



CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF DIVINE MERCY

Uniform Expectations and General Rules for Attire

The uniforms of the Chesterton Schools Network were designed with three goals in mind: modesty, professionalism, and community/school spirit. As Catholics, we believe that what you wear communicates something about you and your philosophy. Just as priests wear stoles to convey their function in society, the appearance of Chesterton students sets them apart: schooling in the liberal arts is an extraordinary privilege and our uniform conveys that gravity and shows respect for their peers and teachers.

We ask that students maintain a neat and clean uniform throughout the day. Cuffs are to be rolled down and buttoned; the boys must keep their ties fasted and collars neat. CADM's dress code supports our school's purpose of forming morally serious persons steeped in the Catholic academic tradition. Learning how and why professional appearance matters is an integral part of students' education.

It is the responsibility of both the parents and students to know and abide by the dress code standards. Additionally, please label all of your student's clothing and accessories.

Schoolbelles Code: S3144

Ladies' Uniform Guide

2023-2024

Item	Schoolbelles Style #	Color	Description
Blazer	#5820	Navy w/ logo	Required to be worn daily on campus and at mass.
V-Neck Sweater	#1983 long sleeve -or- #1964 vest	Navy w/ logo	Optional all-year. Cannot replace blazer. Only to be worn in addition to blazer
Oxford Blouse	#1771 long sleeve -or- #1770 short sleeve	White w/ logo	Collar buttons much be buttoned at all times. Sleeves may not be rolled during school hours.
Skirt	#3521	<i>Be sure to purchase:</i> Gray Herringbone (4204)	Length required is mid-knee – below knee. If the full kneecap is exposed while standing straight, the skirt is too short. This usually requires the long sizes on Schoolbelles. Navy or black bike shorts should be worn under skirt.
Socks	#1640 Knee High -or- #8625 Tights	Navy	If ordering tights, be sure to purchase opaque.
Shoes	personal choice	Black	Must be a dress shoe, solid black leather dress flats with closed toe and full back. Must be polished and clean. Simple ornamentation allowed – no moccasins or canvas. See below for examples
White Undershirt	personal choice	White	Optional

Notes:

- Young ladies should aim for **simple elegance** in their appearance as appropriate for their age. Uniforms should always be clean and blouses tucked in.
- Makeup must be light, simple, and natural-looking. Foundation, light mascara, and light blush may be worn, but no eyeliner or eye shadow. Light lip-gloss is permitted, but no bold-color lipstick or lip-gloss.
- Nail polish should be muted, tasteful, and professional.
- Hair accessories, likewise, are to be tasteful and professional. No athletic headbands or bandanas. The color of headbands, ribbons, etc. should complement the uniform.
- Ladies' hair should be neatly groomed and clean. Hair color must be natural – without streaks of unnatural color. No extreme haircuts are permitted.
- Girls may wear one simple stud earring in each lobe.
- A simple chain necklace with religious significance (crucifix, cross, medal, etc.) and/or scapular may be worn under the shirt.
- One bracelet and one watch may be worn – no smart watches are permitted.
- One mission-appropriate lapel pin is permitted.
- No perfumes are permitted.

Examples of permitted shoes:



Gentlemen's Uniform Policies

2023-2024

Item	Schoolbelles Style #	Color	Description
Blazer	#5825	Navy w/ logo	Required to be worn daily on campus and at mass.
V-Neck Sweater	#1993 long sleeve -or- #1994 vest	Navy w/ logo	Optional all-year. Cannot replace blazer. Only to be worn in addition to blazer
Oxford Shirt	#5761 long sleeve -or- #5760 short sleeve	White w/ logo	Collar buttons much be buttoned at all times.
Pants	#5202 1 st and 4 th quarter: approved chinos	Gray	Boys may wear cotton mid- to dark-gray chinos during the first and fourth quarter.
Socks	personal choice (#1645 Schoolbelles is also option)	Gray	May be purchased from any vendor—solid charcoal/dark gray. Must be at least calf length.
Shoes	personal choice	Black	Must be a solid back dress shoe. No logos, etc. See below for examples.
Belt	personal choice (several options available through Schoolbelles)	Black	May be purchased from any vendor—plain black leather, not woven. Simple white or yellow metal buckle.
Tie	#4827	Gold/Navy	
Undershirt	personal choice	White	Must be solid white. No wording or picture should be visible through the oxford shirt.

Notes:

- Young gentlemen should aim for **simplicity** in their appearance as appropriate for their age. Uniforms should always be clean, and shirts tucked in.
- Only solid white undershirts may be worn under the uniform oxford shirt. No wording or pictures should be visible through the oxford shirt.
- A simple chain necklace with religious significance (crucifix, cross, medal, etc.) and/or scapular may be worn under the shirt.
- One bracelet and one watch may be worn—no smart watches are permitted.
- Gentlemen's hair should be neatly groomed and clean with no highlights or dyeing. Hair must be trimmed above the eyebrows, ears, and color. No extreme or novelty haircuts.
- All boys are to be clean-shaven with sideburns not extending beyond the middle of the ear. Facial hair is not permitted.
- One mission-appropriate lapel pin is permitted.
- No cologne or body-spray is to be used.

Examples of permitted shoes:

