



Mother of Sorrows Catholic School

Uniform Dress Code

By choosing to attend Mother of Sorrows Catholic school (MOSS), 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 schoolwork.
- 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 MOSS is part of what unites us as one community.

There are two basic required uniform collections. MOSS has a traditional uniform policy that includes a **Dress Uniform** and a selection of looks for the **Everyday 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). 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.

Occasionally, students will be granted the privilege of a “Dress-Down Day”. On Dress-Down Days, students are allowed 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 MOSS Community. The administration has the right to determine any article of clothing to be unacceptable and in those cases; students will be asked to change.

The MOSS uniform vendor is French Toast. Online orders can be placed at www.frenchtoast.com. Shop using the Mother of Sorrows School code QS4MTN. Please order by June 30th to ensure delivery by the start of the school year.

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-8

- **Skirt (no skorts):** Navy-Blue, Khaki, or **MOSS Plaid**
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 or **MOSS plaid**. 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. Hemlines of skirts must be no lower than 1 inch below the knee nor higher than **2 inches above the knee**. **The skort is not an acceptable choice for the Dress Uniform.** (French Toast Item # 1065, 1066)
OR
- **Pants:** Navy-Blue or Khaki Slacks (Docker Style-not cargo)
Pant Wear: The pant wear is a “Docker Style”, and should have belt loops. **“Skinny style” pants are NOT acceptable. Low-Rise pants are unacceptable.** All students may wear pants throughout the entire school year. Pants must always be worn with a coordinating belt and socks and dress shoes. Pants should not be hemmed above the ankle giving the “high water” pants look. Pants may be patched if it is done tastefully. “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. (French Toast Item #1315, 1693, 1573)
A Belt must be worn with pants: Black, Brown, Navy or Khaki
- **Blouse:** White Button-Down (Top button fastened)
White Dress Blouse: White short-sleeve or long-sleeve dress shirt wear-choices rests on the assumption that white is white. Therefore, a white dress shirt may be purchased from any vendor, if it is shirt-wear of a conservative style. The girls may have pointed, button-down, or rounded (Peter Pan style) collars. All dress shirts must be tucked into a skirt or pants. Application of the school crest to a dress shirt is optional.
(French Toast Item # 1377, 1378, 1593, 1594)
- **Cross Tie:** Navy-Blue (French Toast Item # 10744 Navy)
- **Cardigan Sweater (Grades K-5)/ Blazer (Grades 6-8):** Navy-Blue with School Crest
Sweater (K-5): Students in grades K-5 have a variety of sweater choices in the color of Navy-Blue with their Dress Uniform. Those choices include a cardigan sweater, crew neck sweater, V-neck sweater, and sleeveless vest. All sweaters must be accompanied by a collared dress shirt. **Application of the school crest is mandatory.**
(French Toast Item # 1371, 1029)
Blazer (6-8): A single-breasted navy-blue blazer may be purchased anywhere if it is of a conservative style. **Application of the school crest is mandatory.**
(French Toast Item # 1658)
Students in Grades K-5 are permitted to wear a blazer in place of a sweater.
- **Socks:** Solid White or Solid Navy-Blue **Knee Socks** **Tights:** Navy-Blue or White (No leggings)
- **Dress Shoe**
The school dress shoe should be conservative in style. Heels must be reasonable for safety reasons -- no more than 2 inches high. All shoes must contain backs and toes for safety reasons. Dress shoes should be a **solid color**.
Acceptable colors are black, brown, gray, or tan.

Boys Dress Uniform Grades K-8

- **Pants:** Navy-Blue or Khaki Slacks
Pants are a “Docker Style”, and should have belt loops. **“Skinny style” pants are NOT acceptable.** Low-Rise pants are unacceptable. All students may wear pants throughout the entire school year. Pants must always be worn with a coordinating belt and socks and dress shoes. Pants should not be hemmed above the ankle giving the “high water” pants look. Pants may be patched if it is done tastefully. “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. **(French Toast Item # 1348, 1519, 1520)**
- **Belt:** Black, Brown, Navy or Khaki
- **Dress Shirt:** White Button-Down Dress Shirt (Top button fastened)
White Dress Shirt: White short-sleeve or long-sleeve dress shirt wear-choices rests on the assumption that white is white. Therefore, a white dress shirt may be purchased from any vendor, if it is a shirt of a conservative style. The dress shirt may have pointed or button-down collars. All dress shirts must be tucked into pants. Application of the school crest to dress shirt wear is optional. **(French Toast Item # 1014, 1017, 1020, 1021)**
- **Tie:** Navy-Blue
The boys’ navy-blue tie can either be of the clip-on, or to-be-tied style. They can be purchased from any vendor. **(French Toast Item # 1031)**
- **Cardigan Sweater (Grades K-5) / Blazer (Grades 6-8):** Navy-Blue with School Crest
Sweater (K-5): Students in grades K-5 have a variety of sweater choices in the color of Navy-Blue to complete their Dress Uniform. Those choices include a cardigan sweater, crew neck sweater, V-neck sweater, and sleeveless vest. All sweaters must be accompanied by a collared dress shirt **Application of the school crest is mandatory.**
(French Toast Item # 1370, 1029)
Blazer (6-8): A single-breasted Navy-Blue blazer may be purchased anywhere if it is of a conservative style. **Application of the school crest is mandatory for blazers.**
(French Toast Item #1659)
Students in Grades K-5 are permitted to wear a blazer in place of a sweater.
- **Socks:** Solid Navy, Black, or Khaki crew length socks.
- **Dress Shoe**
The school shoe should be conservative in style. All shoes must contain backs and toes for safety reasons. Dress shoes should be a **solid color.** **Acceptable colors are black, brown, gray, or tan.**

