

Blessed Sacrament School

2020-2021 Uniform Policy changes

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are to be worn from the first day of school to the last. Exceptions to this must be approved by the principal. Any child coming to school out of uniform must have a note of explanation that is brought to the office after the homeroom teacher has seen it.

The student is expected to wear clean, neat, and properly fitted clothes to school. Ragged, ripped, torn or frayed clothes with holes are prohibited. The student will keep himself or herself clean and well groomed. Clothes, haircuts, accessories, and jewelry should not draw attention to the wearer.

Uniform Quick-Reference Guide (please see full descriptions below)

Girls (grades 1-4):

Plaid jumpers
Navy pants or shorts
White shirts

Girls (grades 5-8):

Khaki or navy skirts or skorts
Khaki or navy pants or shorts
White, navy, green or red shirts with BSS logo

Boys (grades 1-4):

Navy pants or shorts
White or light blue shirts

Boys (grades 5-8):

Khaki or navy pants or shorts
White, navy, green or red shirts with BSS logo

Uniform jumpers, skirts, skorts

- Appropriate and modest length, not more than 2 inches above the knee
- Plaid must be purchased from an approved vendor (Dennis Uniforms, Luers Kids Kloz, or Lands End)
- Navy and Khaki bottoms may be purchased from any uniform vendor
- Shorts must be worn underneath jumpers and skirts unless wearing tights or leggings. Shorts should not be longer than jumpers or skirts.
- From November 1 – March 31, all girls must wear plain white, navy, or black non-sheer tights under jumpers, skirts, and skorts. Full-length leggings (tights not covering the feet) are allowed only with matching socks that completely cover the legs and ankles.

*Due to the change in uniform bottoms allowed for girls, the 2020-2021 school year will be transitional. Girls in grade 5 will be allowed to wear plaid skorts if they were already purchased. Girls in grade 8 will be allowed to wear plaid skirts if they were already purchased. No new purchases of these items should occur.

Shirts

- Shirts must be plain uniform-style blouses, dress shirts, turtlenecks or knit polos. (RUFFLES, PUFFED SLEEVES, AND DECORATIVE TRIM ON SHIRTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM STYLE.)
- The only logo allowed on shirts is the school logo on shirts purchased at Luers Kids Kloz and Lands End. The logo is required for grades 5-8, but lower grades may choose to have the logo on their shirts.
- Polo shirts must be the classic style with buttons, not snaps, and regular length sleeves, not cap sleeves. Shirts should be buttoned except for the one top button. All tops should be loose fitting and long enough to be tucked in at all times.
- All shirts worn under the uniform must be plain white and should not have sleeves longer than the uniform shirt.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts

- Sweaters must be plain navy blue cardigan or V-neck sweaters.
- Sweatshirts should be plain navy blue. School logos are the only logo that may appear on a sweatshirt. A crew neck, half-zipper, and a full-zipper BSS school sweatshirt are available at Luers. No other jackets, sweatshirts, or sweaters are permitted in the classroom, including no hooded sweatshirts.

Pants/Slacks

- Slacks must be plain cotton slacks in casual dress style. That excludes flared legs, hip-hugger styles, or pants that drag on the floor. No cargo pants or jeans-style or denim pants are allowed.
- A slit or small flap for pockets on the back is acceptable, but pockets outlined, similar to those on jeans, are not acceptable.
- Plain navy, brown, khaki, or black belts must be worn in grades 4-8 with all slacks that have belt loops.

Shorts

- Shorts can be worn April 1 -October 31.
- Shorts must be uniform walking shorts. No cargo shorts are allowed.
- The length should be approximately 2 inches above the knee.
- Plain navy, brown, khaki, or black belts must be worn in grades 4-8 with all slacks that have belt loops.

