

Diocese of Bridgeport Policy 3.303 – Uniform

The Principal shall establish a uniform dress code that will promote cleanliness, health, safety and the development of Christian values. Comparable dress codes should be established for both boys and girls. All students are required to wear a school uniform determined by the local school.

Gym uniforms shall be worn on the day of physical education; however may NOT be worn on days when the student will be attending Mass.

It is our strong belief that a student's appearance for school has an impact on his/her attitude, behavior and readiness to learn. A formal dress code is not meant to stifle the individuality of our students since every child still remains unique and special while wearing a uniform that shows membership in our community of faith and learning. It is important that we establish a standard of modesty and decorum that contributes to an environment of respect and mutual understanding. Parents have the primary responsibility for ensuring that their children follow these guidelines. Teachers also have a responsibility for taking appropriate action when guidelines are not followed.

The Catholic Academy of Bridgeport utilizes Blake's Uniform Company in Stratford. No portion of the uniform may be purchased from another vendor or retail store. Uniforms must be clean and neat. Should a student come to school without a proper uniform, a parent/guardian will be notified and the student will

receive an “out of uniform” demerit slip to be signed by the parent. **Three (3) out of uniform demerits during a marking period will result in an afterschool detention for students in grades 3 – 8. Three out of uniform for Kindergarten to grade 2 will result in an age appropriate consequence determined by the teacher.**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The students in the Pre-Kindergarten Program have a uniform consisting of the following components:

- **GYM SHORTS** Blake’s Uniform navy blue uniform shorts
(Please note that shorts may be worn until -mid-October and May 1st through June.)
- **GYM PANTS** Blake’s Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school logo
- **SWEATSHIRT** Blake’s Uniform navy blue crew neck sweatshirt with school logo
- **POLO SHIRTS** Blake’s Uniform white polo with school logo
- **SNEAKERS** basic sneakers without wheels, lights or other “accessories”
- **SOCKS** white or navy blue ankle/crew socks **(socks must be above the ankle bone)**
- **DROP WAIST KNIT DRESS** Blake’s Uniform with school logo
- **TIGHTS/KNEE/ANKLE SOCKS** plain white or navy blue
- **LEGGINGS** Blake’s Uniform navy blue with school logo at the ankle
(Please note leggings are only worn November through end of April and are worn under the dress)

GENERAL UNIFORM INFORMATION for Grade K – 8

All students are expected to be in full uniform every day. Failure to do so may result in loss of dress down day privileges. Uniforms should be clean and pressed with all buttons attached and hems intact.

Students wear the gym uniform and sneakers only on the designated gym day for their class.

Students are not permitted to deface their uniforms.

UNIFORM SUPPLIER

In order to keep continuity within the school, there is only one supplier of the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport Uniform: **Blake Uniform Company**. They have a conveniently located store located in Stratford and online ordering is available. Blake's is aware of all of the uniform items necessary for each grade level.

JEWELRY

Jewelry is limited to post earrings only (nothing that dangles or has hoops for safety reasons). Only one watch (non-beeping, not an apple watch) and a simple cross or holy medal on a chain may be worn. No body piercings, nose rings, no tattoos or halogen contacts are permitted. Students should be discouraged from bringing or wearing valuables to school. The school is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property.

MAKE-UP/NAIL POLISH

Girls may not wear make-up of any type to school. Nails must be natural (no fake, acrylics, etc.) and only clear polish may be worn. There may be special times when the principal allows this guideline to change.

HAIR

The main focus for hair at the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport for both boys and girls, is that however it is worn, children must come to school with their hair clean and groomed. Additionally, no non-natural colors are permitted (i.e: pink, purple, green, etc.). No designs, logos, or words should be cut into hairstyles.

Parents and students should take into consideration and avoid any styles that might distract or impede the ability of the child, or the child's classmates, to focus on learning. Hair must always be worn in a way that does not impair the child's vision, or impede the ability of those around them to see easily during class.

HAIR ACCESSORIES

Excessive or distracting hair ornaments are not allowed. Hair ornaments must be worn in the hair, not on the wrists. Headbands must be plain navy blue, white or red to match the uniform colors. Girls may also wear the uniform plaid headband, scrunchies or bows sold at Blake's. NO bandanas are allowed.

SHOES FOR DRESS UNIFORM

Students are expected to wear solid color navy blue, black or brown shoes with the dress uniform. Parents are asked to make sure that the shoes are sturdy and appropriate for climbing stairs. Tie or slip on shoes may be worn in styles similar to Merrell, Oxford, Saddle Shoes, Loafers or Sperry (tan/one color).

The following are not permitted: moccasins, slippers, sandals, open-backed shoes, any type of shoes that resemble sneakers, boots, hi-top shoes, clogs, crocs, Birkenstock or any shoes with a heel over two inches (measured from the back exterior of the shoe).

SHOES FOR GYM

ALL students must wear sneakers to participate in the physical education program. Sneakers must be free of wheels, lights and distracting ornaments. The sneakers must have a tan sole, black soles damage the gym floor and are not allowed. Consistent participation in gym is expected. A student who consistently is out of gym uniform/sneakers will receive an infraction notice that must be signed by the parent. A student will receive a zero in each gym class missed and this will effect the student's overall grade.

If a special event (e.g. Mass, Assembly, etc.) falls on a student's gym day, he/she should wear the formal dress uniform and wear sneakers.

FLEECE JACKET/OUTERWEAR

The St. Ann Academy fleece outerwear may be worn by middle school students only during the school day in lieu of sweaters and cardigans as an upper school privilege. The fleece must be zipped half-way up and may not be worn around the waist. Cardigan and v-neck school sweaters may also be worn. No other sweatshirts, fleece or sweaters can be worn.

