## $\underline{\text { UNIFORMS }}$

All students should take pride in the St. Joseph Catholic School uniform and remember they represent their school when seen in uniform. Uniforms and all shoes must be purchased at Mills Uniform Company in Fort Worth. If for some reason Mills cannot provide the correct shoe size or is low in stock, another store may be used to purchase the required shoes.

All students are expected to comply with the uniform dress code. If there is a question concerning the acceptability of the attire, it should not be worn. Any faculty member may question whether attire is acceptable and reflects the intent of the dress standard. In all cases the interpretation remains with the administration. If a student is not in proper uniform the first time, the student will be warned and the parent or guardian will be notified by E-mail through Renweb. The second time, the student will call his/her parent or guardian to bring the proper uniform to school or the student may be required to wear a school-provided uniform. The third time, the student may be sent home. Unauthorized items such as jewelry will be taken by the teacher and given to the parent.

Required uniform must be worn on all Mass days and other specified days. Each student must have a required uniform.

Girls' Shoes: All St. Joseph uniform shoes are to be purchased through Mills Uniform Company, unless Mills cannot provide the shoe or shoe size. Shoes are listed below to choose from:

Preschool - Kindergarten:
Saucony Cohesion Velcro or Lace-up Athletic Shoes in white or black
1st Grade - 5th Grade:
Saucony Cohesion Lace-up Athletic Shoes in white or black, or New Balance Athletic Lace Shoes in white or black
Keds Girl's Leather Saddle Oxford Lace-up shoes in white and navy
6th Grade - 8th Grade:
Saucony Cohesion Lace-up Athletic Shoes in white or black, or New Balance Athletic Lace Shoes in white or black
Women's New Balance Athletic Lace-up Shoes in white or black
Women's Leather Saddle Oxford Lace-up shoes in white and navy
Women's Sperry Koifish Shoes in tan
Boys' Shoes: All St. Joseph uniform shoes are to be purchased through Mills Uniform Company, unless Mills cannot provide the shoe or shoe size. Shoes are listed below to choose from:

Preschool - Kindergarten:
Saucony Cohesion Velcro or Lace-up Athletic Shoes in white or black
1st Grade - 5th Grade:
Saucony Cohesion Lace-up Athletic Shoes in white or black, or New Balance Athletic Lace Shoes in white or black

6th Grade - 8th Grade:
Saucony Cohesion Lace-up Athletic Shoes in white or black, or New Balance Athletic Lace Shoes in white or black
Men's New Balance Athletic Lace-up Shoes in white or black
Men's Sperry Billfish Shoes in tan
Socks and Tights: Socks must be worn with shoes. For girls, the options are knee-high socks or crew socks. Tights are allowed. Girls will wear the colors of solid black, solid navy blue, or solid white. Noshow socks are not allowed. Ankle socks are not allowed. Logos are not allowed. For boys, they are to be crew socks. Boys will wear the colors of solid black, solid navy blue, or solid white. No-show socks are not allowed. Ankle socks are not allowed. Logos are not allowed. The required uniform is described as follows:

## The REQUIRED uniform for Pre-K through 5th Grade:

Girls: Tunic jumper with white Peter-Pan blouse (long or short-sleeve)
Shoes purchased at Mills Uniform Company from the SJCS approved list
Knee-high, crew, or tights (solid black, solid navy blue, or solid white)
Navy cardigan sweater
Navy stretch modesty short for under jumper
Boys: White oxford shirt (long or short-sleeve)
Navy flat-front pants (Pre-K and Kindergarten may choose full elastic waist or belt loop waist)
Black, navy or brown belt (must be worn with loops)
Shoes purchased at Mills Uniform Company from the SJCS approved list
Crew socks (solid black, solid navy, or solid white)
Navy cardigan sweater

