

UNIFORMS
(Updated June 2017)

Students in Grades Kindergarten through 8th, shall observe a uniform dress code with which they must comply at all times unless special permission has been granted by the school administration for a substitute. On the days when Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies or St. Gerald Band members have a function or meeting during or immediately after school, they may replace the school uniform with their Scout or Band uniform.

The school uniform can be purchased at SchoolBelles - 7763 S. Harlem, Bridgeview, IL 60455, (708) 598-8008 www.schoolbelles.com.

When a student is in violation of the dress code (regular uniform day or gym day) the teacher will send a BEHAVIOR NOTICE which will explain the violation

Uniforms for PK4 – Since November 1, 2016, the St. Gerald gym uniform has been the expected uniform on all days for PK4 students except on designated out of uniform days.

HAIR: Hair should be clean, well groomed have a conventional style (EXAMPLE: NO SPIKES, LINES, TAILS, CUT INS, FADES, WILD PERMS, POMPADORS, WILD COLORING , BLEACHING OR MULLET , etc...). Hair coloring or highlighting which enhances the natural color of hair is also not permitted. Any student violating this policy will have one week to restore his/her hair to comply with the code. If the hair is not restored to the code, the student may not be permitted to return to school until his/her hair is styled appropriately. For boys; hair should not hang on or be over the boys' ears or shirt collars. Bangs for both girls and boys should be cut to the middle of the forehead and not hang in the eyes. Hair violations will be determined by the teachers or administration. Hats/hoods/scarves are not to be worn in the building at any time.

SHOES (ALL STUDENTS): Appropriate school dress shoes are the regular school uniform footwear and should be black, (no gray), brown or navy blue. Laces for dress shoes must be the same as the shoe color. NO GYM SHOES WITH REGULAR SCHOOL UNIFORM. No FAD styles are acceptable such as shoes with roller wheels, canvas shoes or canvas topped shoes, high heels, light-ups, very thick soles, slides, moccasins, clogs, slippers or any backless shoes.

On student gym days, gym shoes may be worn. NEW POLICY JUNE 2017: Regarding gym shoes on gym uniform days: Administration and faculty have agreed that the color restriction on gym shoes is now lifted. Additionally, high top gym shoes are now allowable provided the laces are completely up to the top of shoe and tied. The restriction against light up/flashing shoes is still in place.

White, navy , or black socks must always be worn and socks must COVER the ankles

The homeroom teacher or Principal's judgment is the deciding factor if questions arise.

GIRLS UNIFORMS –KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8

Kindergarten through 4: Plaid jumper (two styles available) with short or long sleeve **blouse**, round collar

Grades 5 through 8: Plaid skirt or skort (length should reach top of the knee) with royal blue monogrammed polo shirt, short or long sleeve (Older white girls polo is NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE) Navy blue dress pants and royal blue shirt or long sleeved monogrammed polo (grades 5-8) or uniform blouse (Grades K-4 only) may be worn only during the period from November 1st through March 30th. If wearing the uniform blouse, it should be tucked in.

Navy blue walking shorts and royal blue monogrammed polo (grades 5 through 8) or uniform blouse with navy blue walking shorts (grades K - 4) may be worn only during the months of August, September, May and June unless extended by the administration. If wearing the uniform blouse, it should be tucked into pants/shorts.

Optional: navy blue cardigan, St. Gerald royal blue sweatshirt or fleece, or St. Gerald navy blue gym sweatshirt may be worn over the student's polo.

Only white undergarments are to be worn under the polos/blouses

White, navy , or black socks must always be worn and socks must COVER the ankles No patterns or designs on socks, except for small logos such as Nike, Adidas, etc. Tights/leggings worn for warmth or modesty, should be solid in color.

Make-up: No make-up of any kind is permitted including but not limited to; eye liner, lip color and eyebrow enhancements.

Nail Polish: Only clear nail polish may be worn.

Jewelry: No jewelry, except for religious items or *small* earrings, may be worn with the regular school or gym uniform. Girls may have single pierced **ear lobes only**. No tattoos, temporary or permanent, are allowed for any student. Hair decorations and religious jewelry should be appropriate in size for the student.

The teacher's or Principal's judgment is final on code violations.

BOYS UNIFORMS –KINDERGARTEN through 8th GRADE

Navy blue dress pants and tan knit, short or long sleeve, shirt with monogram are to be worn. **Shirts must be tucked into pants.**

Only **white** undershirts may be worn under the uniform shirt. A navy blue cardigan, St. Gerald royal blue sweatshirt or fleece or St. Gerald Navy blue gym sweatshirt may be worn over the students' polo.

Navy blue walking shorts may be worn only during the months of August, September, May, and June unless extended by the administration. Cargo shorts and cargo pants are not allowed.

Socks should be solid in color (white, navy blue or black) and **always worn. Socks must cover ankles.** No patterns or designs on socks except for small logos such as Nike, Adidas, etc.

Boys- No pierced ears or earrings allowed. No jewelry, except for religious items. No tattoos, temporary or permanent, are allowed for **ANY** student. Jewelry must be appropriate in size for the child's age.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM –KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8th GRADE

The gym uniform is to be worn on designated gym days or field trips as instructed by teacher. The gym uniform may be purchased through the school. Blue monogrammed/fleece shorts or navy blue sweatpants/fleece or blue nylon basketball shorts or pants may be worn. No plaid pants. Gym shorts may be worn only during the months of August, September, May and June unless extended by the administration. St. Gerald navy blue or gray t-shirt or navy blue sweatshirt can be worn. No sports team clothing allowed.

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White, navy blue or black socks must be worn and **socks must cover ankles.**

Altar Servers: Students who are serving funerals must bring their regular uniforms with dress shoes to serve and then change for gym.

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OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS / FIELD TRIPS

Out of uniform days will be solely at the discretion of the school administration. The school administration will determine appropriate wear for the out of uniform days (red, white and blue day or pajama day, etc.). On out of uniform days, a student may opt to wear his/her regular school uniform or on the student's gym days, his/her gym uniform.

For purposes of safety and security the dress code for field trips will be either a St. Gerald gym shirt or sweatshirt with appropriate pants, jeans or shorts OR full uniform dress, at the discretion of the teacher.

When an out of uniform day is permitted by the school administration, the following dress code shall apply:

- No **sleeveless** shirts, tank tops, or dresses of any kind (cap and short sleeves are permitted);
- No crop tops or low cut tops;
- No tight jeans; **Leggings must be worn with tops that go to the top of the thigh and covers the behind**
- Shorts and skirts must be finger tip length;
- No hats or caps or hoods (unless an outside field trip);
- Clothes must be neat and orderly in appearance;
- Clothing must be worn as it was intended. No coats worn in class, pants worn at the waist, etc.;
- Shoes should be the same as uniform days/gym days and socks must be worn;
- No clothing should contain any offensive language or pictures, nor should it promote any bands, cigarette or liquor companies or offensive trends. Discretion of the teacher is the final judgment on this type of clothing violation.

When a student is in violation of the out of uniform dress code, the teacher will send home a **BEHAVIOR NOTICE** which will explain the violation, call home before a field trip for a change of clothing, and/or request a gym uniform top or pants from the office to wear in place of the child's clothing choice.

Repeated violations of any dress codes may eventually result in additional disciplinary actions