

Uniform Code

School Uniform Code and Personal Appearance

Nativity of Mary School believes that students must possess and project an image of personal and academic quality. The values that this school wishes to instill in its students, and to be perceived by the public, are those, which are in alignment with the school's philosophy and mission. Therefore, Nativity of Mary students are to be neatly and uniformly dressed while arriving, attending, and leaving school. To ensure a positive and uniform appearance for our students, clothing must be in accordance with the School Uniform Code.

Requirements of the Basic Uniform K-8

1. **Pants/shorts** - Dark navy blue cotton twill (**not denim or corduroy**) with inset pockets. Pants may have a pleated front or a flat front. Navy pleated front or flat front shorts may be worn until September 30th and after April 1st (If the weather is unusually hot, the dates may change at the discretion of the principal). Shorts length must be 3 inches above the knee or longer. (**Note:** Uniform pants/shorts have 4 inset pockets. No zipper pockets, no flaps on pockets, no "cargo" style pants/pockets, no "tech" pants, no flares on legs)
2. **Logo Shirts** - A white or hunter green short/long-sleeved polo or banded "no tuck" shirt. A white or hunter green turtleneck. A white "Mary Jane" blouse (found at uniform stores). All shirts must have buttons, no snaps. (3/4 length sleeves are not allowed.) Shirts must have the current school logo.
3. **Girls** - Grades K-5: Plaid uniform jumper. Girls in grades 6-8 may wear the plaid uniform skirt. Skirts and jumpers must be 3 inches above the knee or longer. Leggings may be worn under the uniform jumper or skirt in school. Leggings must be navy blue, and they must go to the ankle. (Leggings are not to be worn as uniform pants.) Skirts are not to be rolled or folded over at the waist.
4. **Logo Sweatshirts** - K-5: Nativity of Mary navy uniform sweatshirts may be worn. Gr. 6-8 may wear the Nativity of Mary sweatshirt in navy or hunter green. A navy or white cardigan may be worn. Underneath a sweatshirt or cardigan must be a uniform shirt. Sweatshirts must have the current school logo.
5. **Logo Fleece Jacket** - The only acceptable jacket worn in the classroom is the uniform fleece jacket with the current school logo.
6. **Shoes** - Dress shoes or tennis shoes may be worn. Outdoor boots may not be worn with skirts or jumpers. Heels shall be no more than 2 inches high. Shoes should be tied at all times. **Flip flops, Crocs, and open-toed sandals of any kind are not allowed.** Keen shoes are allowed. Socks must be worn with shoes.
7. **Socks** - the pair of socks must be solid in color and can be white, black, or navy. Ankle or anklet socks may be white, black or navy. Girls may wear knee highs (pulled up to the knee), or tights (solid navy or white in color).
8. **Belt is optional** - If worn, it must be solid brown, black, tan, white, or navy. No oversized buckles.

Requirements for Uniform Appearance include:

1. Shirts and blouses are to be tucked in at all times unless it is a banded "no tuck" shirt. If a T-shirt is worn under a uniform shirt, it must be white with no print or image on it. **A plain white long sleeved shirt may not be worn under a short-sleeved shirt.**
2. Except for the top button, shirts or blouses are to be buttoned up.
3. Hats, headgear, and sunglasses are not to be worn during the school day (including out-of-uniform days).
4. Slacks and shorts are to be worn at the waist, above the hips.
5. Jackets may not be worn during the school day and should be kept in the locker.
6. All clothes are to be kept clean and in good repair.
7. All clothing must be appropriately sized.
8. **No logos or designer names** can appear on clothing.
9. Other than pierced ears, any other visible body piercing is not allowed.
10. Fake nails are not allowed.
11. Uniforms must be worn on Mass Days (Exception - last week of school).

Out-of-Uniform Day Requirements

1. Clothes must be modest, clean, and in good condition.
2. No bare midriffs (halter tops). Tank tops may be worn using the “three-finger rule.”
3. No cutoffs, short shorts, or sagging pants. Short length must be 3 inches above the knee or longer.
Shorts can only be worn until Sept. 30th and after April 1st.
1. Hats, headgear, and sunglasses are not to be worn during the school day.
2. Yoga type pants/shorts may be worn only if top or sweatshirt length goes to the mid-thigh.
6. Clothing cannot mention alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs, or vulgar language.
7. Clothing cannot display explicit sexual and/or violence-based images.
8. Approved organized activity apparel will be allowed on the days the child(ren) are participating in that event (Scout uniforms, Student Leadership Team, Patrol). **Eighth Grade graduation T-shirts may be worn on Fridays.**
9. For concerts and graduation, shoulders must be covered during event and reception, following the “three-finger rule.”

Personal Appearance Guidelines

1. Hairstyles and accessories should not draw undue attention to the student. Hair colors other than normal tones are not allowed (i.e. Green, red, pink, yellow, blue, orange, purple, to name a few) Hair paint is not allowed.
2. Jewelry all grades: Simple jewelry is acceptable and may not cause a distraction or safety hazard. Earrings are to be the size of a dime or smaller. No long, dangling earrings.
3. Neat haircuts with no barriers to visual ability (no Mohawks).
4. **Minimal** makeup may be worn in the Middle School (6-8) only.
5. No visible body piercing is allowed other than pierced ears.

Uniform Enforcement

1. If a student violates the uniform policy, the student will be sent to the office to get the proper attire.
2. **All Subsequent Offenses:** A form will be sent home with the violation. Parents will be called to bring the correct articles of clothing.

Uniform Supplier

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