

SJRCS Uniform and Dress Code



While in school, students are expected to be neat, clean and attired in a manner consistent with accepted community standards of good taste, decency and safety. Dress or appearance that is disruptive to the learning process will not be tolerated.

Diocesan Policy Handbook for Catholic Schools (2001)

Grades 1 - 8

A. Uniforms

In accordance with Diocesan Policy, students are expected to be well groomed and neatly dressed in the uniform of the day. This means that:

1. Shirts and blouses are properly tucked in.
2. Slacks and shorts are secured with a belt and are worn at the waist.
3. Skirts and shorts are the appropriate length (not more than one inch above the knee cap).
4. Gym pants are zipped at the ankle.
5. Shoes and sneakers are laced.
6. Shirtsleeves are not rolled.
7. All items of clothing are in keeping with the uniform code, are appropriately sized, are clean, are not torn, and are in accordance with the uniform code. (Boys pants rest on the waist and not on the hips. The pant leg touches the shoe but does not bunch up or drag on the floor. Girls clothing is not too tight. Any clothing that is molded to the body is unacceptable.)
8. Outerwear including hooded sweatshirts are not permitted to be worn in the classrooms.

Unless otherwise stipulated, students are to arrive at and leave the school in the uniform of the day. Changing to other clothing during or after school hours is allowed only if the student has permission and is involved in an extracurricular activity that warrants different attire. Students are expected to maintain a neat appearance and good grooming until all activities are completed and students have left the school for the day.

There are three uniforms worn at SJRCS:

1. **Casual Uniform:** May be worn on any day except Dress or Gym uniform day
 - Navy or khaki docker style slacks (or shorts Aug/Sept & May/June - Shorts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee cap)
 - Standard style white polo (hunter green with khaki only)
 - Solid navy vest, cardigan, pullover or crew neck SJRCS sweatshirt (no hood)
 - Black, brown, tan or navy casual or dress shoes and belts
 - Navy, white or tan crew socks

2. **Dress Uniform:** Is to be worn on liturgy days and other designated days

Girls . Grades 1-5

- Plaid jumper (not more than one inch above the knee cap)
- White polo
- Solid navy cardigan, pullover or crew neck SJRCs sweatshirt (no hood)
- Navy tights or knee highs
- Black, brown, tan or navy casual or dress shoes

Girls . Grades 6-8

- Plaid skirt (not more than one inch above the knee cap)
- White polo
- Solid navy vest, cardigan, pullover or crew neck SJRCs sweatshirt (no hood)
- Navy tights or knee highs
- Black, brown, tan or navy casual or dress shoes

Boys . Grade 1-8

- Navy dress slacks
- White polo
- Solid navy vest, cardigan, pullover or crew neck SJRCs sweatshirt (no hood, no pockets)
- Navy or black crew socks
- Black, brown, tan or navy shoes and belt

3. **Gym Uniform:** Is to be worn on gym days and other designated days

Grades 1-5

- Gray or hunter green sweat pants (no stripes or logos)
- Hunter Green or white school T-shirt
- Gray or hunter green school sweatshirt
- Sneakers (laced)
- White crew or .no show. Socks

Grades 6-8

- Solid navy blue wind or sweat pants (no stripes or logos . ankle zippers must be zipped and pants must not drag on the floor)
- Navy blue school T-shirt
- Navy blue school sweatshirt
- Sneakers (laced)
- Navy or white crew or .no show. socks

B. Hair Styles

Hair must be kept neat and clean. It must be trimmed above the eyebrows. It may not be bleached or dyed to non-natural colors. Colored hairpieces are not allowed. Facial hair, shaved heads, spiked hair, long side-burns, Mohawks, or other non-conventional or faddish hairstyles are not permitted. Boys' hair must be above the shirt collar and must not fall below the earlobe.

C. Make Up, Perfume and Jewelry

Make up, perfume, and cologne are not allowed. Students may wear a *thin* foundation for acne cover, but it should not be noticeable. Once it is noticeable, it is not permissible. Girls may wear simple jewelry and may not wear more than two small earrings per ear. All jewelry must be conservative in style and size. No oversized or large items are to be worn at school. Expensive jewelry or jewelry with great sentimental value should not be worn to school and SJRCs assumes no responsibility for such items. Boys may wear a small cross or medal only.

D. NU Days (Non-Uniform Days)

As the name implies, NU Days are days when students are allowed to come to school in non-uniform clothing. On those days, students may choose to dress in a dressier or more casual manner than normal. Guidelines regarding sizing, neatness, appropriateness, modesty, make up, jewelry, perfume, etc. continue to apply on NU Days. Clothing that is too tight, too baggy, suggestive, revealing, sloppy, torn or is in any way considered inappropriate for a Catholic school setting may not be worn. If sandals are worn, they must have back straps. All footwear must be appropriate and safe for playground wear and for use on stairs.

Students violating NU Day guidelines or students wearing NU Day clothing on a non-NU Day will lose privileges for the next two NU Days and must come to school in uniform on those days.

E. General Considerations

1. Polo Shirts are standard style.
2. Pants are .Docker. style. They have side slit pockets and internal back pockets. They have belt loops and need to be worn with a belt. They zip in the front. Cargo pants are not allowed. Elastic waistbands are acceptable if the pants otherwise fit the above description. Elastic waistbands do not usually have a fly front or belt loops (in which case a belt need not be worn).
3. Girls may wear spandex shorts under their uniform and under their gym shorts.
4. Turtlenecks are not permitted.
5. Hats and sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
6. Only low-heeled, flat-soled shoes and sneakers are allowed for safety reasons. Heels should measure no more than one and one-half inches as measured on the back of the heel from the sole to the tip. Platforms, clogs, backless styles, sandals, and high heels of any kind are not allowed. Sandals may be worn on NU Days if they are flat and are not backless. Boat shoes, loafers, casual or dress oxfords are acceptable forms of footwear. Athletic footwear, sneakers, sneaker-like boots or shoes may not be worn with the dress or casual uniforms. Appropriate sneakers may be worn with the gym uniform. Wheeled or bubble footwear is never acceptable.
7. Tattoos and body markings or piercings are not permitted.

F. Uniform Purchases

Dress and casual uniforms may be purchased through the following uniform companies:

1. **J.B. Edward Uniforms**[®], 39 Cummings Park, Woburn, MA 01801 (800-654-5148)
2. **Educational Outfitters**[®], 14 Broad St., Nashua, NH 03062 (603-233-3368)

Casual uniforms and polo shirts may also be purchased at Sears, J C Penney, Lands End and any other store that carries the appropriate style.

G. Uniform Boutique

“Gently used” uniform items are available in our *SJRCS Boutique*. All items are \$1.00 except for jumpers and skirts which are \$5.00. The inventory changes often and sometimes even includes good quality, almost new school shoes.