



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Uniform Policy/Dress Code

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Why are students required to wear uniforms? One of the primary purposes of the Catholic school is to teach Catholic values. The school uniform is an observable sign in the school and in the public forum of the values being taught in our schools. The Catholic school uniform is designed to be modest and appropriate, irrespective of current fashion trends and styles. The school uniform shall be worn in a way that is consistent with professional dress in a respected business or occupation. Students should appear neat and well-kept when representing their Catholic school in their uniform. The school uniform shall be worn in a way that reflects the Christian principles taught in our schools.

Part of each child's growth process is learning to take pride in their appearance and dress properly: hence cleanliness and proper grooming are expected of every student, kindergarten through grade eight at Blessed Trinity Catholic School. School uniforms allow students to:

- Limit distractions, thereby, increase their academic focus.
- Contribute to a more formal learning environment.
- Help reduce negative peer pressure and the concern over "fitting in".
- Ensure that students' attire is modest and in line with Catholic beliefs.

All students are to arrive on campus properly dressed. Shirts must be tucked in completely. Boy's belts and girl's belts/waistbands are to be visible. Boy's belts are to secure their pants at the waist. Girl's skirts, skorts and shorts are to be no shorter than **three inches above the knee**. Clothing should fit properly, not oversized, too tight, or too revealing. Uniforms should not be worn in a way that displays undergarments.

Uniform Supplier

Our uniform supplier is Risse Brothers, www.rissebrothers.com. Uniform pieces (except for shoes, belts, and socks) must be purchased from our uniform supplier or Blessed Trinity Catholic School.

Uniform Violations

Uniform Violations are given by the classroom teacher and will be communicated home through email or posting on the parent portal.

BELT

- Plain black or brown belts must be worn on all uniforms with belt loops.

HAIR

- Natural hair color means no dyed hair of any kind. Students who come to school with colored hair will be sent home to rectify the situation.
- Length of hair should not be in the child's eyes.
- Boy's hair must be **short** and not be lower than the eyebrows, should not cover more than half of the student's ear, and should be above the collar.
- Conservative hairstyle required; no hair extensions or false hairpieces.
- No extreme haircuts, i.e., mohawks, spikes, shaved heads, etc.

JEWELRY

Girls, all grades

- Two stud/post earrings per ear maximum. (no hoops, dangle earrings, etc.).
- No other body piercing permitted.
- No jewelry (a watch and crucifix or religious medal may be worn).
- No tattoos or decals.

Boys, all grades

- No earrings.
- No body piercing.
- No jewelry (a watch and crucifix or religious medal may be worn).
- No tattoos or decals.

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MAKEUP

Students grades K-8 - No makeup is permitted.

NAILS

Students grades K-8 - May wear clear color nail polish on natural nails only.

PANTS, SHORTS, SKORTS, SKIRTS, JUMPERS

- **Girls - Grade K-5**

Red/gray pleated plaid jumper, red/gray plaid shorts, red/gray skort, gray shorts or gray slacks.

Skirts, skorts, and shorts must stay at hem length, carry the school logo, be no shorter than three inches above the knee, may not be rolled at the waist, and may not be altered in any way.

- **Girls – Grades 6, 7, 8**

Khaki shorts, skorts, slacks or capri pants. Skirts, skorts, and shorts must stay at hem length, carry the school logo, be no shorter than three inches above the knee, may not be rolled at the waist, and may not be altered in any way.

- **Boys – Grades K through 5**

Gray pants or gray shorts.

- **Boys – Grades 6, 7, 8**

Khaki pants or shorts. They must carry the school logo.

P.E. UNIFORM

- Red logoed uniform P.E. shorts ONLY.
- White or gray t- shirts with uniform logo.
- Athletic shoe (see “Shoes” below for details).
- All shoes must be securely fastened. Velcro must be strapped, and shoelaces must be tied at all times.
- Plain white or black socks (must be visible above shoe).
- P.E. clothes, including sweat pants, may be worn all day by Kindergarten- 4thnd grade, only, on assigned P.E. days. Grades 5-8 will be required to wear their regular school uniform to school and will dress out before and after PE.

SHIRTS

- Grades K – 5 white or red uniform golf shirt with LOGO.
- Grades 6 – 8 white, red, or black uniform golf with LOGO.
- All shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- If an undershirt is worn, it must be white or match the color of the uniform shirt.

SHOES

- **Middle School**

Solid black or brown leather dress shoes (no suede) with rubber soles.

No athletic/gym shoes.

Athletic shoes are to be brought to school and worn with the PE uniform.

- **Elementary**

Leather dress shoes (black or brown) OR athletic or any color gym shoes will be acceptable with the uniform.

All shoes must be securely fastened. Velcro must be strapped, and shoelaces must be tied at all times.

For safety reasons, shoes with wheels are prohibited at school. Shoes may not contain lights.

SOCKS

- Plain white or black only. No other colors are permitted.
- Tights, red, white or black, may be worn during cold days.

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WEATERS/JACKETS

- Red long sleeve button-up cardigan with B.T. logo OR
- Windbreaker jacket with B.T. logo OR
- Red satin jacket with B.T. logo OR
- Red sweatshirt or fleece with B.T. logo.
- Black sweatshirt or fleece jacket with BT logo (middle school only).
- If an undershirt is worn, it must be white or match the color of the uniform shirt.

Out of Uniform Day Guidelines

Throughout the school year, the school sponsors several "Out of Uniform Days". Although there may be special allowances for each of these days, there are some general guidelines that apply to all Out of Uniform Days.

- Skirts, shorts, and dresses may be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- All attire must be in good condition, free of holes, rips, and be appropriate for Catholic School.
- Students must wear close-toed shoes.

Participation in Out of Uniforms Days is a privilege that may be revoked if the student consistently violates school policy.

Cold Weather Alternative Uniform

Occasionally, we experience extremely cold temperatures during the winter. On these extremely cold days, we make every effort to minimize the amount of time students are outside, however, there will be moments when students are exposed to the elements. As such, we have developed the following policy for extremely cold days.

- Only school administration may decide when to implement the Cold Weather Uniform. Parents will be notified via our mass communication system when the weather forecast predicts extremely cold temperatures.
- The Cold Weather Uniform shall consist of **jeans, a school uniform polo, and non-uniform heavy winter coats**. Non-uniform winter coats may only be worn when students are outside. While in the classrooms and interior hallways, students may wear regular school uniform outwear.
- Aside from jeans and heavy winter coats, all other regular uniform policies remain in effect.

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Middle School Shoe Guidelines

Students in grades 6-8 are **required to wear black or brown leather** (not suede) dress shoes as part of their school uniform. These shoes must have rubber soles.

On days when middle school students have PE, they may bring their athletic shoes and change into them along with their PE uniform. The PE uniform and athletic shoes are to be worn during PE class only.

Middle School Uniform Shoe Samples

Boys



Girls



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