Younger students must wear the uniform cardigan or sweater in classrooms; no other sweatshirts or sweaters are allowed. Student sweaters are not permitted to be tied at the waist.

Specific Uniform Information

Boys – Grades K – 8

KINDERGARTEN and FIRST GRADE

- **SHIRT** Blake's white oxford shirt with button down collar shirt with school logo (short or long sleeve)
- **PANTS** Blake's navy blue dress pants
- **SHORTS** Blake's uniform, navy blue dress shorts
(May be worn daily from the opening day through mid-October and May – closing day)

- **SOCKS** white or navy blue crew socks (*must be ankle high*)
- **SWEATER** Blake's V-neck cardigan with school logo

BOYS in Kindergarten and First Grade do not wear a tie.

SECOND – EIGHTH GRADE

- **SHIRT** Blake's Uniform white Oxford button down collar shirt with school logo (short or long sleeve)
- **PANTS** Blake's khaki dress pants with adjustable waist
- **SHORTS** Blake's khaki dress shorts
(*May be worn daily from the opening day through mid-October and May – closing day*).
- **TIE** Blake's school plaid clip on or self –tie
- **SOCKS** white or navy blue crew socks (*must be ankle high*)
- **SWEATER** Blake's V-neck cardigan with school logo

St. Ann fleece jacket is an option for boys in grade 6 – 8 and may be worn during the school day.

Physical Education Uniform Requirements

This uniform is to be worn on physical education days except when we have a school liturgy or special assembly/event.

- **SHORTS** Blake's Uniform navy blue knit shorts with school logo
(*Please note that shorts may not be worn mid-October to end of April*)
- **SWEATPANTS** Blake's Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school logo
- **SWEATSHIRT** Blake's Uniform navy blue crew sweatshirt with school logo
- **T-SHIRT** Blake's Uniform white t-shirt with school logo
- **SNEAKERS** basic sneakers without wheels, lights or other “accessories” – no black soles
- **SOCKS** white/navy blue ankle/crew socks (**socks must be above the ankle**). No other color is permitted.

Specific Uniform Information

Girls

Grade K – 5

Dress Uniform Requirements

- **BLOUSE** Blake's Uniform blouse button down collar to be worn under the jumper
- **JUMPER** Blake's Uniform red plaid jumper
(The jumper may not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee all year. Please consider this before making any alterations.)
- **SWEATER** Blake's Uniform red cardigan with school logo

Please note that other sweatshirts, jackets, and sweaters MAY NOT be worn in school.

- **SOCKS** navy blue or white, ankle socks, knee socks or tights (*must be plain, no ribbing or adornment*)
- **LEGGINGS** Blake's Uniform dark navy blue with St. Ann Academy logo (*Worn under the jumper November 1st to end of April*)

Physical Education Uniform Requirements

This uniform is to be worn on physical education days except when we have a school liturgy or special assembly/event.

- **SHORTS** Blake's Uniform navy blue knit shorts with school logo
(Please note that shorts may not be worn mid-October to end of April)
- **SWEATPANTS** Blake's Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school logo
- **SWEATSHIRT** Blake's Uniform navy blue crew sweatshirt with school logo
- **T-SHIRT** Blake's Uniform white t-shirt with school logo
- **SNEAKERS** basic sneakers without wheels lights or other "accessories" – no black soles
- **SOCKS** white/navy blue ankle socks (**socks must be above the ankle**). No other color is permitted.

Girls Grades

6 – 8

Dress Uniform Requirements

- **BLOUSE** All girls in grade 6 – 8 will wear a Blake's Uniform white Oxford button down collar with the school logo (short or long sleeve)
- **SKIRT/SKORT** Blake's Uniform red plaid skirt. *(The skirt or skort may not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee all year. Please consider this before making alterations.)*
- **SOCKS** navy blue or white knee socks or plain tights *(no ribbing or adornment)*

OPTIONAL

- **SWEATER** Blake's red sweater with school logo *(No other sweater may be worn.)*
- **FLEECE JACKET** Blake's Uniform fleece with school logo may be worn in class. *(Must be worn zipped halfway up and not tied around the waist).*
- **KHAKI PANTS** Blake's Uniform khaki pants may be worn *November 1st – end of April* – tight fitting khakis will not be allowed. *(Must be worn with the fleece jacket).*

Physical Education Uniform Requirements

This uniform is to be worn on physical education days except when we have a school liturgy or special assembly/event.

- **SHORTS** Blake's Uniform navy blue knit shorts with school logo *(Please note that shorts may not be worn mid-October to end of April).*
- **SWEATPANTS** Blake's Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school logo
- **SWEATSHIRT** Blake's Uniform navy blue crew sweatshirt with school logo
- **T-SHIRT** Blake's Uniform white t-shirt with school logo
- **SNEAKERS** basic sneakers without wheels or other "accessories" – no black soles
- **SOCKS** white/navy blue ankle/crew socks **(socks must be above the ankle)**. No other color is permitted.

Scheduled Out of Uniform Days

During the year there will be certain days when the uniform is not required. Dress on those days will be in compliance with the rules of modesty and decorum.

Guidelines:

Students May NOT Wear:

- *skirts/dresses shorter than three inches above the knee
- *shorts shorter than three inches above the knee
- *flip-flop sandals
- *open back shoes
- *tank tops
- *T-shirts with inappropriate writing or design
- *form fitting shirts/short/pants/skirts/dresses
- *sneakers that convert to roller skates
- *biker shorts/shirts
- *pajama pants
- *make-up

Good Rule: If you think you shouldn't wear it, you shouldn't.

**ALL UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF
THE PRINCIPAL**