Socks/Tights/Leggings

- Socks must be plain white, navy, or black and worn at all times. A single small trademark is acceptable, but colored stripes or patterns are not allowed.
- Socks may be athletic, crew, or knee socks and must match.
- Girls may wear plain white, navy, or black non-sheer tights under jumpers, skirts, and skorts. Full-length leggings (tights not covering the feet) are allowed only with matching socks that completely cover the legs and ankles.

Shoes

- Shoes must be standard athletic/gym shoes that fit snugly. (Moccasins, hiking boots, sandal-like shoes, and tennis shoes with wedge heels or wheels are not acceptable.)
- Shoelaces must be tied at all times if the shoes were designed for laces.
- Boots may be worn to and from school but are not allowed during the school day.

Other Dress Code Regulations:

- Hair grooming is part of the uniform. All students are to have clean, combed and neat hairstyles. Bangs must be above the eyebrows, and hair should not obstruct the view of the person's face. Boys' hair must not be longer than the top of the shirt collar.
- Make-up, hair dye, hair bleach, and fingernail polish are not permitted. If any student has obviously used hair dye or hair bleach, he/she will be required to return the hair to the original color at his/her expense before returning to school.
- Excessive jewelry should not be worn. Only ears may be pierced, and if earrings are worn, only a single pair is allowed and must be worn in both ear lobes. Earrings should be no larger than a dime and should not be dangling. Only a small, single, pendant-style necklace can be worn. Rope or beaded necklaces will not be allowed. There is a limit of two bracelets and two rings.
- Hats may not be worn in the building.
- Visible tattoos or other body markings (including writing on the body) are not allowed.
- Outerwear may not be worn during classes.
- ALL clothing should be marked with the child's name. This includes shirts, sweatshirts/sweaters, slacks/shorts, jumpers/skirts, and coats/jackets.
- Any item not in compliance with uniform guidelines will be taken to the school office to be retrieved at the end of the school day.

The Blessed Sacrament faculty will check for dress code violations throughout the day, including lunch and exchange of classes. A blue slip will be given for dress code violations in grades 1-8. If a student is seen later in the day with violations that could have been corrected (i.e., shirt tail hanging out, etc.), additional slips will be given. Two warning slips will result in an office discipline referral.

Excessive dress code violations may result in immediate referrals. Students wearing incorrect socks may be required to change into correct socks provided by the office, and parents will be billed for the cost. Students without belts may be required to use a belt from the office for a small fee.

EXCESSIVE VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN A CALL TO THE PARENTS, AND THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO CLASS UNTIL DRESSED APPROPRIATELY, WHICH MAY RESULT IN MORE SERIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Parental cooperation is essential in teaching children the important values of respect for authority and respect for the environment in which their intellectual and spiritual formation occurs. Therefore, Blessed Sacrament expects the parents' cooperation and support with regard to the dress code.

Spirit Days

On regular Spirit Days students may wear uniform bottoms, jeans, or other official Blessed Sacrament pants (sold or issued by the school) with any Blessed Sacrament Spirit Day or other official Blessed Sacrament shirt or sweatshirt (sold or issued by the school). Students may also wear their uniform shirt untucked with approved bottoms. Uniform guidelines about makeup, shoes, socks, and jewelry still apply on Spirit Days. Some Spirit Days may have more specific guidelines that will be announced for that particular day.

Non-uniform Days

Non-uniform days are at the discretion of the faculty. Students must be dressed neatly, modestly and in good taste. No shorts (unless permission is given by the principal), cut-offs, ripped or torn clothing, tight fitting shirts or pants, sleeveless shirts, midriff tops, spaghetti straps, open-shoulder shirts, biker shorts or short shorts are allowed. Pants must be uniform bottoms, jeans, or other official Blessed Sacrament pants (sold or issued by the school). Clothes may not contain distracting or offensive wording or messages. Not all fashions are suitable for Blessed Sacrament School. Uniform guidelines about makeup, shoes, socks, and jewelry still apply on non-uniform days. Uniforms will be worn on all field trips unless otherwise specified. Some non-uniform days may have more specific guidelines that will be announced for that particular day.