



SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Preschool and Kindergarten students:

Preschool and Kindergarten students wear play clothing that is both appropriate for school wear and weather conditions. School clothing should be different from “play” clothes children wear for home play. Socks must be worn with shoes. Backless shoes are not permitted as a matter of safety.

Accessories for all students in Grades One through Eight:

1. A shoe with a moderate, rubber-soled heel (approximately one inch in height) is appropriate for school wear. Shoes should be an earthen color of brown, tan, black, or gray (no sparkles). Platform shoes, leather boots, work boots, tennis shoes, moccasins and open back shoes are not permitted. Shoelaces should match the shoe and be tied.
2. For comfort and general health, it is recommended that students wear boots when there is snow on the ground and change into regular school shoes upon entering school.
3. The only sweatshirts allowed to be worn in the school building are Saint Charles sweatshirts. During the fourth quarter of the school year, the eighth grade students may wear a sweatshirt/other shirt of their chosen high school with their polo shirt.
4. Sweaters may be of any style in a solid color of white, pale yellow, navy blue, gray, or hunter green.
5. Fleece pullovers (quarter zip and full zip with side pockets) are available through Schoolbelles. These fleece pullovers are acceptable to be worn during the school day. The school code for ordering online is S0054, look under “school specialty items.” Other Saint Charles pullovers purchased through the school throughout the years are also acceptable.
6. Students may wear a solid color turtleneck sweater or other long sleeve shirt under polo shirts that are white, pale yellow, navy blue, or hunter green. These sweaters must fit correctly under the polo shirt (not oversized and bulky).
7. When students wear either sweaters or sweatshirts, they must wear a knit polo shirt underneath.
8. Sweatshirts and spirit wear of other area Catholic grade schools (including tournament shirts) are not permitted to be worn **at any time** (including dress down days). For example, students should never wear a shirt stating, “Our Lady of Angels CYO Tournament Champions.”
9. Students are to be in full uniform as they arrive and as they depart from school.
10. Girls only may wear one pair of earrings in each ear, post only - no dangles are to be worn.
11. Students may wear one ring, one watch, and one religious necklace.
12. Unusual, fad, or extreme hairstyles are not acceptable. Dyed hair of an unnatural color or unnatural looking highlights are not acceptable. Hair dyed during the summer months must be returned to its natural color by the first day of school.
13. A plain black, brown or navy dress belt must be worn with all pants that have belt loops.

Girls in Grades One through Eight:

1. Girls may choose to wear a plaid jumper, skirt, split skirt, or skort from Schoolbelles Uniform Company. Skirts and jumpers must be knee length – no shorter than two/three inches above the knee. This is a matter of modesty. If skirts/jumpers are too short, the hem must be altered or a new uniform must be purchased. Families are encouraged to participate in the PTU uniform exchanges throughout the school year.
2. Knit polo shirts (banded or unbanded) colors may be worn in dark blue, light blue, pale yellow, hunter green or white. Logos or other markings are not permitted on polo shirts. Hunter green is the only acceptable shade of green for polo shirts. Unbanded shirts must be tucked in. Only plain t-shirts may be worn under shirts.
3. Socks and tights must be in a solid color of navy blue, hunter green, pale yellow, black, gray or white. Socks with stripes or other markings are not permitted (with the exception of a small company logo). The short socks must be solid in color (NO STRIPES).
4. Dress slacks may be of uniform plaid, navy, black or khaki (as in the color beige or tan). Dress slacks may be like those purchased from Schoolbelles, which means that all the pockets are on the inside of the pants (**not sewn-on pockets**). There may be no rivets (as in blue jeans), double stitching, loops, excess pockets (as in cargo or carpenter style pants, or any facsimile of either). Slacks must fit properly – not baggy or too tight. A belt must be worn if pants have belt loops.
5. Corduroy pants that are navy blue or black may be worn. Belts must be worn with belt loops.
6. Make-up may not be worn. Nail polish and acrylic nails are not permitted as a part of the regular uniform. Students may be sent to the office to remove nail polish.
7. Girls' hairstyles are to be neat and should not cover the eyes or be at a length so that hair needs to be pushed out of the eyes on a regular basis. A simple clip, hair band or ponytail holder can solve that issue easily while in school.

