

UNIFORM POLICIES AND DRESS CODE

The uniform code of St. James Catholic School plays an important role in the school: it unifies us as a community, it takes the focus away from how we look and places it on how we act, and it discourages us from spending unnecessary money on items we may not need. All students should take pride in the St. James uniform and remember that they represent their school when seen in uniform. Students are expected to be in uniform when they are on campus, and **all** students are expected to fully comply. All faculty and administrators are responsible for calling a student's attention to anything that is not uniform. Uniforms are monitored on a regular basis. Parents will be notified if continued disregard of uniform policy is noted.

The School Council of St. James Catholic School, in consultation with the principal and faculty, has adopted a **Formal Uniform (adopted in August 2016)**. After receiving requests from many parents for a more formal looking school uniform, the uniform described below was selected and will be required for all students in grades K-8 on Mass and other designated school days. The formal uniform may be worn every day if the family wishes.

The formal uniform will be supplied by Flynn O'Hara Uniform Company and can be viewed online and purchased online at <http://www.flynnohara.com> or at the company's retail location in San Antonio. To view online, go to <http://www.flynnohara.com> and enter St. James Catholic School (Seguin) or our 78155 zip code in the search box. To visit the Flynn O'Hara Uniforms, the address for the store is 2108A NW Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78213. A sample of the boys' and girls' uniforms is in the school office.

REQUIRED FORMAL UNIFORM DESCRIPTION

The Formal Uniform is required to be worn on all Mass days and other days specified by the principal. Each student in K – 8 must have a formal uniform. The Formal Uniform is described as follows:

Girls – *Short sleeve over-blouse with pointed convertible collar, navy plaid jumper/skirt, navy or plaid tie, navy cardigan sweater with the school insignia

Boys – *White oxford shirt, plaid tie, *belt, khaki pants, navy cardigan sweater with the school insignia

Ties will be worn to Mass by all students and throughout the day by both boys and girls in grades 5-8.

*The main components of the Formal Uniform should be purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniform with the exception of the boys' or girls' white oxford cloth shirts and boys' belts. (These may be purchased anywhere).

OPTIONAL DAILY UNIFORM

The following uniform options, (called **Daily Uniform**), may be worn on other days when the Formal Uniform is not required.

DAILY UNIFORM

Girls - Jumper/Skirt, short sleeve over-blouse with pointed convertible collar, khaki walking shorts, or khaki long pants with belt, socks, and shoes. A navy blue polo shirt with school emblem patch may be worn with shorts or pants.

Boys - Khaki Pants/Shorts, belt, tucked in white oxford shirt, socks, shoes. A navy blue polo shirt with school emblem patch may be worn with shorts or pants.

A jacket must be worn on days when the temperature is 45 degrees or lower.

For 2024-2025, students may wear any of the following on all other days not requiring the Formal Mass Uniform:

A. The Formal Uniform outlined above and shown on the Flynn O'Hara website as required

B. The daily uniform outlined above and shown on the Flynn O'Hara website (not required)

C. Khaki bottoms (shorts, pants, skirts, jumpers, skorts) and dark navy blue polo with school emblem patch sewn on. Skirts should be no shorter than the top of the knee, and girls' shorts and skorts should not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

PK STUDENTS: PK 3 and PK 4 students are urged to wear either the Formal Uniform or khaki bottoms with dark navy blue polo with school emblem patch on Mass days. This is not required but a suggestion for unity with the rest of the school at Mass. PK may wear the school uniform, khaki and navy, or appropriate play clothes and tennis shoes the rest of the week.

