

Girls Uniform Policy: The St. Columba Catholic School uniform policy has been developed to negate the influence of clothing on how students perceive themselves and others, especially in a school environment. We also hope to provide students with an understanding of an appropriate way to dress in a learning environment. We appreciate the full support of our parents/guardians in upholding our uniform policy. If students are not in correct uniform, parents will be informed in writing. Consistent uniform violations will affect Report Card behavior grades. See guidelines for Designated Free Dress Days; if a student violates free dress guidelines, they will lose the privilege of the next free dress day.

Girls K – 5:

Full Dress/Formal Uniform: For Mass Days and other Assigned Days:

- Hamilton Plaid Uniform Jumper (available at True Grits)
- White, short sleeve, rounded collar blouse (available at True Grits)
- Jumpers may be no shorter than 3 inches above the middle of the knee

Girls 6 – 8:

Full Dress/Formal Uniform: For Mass Days and other Assigned Days:

- Hamilton Plaid Uniform Skirt (available at True Grits)
- Solid white polo shirt (available at True Grits)
- Skirts may be no shorter 3 inches above the middle of the knee

Regular School Day Options (Grades K – 8:

1. Full dress uniform – as above
 2. Hamilton Plaid Skort (available at True Grits)
 3. Navy twill walking length shorts (available at True Grits) no brand names
Worn with navy blue or black belt (grades 3-8)
Elastic waist for (grades K-2)
White or Grey short sleeves polo style shirt (available through School)
Shirts must be tucked in properly at all times
 4. Navy twill pants (available at True Grits) no brand names
Worn with navy blue or black belt (grades 3-8)
Elastic waist for (grades K-2)
- **For P.E. days** – students are required to wear the Walking Shorts option Uniform polo shirt and wear a solid white or black athletic shoe, with uniform with uniform socks and shirts. Make sure that the walking shorts are the correct size, length and fit.
 - On cooler days, a solid white long sleeve shirt or turtleneck may be worn under the uniform shirt or blouse.

Shoes: solid black or solid white athletic shoe, loafer, Mary Jane or other flat style (with strap) shoe, solid black or solid white closed toe and heel shoe. (shoes can not have any colored trim, other than the black or white, no pattern on shoes). Platform shoes are not allowed.

Socks: solid white, red or navy blue knee socks or above the ankle socks only. Tights (not nylons or stockings) may be worn. No visible logo on socks. All socks must completely cover the ankle.

Outerwear:

- Sweatshirts: Solid red or navy crew crew neck (not hooded) with St. Columba imprint
(available through school)
- Jackets: Uniform navy blue jacket (not hooded) with St. Columba imprint
(available - True Grits)
- Sweaters: Solid navy or red cardigan style sweater with St. Columba imprint
(available – True Grits)

Hair: Must be clean and well groomed. No extreme styles, no bleaching, tinting, highlighting, lowlighting, chunking, or dying of hair allowed. No extension (hair or feathers)

Jewelry: no necklaces, other than a religious medal or cross on appropriate chain. Religious bracelets are allowed, at the discretion of the teacher/principal. Watches of appropriate size and style are permitted. Earrings – 1 earring per ear, only stud backing with no dangles, hoops or gauges. Makeup, nail polish or acrylic/gel nails are not permitted. _____

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Boys K – 5:

Full Dress/Formal Uniform: For Mass Days and other Assigned Days:

- Solid navy blue uniform pants purchased from True Grits (no brand names i.e. Dockers, Bugle Boys etc.) with belt loops, belts must be worn at all times (blue or black, grades 3-5) Elastic waist for (grades K-2)
- White polo short sleeve shirt with St. Columba imprint (available through the School) Shirts must be tucked in properly at all times.

Boys 6 – 8:

Full Dress/Formal Uniform: For Mass Days and other Assigned Days:

- Solid navy blue uniform pants purchased from True Grits (no brand name i.e. Dockers, Bugle Boys etc.) with belt loops, belts must be worn at all times (blue or black grades 6 – 8)
- White polo short sleeve shirt with St. Columba imprint (available through the School) Shirts must be tucked in properly at all times.