## The optional uniform for Pre-K through 5th Grade:

Children may wear the optional uniform on days other than Required Dress Code Days. It is the option of the parents to purchase these additional items.
Girls: Navy flat-front pants (black, navy or brown belt must be worn with loops)
Navy pull-on pants allowed for Pre-K and Kindergarten
Navy shorts (black, navy or brown belt must be worn with loops)
Navy pull-on shorts allowed for Pre-K and Kindergarten
Navy 2-in-1 skort
Red cotton polo shirt (short or long-sleeve) with school logo
Shoes purchased at Mills Uniform Company from the SJCS approved list
Knee-high, crew, or tights (solid black, solid navy blue, or solid white)
Red SJCS logo sweatshirt purchased at school through HSA
Boys: Navy shorts (black, navy or brown belt must be worn with loops)
Navy pull-on shorts allowed for Pre-K and Kindergarten
Red wicking polo shirt (short-sleeve, long-sleeve is not available) with school logo
Red cotton polo shirt (short or long-sleeve) with school logo
Shoes purchased at Mills Uniform Company from the SJCS approved list

Crew socks (solid black, solid navy, or solid white)
Red SJCS logo sweatshirt purchased at school through HSA

## The REQUIRED uniform for 6th Grade - 8th Grade:

Girls 6th through 8th- Required (Dress) Uniform
The REQUIRED (DRESS) uniform is worn on days the students attend Mass, certain school functions, and field trips.

Plaid box-pleat skirt - see the skirt length discussion below
White cap-sleeve blouse or white oxford (short or long-sleeve oxfords may be worn)
Navy crossover tie
Shoes purchased at Mills Uniform Company from the SJCS approved list
Knee-high, crew, or tights (solid black, solid navy blue, or solid white)
Navy varsity sweater with white sleeve stripes
Navy stretch modesty short for under skirt

## Boys 6th through 8th - Required (Dress) Uniform

The REQUIRED (DRESS) uniform is worn on days the students attend Mass, certain school functions, and field trips.

White oxford shirt (short or long-sleeve)
Khaki flat-front pants
Navy classic tie
Black or Brown belt
Shoes purchased at Mills Uniform Company from the SJCS approved list
Crew socks (solid black, solid navy, or solid white)
Navy varsity sweater with white sleeve stripes

## The OPTIONAL uniform for 6th Grade - 8th Grade:

## Girls 6th through 8th - Optional Uniform

The optional uniform may be worn on any day that has not been designated a required uniform day. Please observe the rules on when students may wear SJCS logo knit shirts.

Khaki flat-front pants (belts must be worn with loops)
Khaki box-pleat skirt - see discussion of skirt length below
Khaki shorts (belts must be worn with loops)
Khaki 2-in-1 skort
Navy cotton polo shirt (short or long-sleeve) with school logo
Blue oxford shirt (short or long-sleeve)
White oxford shirt (short or long-sleeve)
Shoes purchased at Mills Uniform Company from the SJCS approved list
Knee-high, crew, or tights (solid black, solid navy blue, or solid white)
Navy SJCS logo sweatshirt purchased at school through HSA

## Boys 6th through 8th - Optional Uniform

The optional uniform may be worn on any day that has not been designated a required uniform day.
Khaki Shorts (belts must be worn with loops)
Navy wicking polo (short-sleeve, long-sleeve is not available) with school logo
Navy cotton polo (short or long-sleeve) with school logo
Blue oxford shirt (short or long-sleeve)
Shoes purchased at Mills Uniform Company from the SJCS approved list
Crew socks (solid black, solid navy, or solid white)
Navy SJCS logo sweatshirt purchased at school through HSA
Any jacket may be worn with any of the uniforms when outside or in extraordinary circumstances determined by the teacher. Otherwise, jackets of any kind may not be worn in the classrooms.

Grades $6-8$ will wear a physical education uniform purchased through the school.

## General Appearance and Grooming

The outward image and general appearance of the Catholic school student has traditionally been one that is an excellent reflection on the student, his/her family, and the school. In keeping with this sense of fulfillment, we require the following appearance standards:

HAIR: Students' hair must be neat, clean, well-groomed and a natural color. Fad hairstyles or hairstyles deemed extreme by the staff/administration are not acceptable. This applies to both male and female students. Boys' hair will be combed so that it is above the eyebrows in front, half way up the ear on the side, and above the collar in the back.