Boys in Grades One through Eight:

1. Knit polo shirts may be worn in dark blue, light blue, hunter green or white. Logos or other markings are not permitted on polo shirts. Hunter green is the only acceptable shade of green for polo shirts. Shirts must be tucked in. Only plain t-shirts may be worn under shirts.
2. Navy, black or khaki (as in the color beige or tan) dress pants may be worn. Dress slacks do not have sewn-on pockets, which means that all the pockets are on the inside of the pants. There may be no rivets (as in blue jeans), double stitching, loops, excess pockets (as in cargo or carpenter pants), or any possibility of rip-off or zip-off legs, or facsimile of either of these. Pants must fit properly - not baggy or too tight. Belts must be worn with belt loops.
3. Corduroy pants that are navy blue or black may be worn. Belts must be worn with belt loops.
4. A plain black, brown or navy dress belt must be worn with all pants that have belt loops.
5. Socks must be white, navy blue, hunter green or black. Stripes are not permitted. Small company logos are permitted.
6. Boys' hairstyles are to be neat and the length of hair should not touch the collar in back or be long enough to cover the ears. Hair should not cover the eyes or be at a length in the front so that hair needs to be pushed out of the eyes on a regular basis.

Boys Grades 7 & 8 ONLY

Students may choose to wear dress-collared shirts with a tie. Shirts must be tucked in. Flannel shirts are not considered dress shirts.

GRADES ONE THROUGH EIGHT - COOL DOWN DRESS POLICY

During the months of August, September, May and June, the cool down dress policy will be in effect. Cool down uniforms are an option. Students may choose to wear the regular uniform.

Students may wear navy, black or khaki dress/uniform walking shorts, like those purchased from Schoolbelles or from the uniform section of major department stores. They should be of knee length or approximately two/three inches above the knee. If they are shorter than about 2 or 3 inches above the top of the knee, they are not considered uniform and may not be worn. There may be no rivets (as in blue jeans), double stitching, loops, or excess pockets (as in cargo or carpenter pants/shorts). All pockets are on the inside of the shorts (**no sewn on pockets**). A belt must be worn with shorts that have belt loops

Students may wear tennis shoes during the shorts option days. Tennis shoes may be worn with pants or uniform skirts during cool down months. Laces on both shoes should be the same color. Shoelaces must be tied. **Plain** white, pale yellow, navy blue, hunter green or black socks must be worn with tennis shoes. Stripes are not permitted (small company logos are permitted). Gym shorts may not be worn as part of the cool down uniform.

The following will be the consequences if any individual decides not to adhere to the cool down dress code:

First infraction:	Warning (documented)
Second infraction:	One week without cool down uniform privileges
Third infraction:	Cool down uniform privileges revoked for remainder of school year

“DRESS-DOWN” AT SAINT CHARLES MEANS:

1. *****Students ARE required to change into physical education uniforms on dress down days.*****
2. Shorts of appropriate length or jeans/slacks that fit properly are acceptable. Tight-fitting sweatpants and yoga-type pants are not permitted. Writing on the posterior of pants is not permitted. Flannel pajama pants are not appropriate dress down pants.
3. Tennis shoes, sandals, or other shoes not normally worn in school are acceptable - but flip-flops are not appropriate (for safety reasons).
4. Correctly fitting t-shirts with appropriate pictures and writing are acceptable.
5. Saint Charles sweatshirt or an appropriate sweatshirt is acceptable in the cold weather.
6. Remember that t-shirts/sweatshirts (even from tournaments) from other Catholic grade schools are never permitted – not even at recess.
7. IF YOU ARE UNSURE IF WHAT YOU PLAN TO WEAR IS APPROPRIATE, IT PROBABLY IS NOT, SO DO NOT WEAR IT.
8. Students who choose not to follow the dress down policy for appropriate shirts may be told to turn the shirt inside out for the day and may forfeit the right to participate in future dress down days.
9. Nail polish is permitted on dress down days, but must be removed by the next school day.

BIRTHDAYS AT SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH SCHOOL

Students may dress down on their birthday. **Students whose birthdays are on days that we participate in Mass should dress down on a different day so that appropriate dress is worn for Mass.** Birthdays that fall on weekends may be celebrated on Monday. Students with summer birthdays can celebrate an “un-birthday” (any day chosen during the school year – notify teacher) or half-birthday.