GIRLS (Grades K–8th) * Required

- *K-2 Skort Khaki
- *K-5 Jumper Navy blue plaid, no shorter than the top of the knee
- *6-8 Skirt Navy blue plaid, no shorter than the top of the knee
- *K-5 Blouse Short sleeve over blouse or white oxford with pointed convertible collar and **no** emblem.
- *6-8 Blouse Short sleeve over blouse
- Polo Shirt (Optional) Navy blue short sleeve polo shirt with school emblem sewn on. May be worn with uniform shorts or slacks, but not with the jumper or skirt. The polo shirt may NOT be worn on Formal Uniform days.
- Sweater Navy blue cardigan (Optional), Navy blue V-Neck Pullover (Optional), Navy blue V-Neck Vest (Optional)
- *Emblem Sewn on the left side of cardigan sweater and polo shirt (over the "heart"). *These patches are available in the school office.*
- Sweatshirt/Hoodie Ordered through the school office. The SJS sweatshirt may NOT be worn on Formal Uniform days.
- Shorts Khaki cuffed walking shorts, knee-length, no shorter than 2" above the knee
- Pants Khaki pants
- *Tie The navy looped tie is required on Formal Uniform days with the jumper. The school plaid looped tie is required on Formal Uniform days with the skirt.
- *Gym/Modesty Shorts Uniform modesty or short gym shorts to be worn under jumpers/skirts (*These may be purchased anywhere*).
- *Shoes Keds School Days navy and white non-scuff athletic saddle shoe OR all white, or black, solid color with **accent color of white** leather athletic shoes with non-marking soles and non-marking outsoles. Laces must be white. Shoes meeting SJS uniform specifications are available at School Shoes Unlimited in San Antonio (all year round) or Academy (usually at beginning of school year). Shoes may be purchased elsewhere as long as they meet uniform specifications. The younger children may have all white Velcro tennis shoes.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

BOYS (K-8th) *Required

- *Pants Khaki pants (flat front or pleated)
- *Shirts White oxford cloth button-down collar, with short or long sleeve, **no** emblem
- Polo Shirt Navy short sleeve polo shirt with school emblem sewn on. The polo shirt may NOT be worn on Formal Uniform days.
- *Sweater Navy blue cardigan (Optional) Navy blue V-Neck Pullover, Navy blue V-Neck Vest (Optional)
- *Emblem Sewn on the left side of cardigan sweater or polo shirt (over the "heart") *These patches are available in the school office.*
- Sweatshirt/Hoodie Ordered through the school office. The sweatshirt may NOT be worn on Formal Uniform days.
- Shorts Khaki walking shorts, knee-length, no shorter than 2" above the knee
- *Tie Boys' adjustable tie in school plaid, not required except for Formal Uniform days. Older boys may wear a regular tie in school plaid.
- *Shoes **All black** solid color, or solid white, **with accent color of white,** laced leather athletic shoes with non-marking soles and non-marking outsoles. Laces must be black. Shoes meeting SJS uniform specifications are available at School Shoes Unlimited in San Antonio (all year round) or Academy (usually at beginning of school year). Shoes may be purchased elsewhere as long as they meet uniform specifications. The younger children may have all black Velcro tennis shoes.

ACCESSORIES

- Bows Navy, white, black, or red
- Belts Navy, black, or brown; must be worn with skirts, skorts, shorts and pants with loops
- Socks Girls are to wear solid, plain, and white crew or solid, plain, white or navy **opaque** knee-high socks or tights (in cold weather). Leggings may NOT be worn. Boys are to wear solid, plain, and white or black crew socks. **Socks that are below crew length, such as golf, tennis, short cuff, or sports socks, are NOT permitted.** Socks may NOT have decorations, embellishments, or logos.
- T-shirts **Only plain white T-shirts** may be worn under shirts or blouses
- Jackets Jackets and windbreakers (preferably red, navy, black, or gray) may only be worn **outside** the classroom. The SJS uniform sweater, the St. James fleece jacket, the SJS sweatshirt, and the SJS cheerleader jacket may be worn in the classroom. **Only the uniform sweater may be worn in the classroom on Formal Uniform Days.**

AVAILABILITY

Uniforms will be available at the Flynn O'Hara School Uniform Store at 2108A NW Military Hwy. San Antonio, TX 78213, www.flynnohara.com. **The components of the Formal Uniform (except for boys' white oxford shirts & belts and girls' short sleeve over-blouse with pointed convertible collar) must be purchased from Flynn O'Hara School Uniforms.**

School shoes (Keds School Days navy and white athletic shoes or all white non-scuff leather athletic shoes for girls and all black, non-scuff leather athletic shoes for boys) are available at School Shoes Unlimited, www.schoolshoesunlimited.com. Shoes may be purchased elsewhere.

PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

PK students are allowed to wear non-uniform clothing. It is preferred that on Mass days PK students wear the

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Formal Uniform or navy tops and khaki bottoms. However, parents should use discretion in selecting appropriate attire for a Christian environment. Since they participate in a lot of outdoor play, it is important that their shoes have rubber soles. Cowboy boots and dress shoes are inappropriate unless there is a dress-up day designated by the teacher. Light-up shoes are not appropriate for Fridays because we go to Mass. Girls should wear shorts under their dresses.

