

Saint Charles Academy Dress Code and Uniform Policy

The Dress Code of Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Academy is designed to promote an atmosphere of class that is conservative and conducive to learning. A uniform policy promotes unity and camaraderie. Clothing should be neat, clean, modest, and tasteful at all times. Clothing at no time should be offensive, too tight, or suggestive. The dress code applies to field trips unless otherwise specified. Clothing is to reflect those items sold by uniform companies. This list is intended to define the acceptable items. Some unacceptable items are specifically mentioned. However, this is for clarification and is not intended to be an all-inclusive list.

****School approved Spirit Wear/gym attire can only be purchased through All Heart Athletics formerly known as Rick's Sports. ****

Jeans Day Attire:

All jean attire worn on jeans day or Birthday jean days must be blue denim. Jean shorts can be worn in the months of August and September and from May 1st to the end of the school year on Jean Days. Girls and boys may wear shorts that must touch the top of knee. Girls may also wear capris. Acceptable attire includes jean shorts, capris or jeans, acceptable tops, gym shoes, flat shoes, or boots with no heel.

Musical group shirts, tank tops as well as shirts with inappropriate or questionable words on them are unacceptable. No open toe/heel sandals/crocks/shoes are allowed. No yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, or skinny jeans (tight fitting elastic/stretch shorts or pants). Cargo pants, shorts or any other pants having pockets on the sides of the legs, may not be worn under any circumstances.

Jean Day Passes: All Jean Day Passes awarded through the Magazine Sale must be used by date noted on pass.

Birthday Jean Day: Students may wear Jean Day Attire on their birthday only. If a student's birthday falls on the weekend, or a Mass Day, the student may wear Jean Day Attire on the next scheduled school day. All students with summer birthdays may wear Jean Day Attire on the "scheduled summer birthday Jean Day" announced in the Spring. Students are not allowed to pick random days to use as a birthday Jean Day. All birthday snacks must be nut free. Birthday Jean Day follows Jean Day Attire guidelines.

BOYS (Grades K-8)

Pants/Walking Shorts	Khaki of non-denim material. Walking shorts can be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Cargo, carpenter, painter, or polyester (stretch) pants may not be worn. Pants must be without patch pockets on the back of the pants. Uniform shorts can be worn in the month of August and September and can also be worn from May 1 st to the end of the school year.
Belts	Plain black or brown belts are required for boys in grades 5-8.
Shirts	Solid color – white or hunter green. Turtlenecks, or knit golf shirts with collar. Dress shirts must be white. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
Sweaters/Vests/Fleece	Hunter green, navy blue or white sweaters- solid color may be button down or pullover, shirt collar visible. Also available: Green, V-neck sweater with the Saint Charles logo only from school Belles. ¼ zip Saint Charles logo fleece and sweatshirt in grey or hunter green; only available through All Heart Athletics.
Socks	Black, navy blue, brown, tan, or white – solid color.
Shoes	Dark colored oxford or loafer dress shoes are required with non-skid soles: black, navy blue, or shades of brown. Shoes may not be made of canvas, terry cloth or resemble athletic footwear. Shoes must be free of colors and patterns. No boots or sandals at any time.
Hair	Length of hair in back must be above the collar (of a dress shirt). No hair should cover the ears. Sideburns should be one inch shorter than the earlobe. No facial hair allowed. Must be clean shaven. Natural hair color only; no dyes, tints, or highlights are permitted. No fad styles, designs, razor cuts of any length, tails, bowl cuts and no undercutting. Conservative, traditional styles mandatory as determined by the administration.
Personal Attire	No earrings or jewelry associated with body piercing - and no tattoos.
Mass Attire/ Ties	Khaki uniform pants or shorts during the allowed time period and white Dress shirt with Tie is required. Grades 1 thru 6: Solid color ties. Grades 7 and 8: Appropriate dress ties – print or solid color. Ties must be worn until designated lunchtime.
Gym Attire:	Saint Charles Spirit Wear (T-shirts, sweats, short and sweatshirts) is available for purchase and also available during the free uniform exchange. Gym shoes and white or black athletic socks are required. If a student is not in proper gym clothing, failing grades may be given for that day in gym and the student will not participate during their scheduled gym time. Spirit Wear is not considered regular school uniform and will result in a uniform violation. Spirit Wear shorts are allowed in August, September, and May 1 st to the end of the school year only. If shorts are worn for gym class October – April, they must be covered with Spirit Wear sweatpants before and after gym class.

GIRLS (Grades K-8)

Slacks/Skortts/ Walking Shorts:	Khaki of non-denim material. Skortts, skirts and walking shorts can be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Cargo, carpenter, painter, or polyester (stretch) pants may not be worn. Pants must be without patch pockets on the back of the pants. Uniform shorts can be worn in the months of August and September and can also be worn from May 1 st to the end of the school year.
Belts	Plain black or brown dress belts are required for girls in grades 5-8.
Jumpers/Skirts:	Khaki - solid color. Skirt and jumper length can be no shorter than two inches above the knee. In addition to the above items, students may also wear Hunter Green Plaid skirts and jumpers (School Belles or Land's End).
Blouses:	White - solid color. Dress (Peter Pan or oxford style collars), knit golf shirts with collar, or turtlenecks in white or hunter green. Blouses/shirts must be tucked in at all times. Please be sure they are long enough to tuck in.
Sweaters/Vests/ Fleece:	Hunter green, navy blue or white - solid color may be button down or pullover, shirt collar visible. Also available: Green, V-neck sweater with the Saint Charles logo only from school Belles. ¼ zip Saint Charles logo fleece and sweatshirt in grey or hunter green; only available through All Heart Athletics.
Socks/Tights:	Tights: Navy blue or white – solid color. Socks: Black, brown, navy blue, tan, or white – solid color. Leggings: under khaki or green plaid skirts must be navy or hunter green, solid color.
Shoes	Dark colored oxford or loafer dress shoes are required with non-skid soles: black, navy blue, or shades of brown. Shoes may not be made of canvas, terry cloth or resemble athletic footwear. Shoes must be free of colors, and patterns. Two-inch heels or less are acceptable. No boots or sandals at any time.
Hair	No fad styles, cut designs, razor cuts of any length, and no undercutting. Conservative, traditional styles are mandatory. Natural hair color only; no dyes, tints, or highlights are permitted.
Personal Attire:	Small conservative earrings and simple modest hair accessories. Pierced ears are allowed, however, tattoos and additional body piercing are not acceptable.
Cosmetics	May wear clear nail polish only. No make-up during school hours.
Mass Attire:	Khaki uniform slacks or shorts during the allowed time period. Green plaid or khaki jumper or skirt. White dress blouse required. Hair accessories must be simple and/or modest. Only Grades 7 th & 8 th - any color socks on Mass day.
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Student Gym Days vs. Spirit Wear Days

Student Gym Days: Green or Grey Saint Charles Spirit Wear with crest. (Purchased through All Heart Athletics, formerly known as Ricks Sports, or at our uniform exchange)

- This does not include SMCC or any other school t-shirts.
- This does **not** include Saint Charles Sports t-shirts or sweatshirts.

Spirit Wear Days: Gym Spirit Wear is acceptable. Saint Charles Sports Team uniforms, t-shirts, or sports sweatshirts are acceptable. Saint Charles Catholic Schools Week Class T-shirts are acceptable. Any Saint Charles associated shirts are acceptable.

**** We will have a Spirit Wear Day once a month.****

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