FACE MASKS: Face masks worn are not to cause a disturbance to the classroom setting. They must be appropriate for a school environment at all times. A student may be asked to remove their mask if causing a disturbance. A parent would be required to bring a new mask to the school.

ACCESSORIES: Excessive use of jewelry and other accessories is not only inappropriate for the age of our students and the style of the uniform, but it can be dangerous during playground and P.E. times. There should be nothing around a student's ankle. The school is not responsible for lost items. Girls who choose to wear hair ribbons, barrettes, or head bands must select styles that complement the school uniform. Such items may not have writing (except the name of our school), advertising, or images. Obvious uniform accessories such as belts will be worn.

JEWELRY: Will be limited to:

- One watch (no smart watches allowed)
- One simple necklace or religious medal
- One ring
- Earrings: Girls may wear only one pair of the stud-style earrings (one earring in each bottom ear lobe). Earrings with hoops or rings that extend below the ear lobe are not to be worn. This is a safety issue.

MAKEUP: Clear fingernail polish may be worn. 8th grade girls may wear a light shade of lipstick.
FINGER NAILS: Must be natural, not artificial, and trimmed to a short length. Bottles of polish should not be brought to school and will be taken by the faculty. Students will be sent to the office to remove other finger nail polish colors, and could be asked to trim nails at home if deemed too long by administration.

FACIAL HAIR: Boys will be clean-shaven.
SKIRTS: Skirt length will be knee length at the beginning of the first and second semester. This will allow room for growth during each semester. At no time during the year may the skirt be more than 3 inches above the knee.

## Friday Shirt and Spirit wear Dress Code

Friday Shirt - The red SJCS Knight t-shirt may be worn on Fridays with uniform bottoms and uniform shoes, unless we are attending Mass or a special gathering on a Friday. In this case, the student is to wear their dress uniform on Friday.

Spirit Wear - One day of each month, official SJCS Spirit shirts may be worn on the day after (Thursday) Home and School Association meetings (Wednesday). Any official SJCS spirit shirt, nice blue jeans (no wholes or tears, no jeggings), and tennis shoes of student choosing may be worn. The red "Friday Shirt" may also be worn on a spirit day. T-shirts produced outside of school authority/permission are not allowed on Fridays or spirit days.

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS DRESS CODE

There are special occasions when administration will declare/offer a free-dress day to students. This would be a day when students could come out of uniform. Examples of a special occasion where this dress code applies would be for Spring Pictures or for fund-raising endeavors. School administration reserves the right to determine appropriate dress.

Free-dress is defined as jeans, slacks, skirts, dresses, shorts that are the same length as uniform shorts or longer, or Capri pants; tennis shoes; and tops with sleeves. All clothes must be in good repair with no ravels, frays, or tears. Clothing should be modest and conservative in nature, reflecting positively on students as members of a Catholic school. Pictures and writing on clothes must be in good taste. "The General Appearance and Grooming" guidelines listed above still apply. Parents are responsible for ensuring that students are dressed appropriately. If you are in doubt, do not wear it. Students who are not dressed appropriately may be required to call home for parents to bring appropriate dress to school or wear schoolsupplied clothing. Students who abuse this privilege may lose their future free dress privileges. Skirts must conform to the length rule above. Blouses, shirts and other tops must cover the midriff when the arms are raised and must have sleeves. In other words, these tops should be long enough to be tucked in. No leggings or skin-tight jeans may be worn without a long tunic reaching mid-thigh. Cold shoulder shirts/blouses may not be worn. Shoes must have closed toes, backs behind the heels, and moderate heels for safety purposes. Sandals may not be worn. Students will still be attending PE and recess on free-dress days and it is imperative that they wear these types of shoes for safety purposes so that injuries are either prevented or minimized.

