

UNIFORM AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Uniforms encourage students to focus on an educational atmosphere that emphasizes learning rather than the latest fashion. It is the school's desire to keep the school uniform simple and easy to enforce. **Uniforms should be neat and clean, reflecting pride in our school and respect for oneself.** The following rules are not meant to disregard a child's heritage but to make a uniform policy easier to administer:

- All uniforms must bear the official SJE school logos.
- Uniforms must be purchased at the following uniform stores: J&R Clothing in Fayetteville, Flynn O'Hara in Sandy Springs, or the SJE Used Uniform Store.
- All uniforms must be sized correctly and worn appropriately (i.e., shirts tucked in, ties tied at the neckline, collars buttoned down, long sleeve shirts not rolled up).
- Worn, torn, or outgrown shoes and uniforms (including shirts with bleached out logos) may not be worn and must be replaced promptly.
- Plain white T-shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt as long as the sleeves are shorter than the uniform shirt.
- Pants, shorts, and skirts must fit properly and be worn at the natural waistline.
- Underwear should not be visible at any time.
- Shorts shorter than the skirts and jumpers must be worn underneath skirts or jumpers for modesty
- Label uniforms with the child's name using a permanent marker.
- Shoes may be purchased at any location that sells **solid black leather tennis shoes with non-marking soles**. Any logo on the shoe must also be black. Acceptable styles include, but are not limited to, New Balance 680v6, KX624, 623v3, 624v2, 577. Both tie and Velcro styles are acceptable for students in grades 1-8. Girls may also wear the Keds Kids School Days II Saddle Shoe.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten students must wear Velcro all black New Balance 624 (or similar style solid black Velcro leather) tennis shoes or the Stride Rite Cooper 2.0 hook and loop shoe. Pre-K and Kindergarten girls may also wear the Keds Kids School Days II Saddle Shoe (on dress uniform days only).
- The warm weather dress uniform is optional and may be worn during Daylight Savings Time.

The school's Used Uniform Store offers gently used uniform pieces for \$5 each, subject to availability. Please contact the school office if you wish to purchase used uniforms or donate gently used items.

Boys' Uniform

Pre-K – 5th Grade

Shorts (optional during Daylight Savings Time) – Navy blue uniform shorts (Pre-K and K only must wear elastic waist, pull on shorts. All other grades must wear shorts with belt loops as belts are required).

Pants – Navy blue uniform pants (Pre-K and K only must wear elastic waist, pull on pants. All other grades must wear pants with belt loops as belts are required).

Shirts – Blue short or long sleeve knit shirt with SJE heat pressed monogram

Sweaters (optional) – Navy V-neck button down cardigan with embroidered SJE monogram

*****Note: The PE sweatshirt may not be worn with the dress uniform**

Jacket (optional) – Full-Zip Fleece Navy Jacket with embroidered logo (available ONLY at Flynn O’Hara)

****Note: Only the uniform jacket may not be worn in the classroom.**

Socks – Dark or white ankle or crew socks (no emblems/writing; no low cut/no-show socks)

Belt – Any type black belt (not required for Pre-K or K)

Dress Shoes –solid black leather uniform shoes with non-marking soles (like New Balance 680v3, KX624, 623v3, 624v2, 577, or similar styles)

****Note:** Pre-K and Kindergarten must wear the Velcro all black New Balance 624v2 (or similar solid black leather Velcro shoes) or the Stride Rite Cooper 2.0 hook and loop shoe

6th – 8th Grade

Shorts (optional during Daylight Saving Time) - Navy blue uniform shorts

Pants – Navy blue uniform pants

Shirts – White button down oxford cloth short sleeve or long sleeve with embroidered logo

Sweaters (required) – Navy V-neck vest or pullover with embroidered logo

Jacket (optional) – Full-Zip Fleece Navy Jacket with embroidered logo (available ONLY at Flynn O’Hara)

****Note: Only the uniform jacket may be worn in the classroom.**

Tie - #3 tie (required) worn appropriately at the neckline with button down collar

****Note: Boys must wear a tie and sweater vest or sweater every Friday and on all designated “full dress uniform” days throughout the school year. Boys may wear the oxford dress shirt (without tie/sweater) Monday-Thursday.**

Belt - Any type black belt

Socks - Dark or white ankle or crew socks (no emblems/writing; no low cut/no-show socks)

