



UNIFORM POLICY

The following is an updated uniform policy for the 2011-2012 school year at Mother of Sorrows School.

By choosing to attend Mother of Sorrows School, you have made a serious commitment to Catholic education. We believe that the public image of our school stems directly from the appearance and conduct of our students, thus, parents and students accept the school uniform as an integral part of the school community life. We believe that the school uniform will:

- Enable students to focus on their school work;
- Instill a sense of discipline through school dress requirements;
- Reduce peer pressure over preferred forms and items of dress.

Though we recognize our individuality, the uniform at Mother of Sorrows School is part of what unites us as one community.

There are two basic required uniform collections. Mother of Sorrows School has a traditional uniform policy that includes a **Dress Uniform** and a selection of looks for the **Everyday Uniform**. Within the **Everyday Uniform** there is also the option of the **Shorts Season Uniform**. The Dress Uniform provides a tailored look that represents the student body in a very positive light in and out of the school community life. When students attend Mass, they are required to wear their Dress Uniform (Mass days are noted on the school calendar which is sent home in the take home Tuesday folders). The Dress Uniform *may* also be required for students attending off-campus field trips. Specific attire requirements for field trips will be given on the permission slip that will come home with the students. On any other normal school day, students may choose a more casual look from the Everyday Uniform collection.

Mother of Sorrows School offers parents opportunities to meet their children's uniform needs during the year by way of the Log Cabin fitting dates. Used uniforms are also available in the school store open daily from 8:30-9:30 on the first floor. Log Cabin has our uniform policy as well as an understanding of what look we are seeking.

Occasionally, students will be granted the privilege of a "Dress-Down Day". On Dress-Down Days, students are given an opportunity to wear the clothing of their choosing. Students are sometimes asked to dress to a specific theme or color. In making that clothing choice, please keep in mind that all non-uniform clothing worn at the school or a school event that contains a message, picture, or logo, must present a positive image acceptable in the Catholic, Christian MOS Community.

If you have any questions regarding the MOS Uniform Policy, please feel free to contact the school office at 724-733-8840.

DRESS UNIFORM & EVERYDAY UNIFORM DESCRIPTIONS

There are two basic required uniform collections. Below is an outline of those two looks and appropriate times for each. The two collections are the **Dress Uniform** and the **Everyday Uniform**.

DRESS UNIFORM

The Dress Uniform is to be worn on all Mass days as well as on *some* off campus field trips. Special occasions requiring the look of the dress uniform will be communicated from the office as well as from each homeroom.

Girls Dress Uniform

Grades K-3

- Skirt (no skorts): Navy Blue, Khaki, or Plaid
- Blouse: White Button-Down
- Cross Tie: Navy Blue
- Cardigan Sweater: Navy Blue with School "M"
- Socks: Solid White or Solid Navy Blue
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Grades 4-5

- Skirt (no skorts): Navy Blue, Khaki, or Plaid
- Blouse: White Button-Down
- Cross Tie: Navy Blue
- Cardigan Sweater or Blazer: Navy Blue with School "M"
- Socks: Solid White or Solid Navy Blue
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Grades 6-8

- Skirt (no skorts): Navy Blue, Khaki, or Plaid
- Blouse: White Button-Down
- Cross Tie: Navy Blue
- Blazer: Navy Blue with School "M"
- Socks: Solid White or Solid Navy Blue
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Boys Dress Uniform

Grades K-3

- Pants: Navy Blue or Khaki Slacks (Docker Style-not cargo)
- Belt: Black or Brown
- Shirt: White Button-Down Dress Shirt
- Tie: Navy Blue
- Cardigan Sweater: Navy Blue with School "M"
- Socks: Solid Navy
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Grades 4-5

- Pants: Khaki Slacks (Docker Style-not cargo)
- Belt: Black or Brown
- Shirt: White Button-Down Dress Shirt
- Tie: Navy Blue
- Cardigan Sweater or Blazer: Navy Blue with School “M”
- Socks: Solid Navy, Black, or Khaki
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Grades 6-8

- Pants: Khaki Slacks (Docker Style-not cargo)
- Belt: Black or Brown
- Shirt: White Button-Down Dress Shirt
- Tie: Navy Blue
- Blazer: Navy Blue with School “M”
- Socks: Solid Navy, Black, or Khaki
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Note: Boots are not acceptable footwear for any uniform type.