PE UNIFORMS

PE uniforms are **NOT** required. **Students will wear their school uniforms to PE.** If girls have on skirts or jumpers, then they shall remove these and wear the modesty shorts they have on underneath their skirts/jumpers. They will put these back on when PE is over. **The exception is for students in grades 5-8 who have PE last period of the day.** They may quickly change to dark, appropriate length shorts/athletic shorts, an SJS t-shirt, and tennis shoes so that they are ready for athletics after school.

REGULATIONS REGARDING ACCESSORIES (GRADES K - 8)

- **Belts:** Solid navy, black or brown must be worn with skirts, skorts, shorts and pants with belt loops (braided belts, which are easier for little fingers, are recommended for K-3)
- **Shoes:** Athletic shoes must be worn. See the prior sections about the types of required shoes. Shoes should remain clean. **No writing is allowed on shoes, clothing, or skin.**
- **Socks:** Girls are to wear solid, plain, and white crew or solid, plain, white or navy **opaque** knee-high socks or tights (in cold weather). Leggings or jeggings may NOT be worn. Boys are to wear solid, plain, and white or black crew socks. **Socks that are below crew length, such as golf, tennis, short cuff, or sports socks, are NOT permitted. Socks may NOT have decorations, embellishments, or logos.**
- **T-shirt:** Only plain white T-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts or blouses.
- **Jewelry:** Earrings, worn by girls only, **one** stud in each earlobe (no exceptions). One ring, one necklace, and/or one watch (no alarm) may be worn. Please keep jewelry simple and to a minimum. Hair bands may not be worn on the wrist. No tattoos, whether permanent or temporary, are acceptable. No aerosol sprays of any kind are allowed in the school.
- **Hair:** Hairstyles for boys and girls should be neat and simple in **own natural hair color**. Hair should not be streaked, highlighted, or dyed. **Hair length for boys should be no longer than the top of the shirt collar and cut over the tops of the ears.** Boys may not have sideburns, and those with facial hair must be clean-shaven. Conservative haircuts only are permitted with no distracting haircuts with lines/carvings, mohawks, etc. **Boys' hair must be cut and cannot be pulled up into a ponytail, braids, or bun or pinned back to keep it above eyebrows, off the collar, and/or above the ears. Both boys and girls MUST have their hair out of their eyes or above their eyebrows.** Girls' hair bows **must** be in uniform colors; **flat** hair clips must be solid gold, silver, red, black, white, or navy.
- **Make-up:** Only clear or light-colored fingernail polish may be worn. Girls may wear light makeup. Abuse of this policy will result in a private conference on an individual basis. The principal reserves the right to judge "light" makeup.
- **Hats:** During cold weather, stocking caps may be worn to and from school only.
- **Sweaters/Jackets/Coats/Hoodies:** When the weather is cold, students may wear sweaters/jackets/coats/hoodies (preferably navy, black, white, or gray) of their choice to and from school and outside. Jackets and windbreakers (preferably red, navy, black, or gray) may only be worn **OUTSIDE** the classroom. **The SJS uniform sweater, the St. James fleece jacket, the SJS sweatshirt, and the SJS cheerleader jacket may be worn in the classroom.** No other logos are allowed.

OUT OF UNIFORM (OOU) DRESS CODE

Out of Uniform days will be announced throughout the school year. These are special days for the students. On these days students must be neat, tidy, and appropriately dressed.

Inappropriate dress includes the following:

- Clothing in disrepair or with holes in the clothing, whether considered fashionable or not
- Shoes or sandals without socks
- Spaghetti strap shirts, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts, unless it is worn under a cardigan or with a layering top (this includes dresses with these type of sleeves)
- Shorts above mid-thigh
- Mesh shirts or revealing blouses
- Bare midriffs
- Mini skirts
- Low-riding or baggy jeans
- Tight-fitting pants, leggings, jeggings, skirts, shirts, or blouses
- T-shirts with inappropriate logos or advertising (this includes, but is not limited to, t-shirts advertising alcoholic beverages or t-shirts promoting rock groups)

BIRTHDAYS

Students will be allowed to have an OOU Day on his or her birthday (or on the school day closest to the actual birthday). Students whose birthdays are in the summer should make arrangements with the homeroom teacher as to when to celebrate their Birthday OOU Day.