EVERYDAY UNIFORM

Girls Everyday Uniform Grades K-8

- **Shorts:** Navy-Blue or Khaki-Docker Style or Flat Front Style (**August-November and March-May**)
Shorts must have belt loops. Shorts must always be worn with a coordinating belt, socks, and tennis shoes. Please note that the shorts may be cuffed. Uniform Shorts are not permitted from December-February. (**French Toast Item # 1349**)
OR
- **Pants:** Navy-Blue or Khaki Docker Style or Flat Front Style
Pants must have belt loops. **“Skinny style” pants are NOT acceptable. Low-Rise pants are unacceptable.** All students may wear pants throughout the entire school year. Pants must always be worn with a coordinating belt, socks, and everyday/dress shoes. Pants should not be hemmed above the ankle giving the “high water” pants look. Pants may be patched if it is done tastefully. “White-knee” pants, due to excessive wear, should be removed from your school uniform wardrobe due to their appearance. (**French Toast Item # 1315, 1693, 1573**)
OR
- **Jumpers (Grades K-5 only):** Navy-Blue or **MOSS Plaid**
Girls in grades K-5 have the option of wearing a Navy-Blue or plaid jumper or split jumper. Hemlines of jumpers must be no lower than 1 inch below the knee and not higher than 2 inches above the knee. Application of the school crest to jumpers is optional. (**French Toast Item # 1687, 1688**)
OR
- **Skirts or Skorts:** Navy-Blue, **MOSS Plaid**, or Khaki
Girls have a variety of skirt styles to choose from. Skirts can be purchased in Navy-Blue, **MOSS 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. Hemlines of skirts must be no lower than 1 inch below the knee nor higher than **2 inches above the knee**. Girls also may choose a wrap-front skort for their Everyday Uniform. (**French Toast Item # 1065, 1066, 1302, 1397**)
- **Belt:** Navy-Blue, Black, or Brown. (Mandatory with shorts/pants)
- **Shirt:** Knit/Polyester Polo Style-White, Navy-Blue, Red or White Button-Down Dress Shirt
Short-sleeve or long-sleeve knit/polyester polo styles are acceptable. All knit/polyester polo shirts must be tucked into pants, shorts, or skirts always. Application of the school crest to the polo shirt is optional. A White, Navy-Blue or Red turtleneck can be worn in place of a polo shirt.
(**French Toast Item # 1466, 1467**)
- **Socks:** Any style or color **Tights:** Any style or color. (No leggings)
- **Shoes:** Tennis/School/Dress. All shoes must contain backs and toes for safety reasons.
- **Sweaters:** Students in grades K-8 have a variety of sweater choices in the color of Navy-Blue to complete their Everyday Uniform. Those choices include a cardigan sweater, crew neck sweater, V-neck sweater, and sleeveless vest. All sweaters must be accompanied by a collared shirt or Turtleneck from **Nov. – Feb.**
(**French Toast Item # 1371, 1029**)
- **Three Quarter-Zip Sweatshirt: Gray or Red**
Students must purchase this from the school office. All sweatshirts must be accompanied by a collared shirt or Turtleneck.