EVERYDAY UNIFORM

The Everyday Uniform is the uniform most commonly worn. This uniform is required unless otherwise specified from the office or homeroom teacher. Please note that neither cargo pants nor cargo shorts are a part of the school uniform. Please avoid those choices.

Girls Everyday Uniform

Pants Version; Anytime Throughout the School Year (unless otherwise specified)

Grades K-5

- Shorts: Navy Blue or Khaki-not cargo
or
- Pants: Navy Blue or Khaki Docker Style or Flat Front Style-not cargo
or
- Jumpers: Navy Blue or Plaid
or
- Skirts or Skorts: Navy Blue, Plaid, or Khaki
- Belt: Navy Blue, Black, or Brown
- Shirt: Red, White, or Navy Blue Knit Polo Style or Turtle Neck or White Button-Down Dress Shirt
- Socks: Solid Red, White, Khaki, or Navy Blue
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Grades 6-8

- Shorts: Navy Blue or Khaki-not cargo
or
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- Pants: Navy Blue or Khaki Docker Style or Flat Front Style
or
- Skirts or Skorts: Navy Blue, Plaid, or Khaki
- Belt: Navy Blue, Black, or Brown

- Shirt: Pale Yellow, Red, White, or Navy Blue Knit Polo Style or Turtle Neck or White Button-Down Dress Shirt
- Socks: Solid Red, White, Khaki, or Navy Blue
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Boys Everyday Uniform

Pants Version; Anytime Throughout the School Year (unless otherwise specified)

Grades K-5

- Shorts: Navy Blue or Khaki-not cargo
or
- Pants: Navy Blue or Khaki Docker Style
- Belt: Navy Blue, Black, or Brown
- Shirt: Red, White, or Navy Blue Knit Polo Style or Turtle Neck or White Button-Down Dress Shirt
- Socks: Solid Red, White, Khaki, or Navy Blue
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Grades 6-8

- Shorts: Navy Blue or Khaki-not cargo
or
- Pants: Navy Blue or Khaki Docker Style
- Belt: Navy Blue, Black, or Brown
- Shirt: Pale Yellow, Red, White, or Navy Blue Knit Polo Style or Turtle Neck or White Button-Down Dress Shirt
- Socks: Solid Red, White, Khaki, or Navy Blue
- Shoes: School/Dress (No Boots)

Note: Boots are not acceptable footwear for any uniform type.

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

- **Skirt Details:** Girls have a variety of skirt styles to choose from to complete their school uniform wardrobe. Skirt wear can be purchased in navy blue, plaid, or khaki depending on the uniform vendor and style availability. The styles include a box pleat or kick pleat skirt; a knife pleat or kilt skirt; an A-line skirt, and a culotte or kick pleat culotte. These skirt styles are all acceptable choices for either the Dress Uniform or Everyday Uniform. Khaki skirts are not an acceptable choice for the Dress Uniform. Hem lines of skirts must be no lower than 1 inch below the knee nor higher than 3 inches above the knee. Girls also may choose a wrap-front skirt for their Everyday Uniform. However, the skirt is not an acceptable choice for the Dress Uniform. The hem line of the skirt will be shorter due to the skirt's intended style and that is not acceptable.
- **White Dress Shirt:** White short-sleeve or long-sleeve dress shirt wear-choices rests on the assumption that white is white. Therefore, white dress shirt may be purchased from any vendor, as long as it is shirt wear of a conservative style. The girls may have pointed, button down or rounded (Peter Pan style) collars; the boys may have pointed or button down collars. All dress shirt wear is to be kept tucked into pants, shorts or skirt wear at all times. Application of the School "M" to dress shirt wear is optional.

