

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 insure 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 "Bermuda type shorts". (**Note:** Uniform pant/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. 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. Sleeves are not to be rolled. (3/4 length sleeves are not allowed.)
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 about 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. Skirts are not to be rolled or folded over at the waist.
4. 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. **No cardigan sweaters or sweatshirts other than NOM attire.**
5. Shoes - Dress shoes or tennis shoes may be worn. All dress shoes should be neutral in color predominately black, brown, navy, or white. Boots may not be worn with skirts or jumpers. Heels shall be no more that 2 inches high. Tennis shoes may vary in color. Shoes should be tied at all times. **Sandals of any kind are not allowed** (including Crocs). For special events such as graduation or a concert, sandals may be worn and the heel may be no more than 2 inches.
6. Socks - must be solid in color and can be white or navy. Girls may wear anklets, knee hi's (pulled up to the knee), or tights (solid navy or white in color). No brand or logos on socks. Socks are to be visible from top of shoe.
7. Belt is optional. If worn, it must be solid brown, black, tan, white, or navy. No oversized buckles.
8. School gym uniforms are required for grades 6-8. Students must be in uniform for gym class or out-of-uniform rules will apply.

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 short are to be worn at the waist, above the hips.
5. Sweatshirts cannot be worn around the waist.
6. Jackets may not be worn during the school day and should be kept in locker.
7. All clothes are to be kept clean and in good repair.
8. All clothing must be appropriately sized.
9. **No logos or designer names** can appear on clothing, including socks.
10. Other than pierced ears, any other visible body piercing is not allowed.
11. Fake nails are not allowed.
12. 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 sleeveless shirts and no bare midriffs (tank tops, halter tops). All shirts must have some type of flare on sleeve. If you are wearing a sleeveless jersey, a t-shirt must be under the jersey.
3. No cutoffs, short shorts, or sagging pants. Short length must be 3 inches above the knee or longer, "Bermuda style".
4. Hats, headgear, and sunglasses are not to be worn during the school day.
5. Clothing cannot mention alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs or vulgar language.
6. Clothing cannot display explicit sexual and/or violence-based images.
7. Approved organized activity apparel will be allowed on the days the child (ren) are participating in that event (Scout uniforms, Kids Council). **Eighth Grade graduation T-shirts may be worn on Fridays only.**
8. For concerts and graduation, shoulders must be covered during event and reception.

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. Nail polish may be worn but must be solid in color and well manicured.
5. **Minimal** makeup may be worn in the Middle School (6-8) only.
6. No visible body piercing is allowed other than pierced ears.

Uniform Enforcement

1. Periodic unannounced uniform checks will take place throughout the school year.
2. **1st Offense:** A warning will be given. A form will be sent home stating the violation. The uniform code will be attached if necessary. Appropriate disciplinary consequences will be given.
3. **All Subsequent Offenses:** A form will be sent home with the violation. Students will be fined \$5.00 for each violation after the warning. The fine is expected to be paid by the next school day. Parents will be called to bring the correct articles of clothing. If the parents are unable to be contacted, and the correct clothing is not brought to school, the student will be fined and will lose the next out-of-uniform day privilege or can exchange that day for an out-of-uniform pass that was earned.

Uniform Supplier

- Educational Outfitters (formerly Jack and Jill) 6002 Excelsior Blvd. St. St. Louis Park, MN www.educationaloutfitters.com 952-927-6778.

Physical Education Uniform Code

Grades K-5

- Grades K-5 may wear their uniforms during gym class. Girls should wear shorts under their uniforms. Students must wear tennis shoes for gym class. Many times students have an extra pair of tennis shoes that stay in their locker for gym class. For kindergarten, velcro or slip-on shoes preferred.

Grades 6-8

- Grades 6-8 will have a required gym uniform. Students need to change into their school uniform after physical education class. Students must wear tennis shoes for gym class. Many times students have an extra pair of tennis shoes that stay in their locker for gym class. Students should keep gym uniform in a "gym bag" marked with his/her name. Gym uniforms should be laundered regularly.