drawstring athletic shorts with a solid gold, navy, gray or spirit wear t-shirt and must be worn by all students when/if required.		
Spirit Days	Fridays are considered spirt wear days unless otherwise noted on the school calendar. Students must wear uniform bottoms but may wear other spirit wear t-shirts, hoodies, etc. on Fridays.		
Out of Uniform Days	Occasionally, St. Cecilia will have out of uniform days. Additionally, students are permitted to come out of uniform on their birthday or half birthday. If a birthday happens to fall on a Mass day, students may come out of uniform on the day before or after. Tank tops, sleeveless tops, halter tops, tee shirts with inappropriate decals or writings will not be permitted. "Short" shorts and skirts, leggings and yoga pants are not permitted. Open toed shoes with backs are permitted on these days - no flip flops or sandals with no backs. Clothing must be tasteful and age appropriate.		
QUESTIONS	All determinations upon what is and is not permitted will be determined by teachers and school administration.		