- **Knit Polos and Turtlenecks:** Short-sleeve or long-sleeve knit polos are acceptable shirt wear choices for the Everyday Uniform for all students, as are turtlenecks. Short-sleeve knit polos are also a part of the Shorts Season Uniform. Students in grades K-5 may choose shirt wear in the colors of red, white, or navy blue. Students in grades 6-8 may choose shirt wear in the colors of red, white, navy blue, or yellow. All knit polo shirt wear and turtlenecks are to be kept tucked into pants, shorts or skirt wear at all times. Excessively “pilled” or “balled” knit polos or turtlenecks should be removed from your school uniform wardrobe due to their appearance. Application of the School “M” to knit polos and turtlenecks is optional.
- **Pant Wear:** The pant wear is a “Docker Style”, and should have belt loops. Low-Rise pants are unacceptable. All students may wear pant wear throughout the entire school year. Pant wear must always be worn with a coordinating belt and socks and school/dress shoes. Pants should not be hemmed above the ankle giving the “high water” pants look. Pants may be patched as long as it is done in a tasteful manner. “White-knee” pants, due to excessive wear, should be removed from your school uniform wardrobe due to their appearance. Cargo pants with thigh pockets are unacceptable. Girls may now have the option of wearing a flat front uniform pant in the same appropriate colors. These Flat front style pants must be mid-rise or higher. Low-rise pants are unacceptable.
- **Short Wear:** Short wear is a “Docker Style”, and should have belt loops. All students may wear shorts during the designated Fall and Spring Short Uniform Seasons. Shorts must always be worn with a coordinating belt and socks and tennis shoes. Please note that the shorts may be cuffed, but it is not mandatory. The boys shorts have a flat hem.
- **Jumper Details:** Girls in grades K-3 have the option of wearing a navy blue or plaid jumper or split jumper. Hem lines of jumpers must be no lower than 1 inch below the knee and not higher than 3 inches above the knee. Please note that jumpers are only part of the girls’ Everyday Uniform and are not to be worn as part of the Dress Uniform. Application of the School “M” to jumpers is optional.
- **Blazers:** A single breasted navy blue blazer is mandatory for the Dress Uniform for boys and girls in middle school grades 6-8. Boys and girls in grades 4-5 have the option of wearing either the navy blue blazer or the navy blue cardigan for the Dress Uniform. The blazer may be purchased anywhere as long as it is of a conservative style. If ordering your blazer from Log Cabin, it is advised that you personally try on a sample before ordering to avoid time delays, extra shipping charges and frustration. Application of the School “M” is mandatory for blazers.
- **Sweater Wear:** Students in grades K-8 have a variety of sweater choices in the colors of navy blue or red to complete their Everyday Uniform. Those choices include a cardigan sweater, crew neck sweater, v-neck sweater and sleeveless vest. All sweater wear must be accompanied by collared shirt wear (for example, your style choice of dress shirt, knit polo or turtleneck). Sweater wear is not to be removed and tied around students’ waists or draped over their shoulders and tied in front. Application of the School “M” is mandatory for the Dress Uniform navy blue cardigan sweater. Application of the School “M” to all other sweater wear is optional.
- **Sweatshirts:** Students in grades K-8 are permitted to wear the navy blue Spirit sweatshirt. The Spirit sweatshirt can be purchased from Log Cabin. New this year is the gray spirit hoody. Students may purchase this from the school store and wear it as part of their everyday uniform. All sweatshirts must be accompanied by collared shirt wear (for example, your style choice of dress shirt, knit polo or turtleneck). Sweatshirts are not to be removed and tied around students’ waists or draped over their shoulders and tied in front.
- **Ties, Cross Ties:** Navy blue ties for boys and navy blue cross ties for girls are a part of the Dress Uniform for all grades K-8. The boys navy blue ties can either be of the clip-on, tied, or to-be-tied style. They can be purchased from any vendor.

- **Sock Wear:** Socks must be worn with any uniform type. Knee socks are acceptable as are ankle socks. Colors must be solid red, white, khaki, or navy. Nude panty hose are not an acceptable sock wear choice.
- **School Shoes:** A school/dress shoe must be worn with the Dress Uniform. The school shoe should be conservative in style. Tennis shoes, canvas shoes or boots covering the ankle (“high tops”) are not acceptable as the school dress shoe. Heels must be reasonable for safety reasons -- no more than 2 ½ inches high. Tennis shoes may be worn with the Everyday Uniform (pants or shorts version). Shoes containing wheels or spacing for wheels are unacceptable. Boots are not acceptable footwear for any uniform type. All shoes, even on dress-down days, must contain backs and toes for safety reasons. “Cros” are also unacceptable.
- **Belts:** Belts are required with all short wear and pant wear. This is true for both Dress Uniform and Everyday Uniform combinations. Belts should be in a solid color of black, navy blue or brown.
- **Hair Accessories:** All hair accessories should be of a solid color (navy, red or white) or the school plaid. Girls in grades 4-8 may also choose solid khaki hair accessories. Navy, red, white or khaki hair accessories should be conservative in style. They should not be studded, sparkled, laced, or of any other non-uniform color.