Dress Shoe – solid black leather (tie or Velcro) uniform shoes with non-marking soles (like New Balance 680v6, KX624, 623v3, 624v2, 577, or similar styles)

PE Uniform (PK-8th Grade)

Shirts – Dark Gray T-shirt (short or long sleeve, color is ‘sport gray’ at J&R Clothing and ‘light steel’ at Flynn O’Hara)) with navy heat pressed SJE PE logo

Shorts – Navy blue mesh uniform shorts with white heat pressed SJE PE logo

Sweatshirt – Navy blue with white heat pressed SJE PE logo

*****Note:** Hoodies may not be substituted for the uniform PE sweatshirt

Sweatpants – Navy blue uniform sweatpants with heat pressed SJE PE logo

Warm-up Pants (Optional for Grades 6-8 only) – Navy blue with white piping warm-up pants – ONLY available at Flynn O’Hara

Warm-up Jacket (Optional for Grades 6-8 only) – Navy blue with white piping warm-up jacket – ONLY available at Flynn O’Hara

Socks - Dark or white ankle or crew socks (no emblems/writing; no low cut/no-show socks)

PE Shoes - solid black leather (tie or Velcro) uniform shoes (like New Balance 680v6, KX624, 623v3, 624v2, 577, or similar styles)

****Note:** Pre-K and Kindergarten must wear Velcro all black New Balance 624v2 (or similar solid black leather Velcro shoes) or the Stride Rite Cooper 2.0 hook and loop shoe

Jewelry

Jewelry, makeup, and hairstyles also form part of our dress code. Jewelry should be simple and not distract from the school uniform appearance; inappropriate jewelry will be taken and returned at the end of the year upon request.

Earrings: Girls only - One set of small **stud** earrings; no hoops or dangles

Nail Polish – Clear nail polish may be worn on natural nails

Rings: One finger ring may be worn

Wristwatch: One small wristwatch may be worn; Apple watches and other “Smart” devices are not allowed

Bracelet: One single bracelet may be worn. No charm bracelets are allowed. Bracelets with words should be appropriate for school and reflect the core values of St. John School.

Religious medal/cross: One small (max. 2”) medal or cross necklace on a thin chain may be worn

Hair Style

Hairstyles should be clean, neat, well-groomed, and out of the face. Hair must be the natural color. Hair accessories should complement the uniform and not be distracting. Boys' hair should be kept to the top of the neck/above the collar, off of ears, and above the eyebrows; no tails, mohawks, extreme fade-shaven side cuts or designs/parts shaved into the head (a groomed fade is appropriate). No excessively spiked/gelled styles may be worn.

****Note: Due to the changing nature of hairstyle trends, the administration reserves the right to classify any hairstyle in violation of the uniform code.**

Restricted Items - The following items are not allowed:

*Makeup, including lip gloss; *Nail polish (clear polish on natural nails is acceptable), fake, gel, or acrylic nails; *Tattoos; *Sideburns, mustache, facial hair

****Note:** These restrictions apply during all designated school times (including free dress days, field trips, and other outside school related events) The school reserves the right to determine the inappropriateness of dress, hair, or other deviations from the dress code.

Free Dress Days – special occasions that are announced

- Dresses/Blouses with sleeves (no spaghetti straps, cut out sleeves, tank tops)
- Shirts/T-shirts of an appropriate length (Language/pictures should be appropriate for school)
- Shorts (no shorter than two inches above the knee)
- Dresses/skirts that measure no shorter than two inches above the knee
- Leggings/skinny jeans may be worn with an appropriate length tunic/top (extending beyond the fingertips when standing with hands at your sides)
- No cutoffs or jeans/pants with holes in them
- No flip-flops. Sandals/Crocs with a backstrap may be worn.

If free dress day is on a PE day, PE shoes are required. Free dress clothes must be in good condition and worn at the natural waistline – no worn, torn, or outgrown clothes allowed. **Because of the unique and constantly changing nature of fashion, the school reserves the right to classify any style of dress, grooming, or appearance inappropriate.** Students may be subject to loss of privilege of free dress if they do not come appropriately dressed. Students inappropriately dressed will be provided with a uniform to wear if available. The borrowed uniform must be washed and returned promptly. If a borrowed uniform is not available, the parent must pick up the student or bring an appropriate sized uniform.