Regular School Day Options (Grades K – 8):

1. Full dress uniform – as above
 2. White or grey short sleeve Polo shirts (available through the school)
 3. Navy blue walking length shorts (available at True Grits) no brand names worn with navy blue or black belt (grades 3-8) Elastic waist for (grades K-2)
 4. Navy blue uniform pants (available at True Grits) no brand names worn with navy blue or black belt (grades 3-8) Elastic waist for (grades K-2)
- **For P.E. Days** – students are required to wear the Walking Shorts option and wear a solid white or solid black athletic shoe, with uniform socks and shirts. Make sure that the walking shorts are the correct size, length and fit.
 - On cooler days, a solid white long sleeve shirt or turtleneck may be worn under the uniform shirt.

Shoes: Solid black or solid white athletic shoes, canvas or leather athletic shoe (shoes can not have any colored trim, other than the black or white, no pattern on shoes).

Socks: Solid white or solid navy blue. No visible logo on socks. All socks must completely cover the ankle.

Outerwear:

Sweatshirts: Solid red or navy crew neck (not hooded) with St. Columba imprint.
(available through school)

Jackets: Uniform navy blue jackets (not hooded) with St. Columba imprint.
(available through True Grits)

Sweaters: Solid navy or red cardigan style sweater with St. Columba imprint.
(available through True Grits)

Hair: Must be clean and well groomed. For boys - above eyebrows, ears, and collar. No extreme or fad haircuts, no bleaching, tinting, dying or highlighting/lowlighting of hair.

Jewelry: Religious medal/cross on chain of appropriate style and length. No earrings. Watches of appropriate style and size are permitted.

Non-Uniform Dress Code (Free Dress):

Guidelines:

“Free dress” will be allowed on certain designated days. Clothing must be clean, modest in cut and style and appropriate for school wear. Primarily for safety reasons, shoes must be athletic shoes for participation in P.E. classes. Socks must be worn. Students are to follow specific guidelines for special “Spirit Days”.

Please note: Only uniform or knee length walking shorts may be worn. No other types of shorts (no “short-shorts”) will be permitted.

The following may not be worn:

- shorts (see statement above)
- sandals, high/stacked heels, shoes without backstraps, mules, slides
- frayed or torn clothing
- low cut dresses or tops
- strapless tops, halter tops, no tank tops (of any kind) no tube tops
- bare midriff style tops
- oversized shorts/pants worn low on hips
- tight latex clothing
- sweatpants, exercise clothing
- hats
- no jewelry
- t-shirts with advertising and/or inappropriate language/pictures
- tight/skinny style, low cut jeans/pants

We ask the cooperation of parents in ensuring compliance with these guidelines before a student arrives at school on a “Free Dress” day. Students who do not adhere to free/spirit day guidelines will lose the opportunity to participate in the next free dress/spirit day. Students may always choose to wear school uniform on free dress or spirit day.

BOYS AND GIRLS:

All boys should have a pair of solid navy pants in compliance with our uniform code, to be worn at all school Masses and other special occasions designated by the school. Likewise, all girls should have the uniform skirt or jumper to be worn at all school Masses and other special occasions.

Scout Uniforms are permitted on meeting days.

Jewelry, make-up, nail polish and acrylic nails are not permitted. Violation for nail polish may result in a donation of 50 cents to the Missions and must be removed. School approved neck chains that hold religious medals or crosses are permitted. For purposes of safety these should be small to moderate in size. Students may wear wrist watches of appropriate style and size. Bracelets, however, are not acceptable. Girls only, may wear earrings; gold stud or post earrings no larger than a pearl are the only style acceptable. One earring per ear – no hoops, dangle earrings or gauges. Only one ring is allowed.

Hair must be kept neat and clean at all times. Hairstyles should be conservative in nature. Dyes, “wraps” bleaching, dying, high or low lighting and tints are not permitted. Boy’s hair must be above ears, eyebrows and collar. Any hairstyle considered inappropriate by a school official will be subject to approval by the administration.

Neither tattoos nor body piercing are permitted.

If a student is not in keeping with dress code standards, parents will be notified. After receiving 3 uniform notices students will receive a detention, which will in turn affect behavior grade. The uniform policy will be enforced entering and leaving the school grounds. Students are expected to remain in uniform after school. Students may change 15 minutes prior to leaving for games with adult supervision. Parent cooperation in these matters is expected.

Please note: Parents of children not dressed in complete or appropriate school uniform attire will be called to pick up their child from school or bring the proper clothing or shoes to school.