Boys Everyday Uniform Grades K-8

- **Shorts:** Navy-Blue or Khaki-Docker Style or Flat Front Style **(August-November and March-May)**
Shorts must have belt loops. Shorts must always be worn with a coordinating belt, socks, and tennis shoes. Please note that the shorts may be cuffed. Uniform Shorts are not permitted from December-February.
(French Toast Item # 1350, 1699)
OR
- **Pants:** Navy-Blue or Khaki- Docker Style
Pants must have belt loops. **“Skinny style” pants are NOT acceptable. Low-Rise pants are unacceptable.** All students may wear pants throughout the entire school year. Pants must always be worn with a coordinating belt, socks, and everyday/dress shoes. Pants should not be hemmed above the ankle giving the “high water” pants look. Pants may be patched if it is done tastefully. “White-knee” pants, due to excessive wear, should be removed from your school uniform wardrobe due to their appearance.
(French Toast Item # 1348, 1519, 1520)
- **Belt:** Navy-Blue, Black, or Brown. (Mandatory with shorts/pants)
- **Shirt:** Knit/Polyester Polo Style-White, Navy-Blue, Red or White Button-Down Dress Shirt
Short-sleeve or long-sleeve knit/polyester polo styles are acceptable. All knit/polyester polo shirts must be tucked into pants, shorts, or skirts always. Application of the school crest to the polo shirt is optional. A White, Navy-Blue or Red turtleneck can be worn in place of a polo shirt.
(French Toast Item # 1012, 1009, 1020, 1017)
- **Socks:** Any style or color.
- **Shoes:** Tennis/School/Dress. All shoes must contain backs and toes for safety reasons.
- **Sweaters:** Students in grades K-8 have a variety of sweater choices in the color of Navy-Blue to complete their Everyday Uniform. Those choices include a cardigan sweater, crew neck sweater, V-neck sweater, and sleeveless vest. All sweaters must be accompanied by a collared shirt or Turtleneck.
(French Toast Item # 1370, 1029)
- **Three Quarter-Zip Sweatshirt: Gray or Red**
Students must purchase this from the school office. All sweatshirts must be accompanied by a collared shirt or Turtleneck.

Physical Education:

On the day students have Physical Education, please follow these uniform guidelines. All students must wear tennis shoes for Physical Education. **Please remember that students are not permitted to wear jewelry.**

Grades K-4: Everyday Uniform or Physical Education Uniform.

Grades 5-8: Physical Education Uniform (Purchased through the school office)

Physical Education Uniform:

- **Red t-shirt with MOSS crest**
- **Uniform Navy Gym Shorts-MOSS Print (Aug.- Nov.) and (March-June)**
- **Uniform Navy Gym Pants MOSS Print (Dec.- Feb.)**
- **Optional: Zip-Up Navy Jacket**

ITEM CLARIFICATION

- **Skirt Details:** **When choosing the MOSS Plaid option, only this pattern is acceptable.**



MOSS PLAID

- **Hair Styles:** Student hair should be clean and cut. **No mohawks or razor designs.** Colors should be natural colors and no permanent accessories. If the school administration finds a hairstyle to be unacceptable, there will be a conversation with a parent. Hairstyles should not inhibit sight.
- **Jewelry:** Piercings are permitted in ears only. One earring in each ear is acceptable. Earrings should be conservative or **small** hoops only. No jewelry on Physical Education days.
- **Make-up:** Grades K-5: No makeup Grades 6-8: Natural-looking make-up and colors.
- **Shoes that CANNOT be worn anytime:** Work boots, cros, clogs, open-toed, or heelies (tennis shoes that have retractable wheels).

Dress-Down Days

On various occasions throughout the school year, the students will be permitted to have dress-down days. On these days the school uniform need not be worn, but the students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

Dress Down YES:

- Jeans (without holes OR rips of any kind), Sweatpants, Jogging Suits, Capri Pants (mid-calf only) T-Shirts, Sweatshirts.
- Walking shorts. (No more than 2 inches above the knee)
- Leggings or Yoga Pants accompanied by a blouse or shirt that covers the backside.
- Skirt/dress that is no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Shirts should cover the shoulder completely. No midriff or back should be visible.
- Dress boots from Nov. – Feb.

Dress Down NO:

- Cropped shirts, Tank Tops, Spaghetti Strap tops. **No midriff or back should be visible.**
- T-Shirts or Sweatshirts with inappropriate language or pictures.
- High-heeled shoes, work boots, sandals, platforms.
- Dropped pants or shorts.
- Inappropriate logos/displays on shirts, sweatshirts, or any other clothing.
- Large Hoop earrings.
- Torn/ripped jeans of any kind.
- Leggings or Yoga pants without accompanying shirt (**See above**)

Teachers and administrators reserve the right to determine if clothing is uniform-appropriate. If students violate these guidelines, parents will be called to bring in a change of clothing.

Uniform Violations

Grades K-8: If a student is “out of uniform,” parents will be notified and expected to remedy the situation. Continued violation of the dress code will be considered parental non-compliance with school policies and appropriate action is taken.