

St. Joseph School School Uniform Policy

Uniforms

St. Joseph School of Issaquah feels uniforms are a tradition of Catholic schools. Uniforms contribute to the school's sense of pride and distinction. Students wear uniforms in order to practice discipline. The students look well groomed and with a uniform-look give an outward sign of being a community. Wearing uniforms shows equality of all students by de-emphasizing economic differences. Uniforms also lessen peer pressure and enhance self-esteem. They promote a focus on the development of the "inside" of the students rather than the externals and what the students are wearing. Clothes do not become a distraction. Uniforms are practical, durable, and economical. Again, the emphasis for students coming to school is to prepare their minds for learning. Uniforms are worn daily. Each student is required to own a uniform in good clean condition and is expected to wear it at all times except on designated "Free Dress days". Only approved uniform attire may be worn in the school building. Whenever specific clarification is necessary, the principal will make the final determination.

Students who must deviate from the uniform policy are requested to present a note to the teacher. Students who abuse the uniform policy will lose their free dress privilege, their parents will be contacted, and the student may be sent home until they fulfill uniform requirements, or be asked to wear something from the lost and found box.

UNIFORM FOR GIRLS:

Marymount plaid jumper (grades K-8) or plaid skirt or skort (grades K-8) or khaki or navy skirt (grades 6-8). Skirts or jumpers should hang no shorter than three inches above the back of the knee. *Must be purchased at the Uniform Store.*

OR Navy blue walking shorts (grades K-8) or khaki walking shorts (grades 6-8). Shorts may not be worn from November through March. Shorts should be no shorter than three inches above the back of the knee. *Must be comparable to those available at the Uniform Store.*

OR Navy blue pants (grades K-8) or khaki pants (grades 6-8). Pants must be twill or corduroy with no outside pockets. Sweatpants or jeans may not be worn as uniform pants. Ankle length, no leg zippers or snaps, no tapered legs, no contrast topstitching. Black or royal blue are not acceptable. *Must be comparable to those available at the Uniform Store.*

*The girls' jumper or skirt may be worn with solid navy leggings. Leggings may not be worn alone. **Full dress and mass day uniform pants or skirt are plaid or navy only.***

White blouse. Plain, button front, long or short sleeve; pointed, rounded or button-down collar. No lace.

OR white or red polo shirt. Knit, long or short sleeve button front placket, plain collar, no pockets, no logos or emblems.

OR white or red turtleneck. Knit long sleeve.

*Red colored shirts must be purchased at the Uniform Store. No oversized shirts or blouses are acceptable. If shirts are worn under uniform blouses or shirts, they must be plain white, and not hang below top shirt. All shirts must be worn tucked in. **A full dress and mass day uniform shirt is white only.***

Navy blue Sweater or vest. All students must have a uniform sweater or vest. *Must be purchased at the Uniform Store.*

Navy blue Sweatshirts (optional). Crew neck pullover or hooded sweatshirt with logo. (Wear appropriate size.) *Must be purchased at the Uniform Store or through the Parents' Club.*

Navy blue Polar Tec vest or jacket (optional). *Must be purchased at the Uniform Store or through the Parents' Club.*

Shoes. Shoes must be in good, clean condition and must be appropriate for running, jumping, and playing. Shoes must always be worn with socks (or tights.) Shoes must have a back (no clogs), and no open-toes sandals or platforms are allowed. Heels may be no more that 1-inch high. All shoes must be mainly brown, black, blue, white, or gray.

Accessories for girls.

- Earrings: Due to safety considerations, earrings should be moderate in size and not interfere with the traditional school uniform.
- Make-up: No make-up is allowed in grades K-6. Grades 7 and 8, natural colors only. All girls may wear nail polish. No nail polish containers may be brought to school.
- Hair: No hair coloring or extreme hair styles are allowed. Hats or bandanas may not be worn inside the school buildings or church.
- Belts: Plain navy, black or brown.
- Socks: Plain navy or white, socks or tights.

UNIFORM FOR BOYS:

Navy blue pants (grades K-8) **or** **khaki pants** (grades 6-8). Pants must be twill or corduroy with no outside pockets. Ankle length, no leg zippers or snaps, no tapered legs, no contrast topstitching. Sweatpants or jeans may not be worn as uniform pants. Black or royal blue are not acceptable. *Must be comparable to those available at the Uniform Store.*

OR navy blue walking shorts (grades K-8) **or** **khaki walking shorts** (grades 6-8). Shorts may not be worn from November through March. Shorts may not be below the knees. *Must be comparable to those available at the Uniform Store. **Full dress and mass day uniform pants are navy only.***

White dress shirt. Plain, button front, long or short sleeve; pointed or button-down collar.

OR white or red polo shirt. Knit, long or short sleeve button front placket, plain collar, no pockets, no logos or emblems.

OR white or red turtleneck. Knit long sleeve.

*Red colored shirts must be purchased from the Uniform Store. No oversized shirts are acceptable. If shirts are worn under uniform shirts, they must be plain white, and not hang below top shirt. All shirts must be worn tucked in. **A full dress and mass day uniform shirt is white only.***

Navy blue Sweater or vest. All students must have a uniform sweater or vest. *Must be purchased at the Uniform Store.*

Navy blue Sweatshirts (optional). Crew neck pullover or hooded sweatshirt with logo. (Wear appropriate size.) *Must be purchased at the Uniform Store or through the Parents' Club.*

Navy blue Polar Tec vest or jacket (optional). *Must be purchased at the Uniform Store or through the Parents' Club.*

Shoes. Shoes must be in good, clean condition and must be appropriate for running, jumping, and playing. Shoes must always be worn with socks. Shoes must have a back (no clogs), and no open-toes sandals are allowed. Shoes must be mainly brown, black, blue, white, or gray.

Accessories for boys.

- Earrings: Not allowed.
- Make-up: No make-up or nail polish allowed.
- Hair: No hair coloring or extreme hair styles are allowed. Hats or bandanas may not be worn inside the school buildings or church.
- Belts: Plain navy, black or brown.
- Socks: Mostly navy, white or gray.

Free Dress. Clothes must be in good, clean, neat condition. Bicycle shorts, shorts that are too short, torn or tattered, clothes that are skintight or very baggy, or clothes that expose the midriff, when the elbows are raised to shoulder level, are never acceptable to wear to school. Clothing with inappropriate music, drug, alcohol, or unchristian messages are not allowed.

Full Dress Uniform. *Girls* – plaid jumper, plaid skirt, navy skirt (6-8 only) or navy pants, plain white, collared shirt, and sweater or vest, no leggings. *Boys* – long, navy pants, white collared shirt, and sweater or vest. **Please note, a full dress uniform shirt is white only.** A full dress uniform must be worn when your class is responsible for Mass, picture day and any other days deemed necessary.

Mass Day Uniform. *Girls* – plaid jumper, plaid skirt, navy skirt (6-8 only) or navy pants, plain white, collared shirt. *Boys* – long, navy pants, white collared shirt. **Please note, a mass day uniform shirt is white only.** Sweaters are not required for a mass day uniform. A mass day uniform must be worn when your class attends mass.

Scout Uniforms May be worn on the day of respective meetings.