



## 07. Uniform Policy

### Uniform Expectations

The Chesterton Academy of The Holy Family uniform policy supports the school's purpose of forming morally serious persons. Our uniform provides the students and local communities with an appearance that encourages and represents school identity, school spirit, unity, and discipline, as well as a gold standard for an academic look, the origins of which are classic and traditional. It promotes the values inherent in our school's mission and allows our students to be recognized as Chesterton students. Students must respectfully wear their uniform, mindful that they are representatives of the school and leaders in an academic environment.

Learning to maintain a neat appearance is part of a student's education. Students should always be in uniform while on school grounds unless participating in a school-sponsored after-school activity with permission to change entirely out of uniform. Students must arrive and leave school in full uniform, including the blazer.

Modesty, cleanliness, and formality will be the primary guides in all matters of the required uniform. Students will be expected to present themselves in a way that reflects the dignity of their vocation as students and the seriousness of our collective task. Therefore, they will wear the Chesterton Academy of The Holy Family uniform modestly and neatly, avoiding all manner of ostentation. The uniforms must be clean and in good condition with no rips, holes, stains, missing buttons, or wrinkles.

It is the responsibility of both the parents and the student to know and abide by the school dress code standards and uniform expectations. Parents are responsible for ensuring their familiarity with these requirements and to help their sons and daughters comply with them. Parents enroll their children in the school with the understanding that the uniform code, and other school expectations, regulations, and policies will be followed. Uniforms are just that—uniforms. They are not intended to reflect the fashion trends of the moment. The uniform policy pertains not only to clothing and accessories, jewelry, hair and like items. No article of clothing that is not part of the uniform (e.g., sweater, vest, sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirt, overcoat, raincoat, poncho, hat, etc.) may be worn in school. Students must come to school dressed for the day (they cannot dress at their car, their locker or in the bathroom) and are expected to abide by the dress code at all times during the school day.

Blazers, shirts, sweaters, trousers, skirts, ties and belts, must be labeled with the student's name (e.g., John Smith or Smith). The label should be placed on the inside collar of the blazer, shirt and sweater, on the inside of the trousers and skirts, and on the back of the tie and belt. This simple expedient will save much money and anguish if uniform pieces are misplaced. Stick on clothing labels can be ordered from the [Name Label Co.](#)

Since reduced priced or off-brand items do not wear as well, last as long, or look as neat as our uniform items, all students are required to purchase all of the necessary items through Schoolbelles only. This will streamline the process and help us maintain the highest standards of uniformity in the dress code during the entire school year. **Our Schoolbelles location is at 10139 S Harlem Ave, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415** and we invite you to call them if you have any questions: (708) 929-4695. When ordering the first time, please do so in person at the Chicago Ridge location. Check the website for store hours. If you call the store directly to place an order, shipping is free. We do have a highly recommended seamstress for alterations for uniforms, tuxedos and choir dresses. Her prices are reasonable. Her name is Harriet Wrobel, and she can be reached at 773-317-8247. She has done most of the choir dresses and we will have her on campus in the fall for choir attire or you can call her for an appointment.

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## Uniform Standards for Ladies

Ladies should aim for a simple elegance that is appropriate to their years. Uniforms should always be clean, and blouses always tucked in. Additionally: (There are some grandfathered items (logo items) through 2024-2025 school year.)

- Makeup for ladies must be light, simple and natural-looking. Foundation, light mascara, and light blush may be worn, but no eyeliner or eye shadow. Chapstick or clear or light lip-gloss is allowed. No colored lipstick or colored lip-gloss are allowed
- No sweatshirts or hoodies should be worn over the uniform. Students may wear the school sweater and/or the blazer to keep warm. A winter coat over the blazer is acceptable when arriving or leaving the school during cold weather
- Nail polish is allowed but should be muted, tasteful, and professional. Nails should be clean and of moderate length.
- Hair accessories should be tasteful and professional. No athletic headbands, no bandanna headbands, no bright distracting colors. Color of hair accessory should complement the uniform
- Ladies' hair should always be neatly groomed and clean. Hair color should be natural hues, with no streaks of unnatural colors (blonde, red, pink, green, etc.) on any part of hair. Ladies must avoid any extreme or novelty haircuts
- A simple chain necklace with religious significance and/or scapular may be worn under the shirt for girls, no chokers
- Earrings should be in the lobe ONLY. No gauges. Aside from one ear lobe piercing, no other body piercings or tattoos are allowed. Only one earring per lobe, studs only, can be worn in school at a time
- One bracelet and one watch may be worn. (No smart watches allowed; Fitbits are permitted, but text notifications and other connectivity must be off)
- One house lapel pin may be worn. Other lapel pins will have to be approved by school leadership
- All jewelry should be tasteful, professional, and not excessive in size or number
- No perfumes are allowed
- No head gear (winter hats, baseball caps, hoods, etc.) may be worn inside the building
- All ladies should enter the building in complete uniform and be ready for the day ahead
- When leaving at the end of the day the uniform in full must be worn until you leave campus

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## Ladies' Uniform

ITEM	SCHOOL BELLES STYLE #	COLOR	DESCRIPTION
<b>Blazer</b>	#5820	Navy w/logo	Required to be worn daily at all times on campus. Do not leave it overnight on campus.
<b>V-Neck Sweater</b>	#1983 long sleeve pullover -or- #1964 vest	Navy w/logo	The sweater is a finishing item and may be worn with the blazer. A sweater or sweater vest is required from November 1 until after Easter break if you want to take the blazer off in class.
Oxford Shirt (Do not use bleach)	#1770 short sleeve -or- #1771 long sleeve	White w/logo	Collar buttons must be buttoned at all times. The shirt must not gap in front, and there should be no pulling on the buttons. <b>The sleeves may not be rolled at any time.</b>
Skirt Grades 9-10	#3521 two kick pleated	Grey 4204	The length required is mid to below the knee. The skirt is too short if a full kneecap is exposed while standing straight. Skirts are to be no shorter than the crease on the back of the knee. This usually requires ordering a size <b>Long</b> . The skirt should be worn on the waist and not on the hip. <b><u>It may be special order, so shop early.</u></b> Navy or black bike shorts should be worn under the skirt.
Skirt Grades 11-12	#3521 two kick pleated	Grey/Navy 4104	
Socks	#1640 3 pack Opaque Knee High - or #8625 Opaque Tight - or - #8621 Pima Knee High	Navy	Opaque, not cable. Knee highs must reach up to the knee. They should not be at mid-calf or lower.
It must be a dress shoe, solid black leather flats with closed toes,			

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ITEM	SCHOOL BELLES STYLE #	COLOR	DESCRIPTION
Shoes	N/A	Black	and a full back. It must be polished and clean, <b>non-marking/non-scuff soles</b> . Simple ornamentation allowed (e.g., bow, tassel), no tags/labels/symbols on the outside of the shoe. No boots, moccasins, driving shoes, canvas, or suede. Nothing around the ankles. No Keds, Vans, Toms, Converse, or similarly-styled shoes. (see below for examples) <b>Shoes are required at all times on campus, inside and outside.</b>
White Undershirt – Optional but recommended	N/A	White	If needed for warmth. Plain white with no patterns or lace showing. Undergarments should never be visible.
Formal Attire for Gala, Lessons and Carols, Spring Fine Arts Festival, and Graduation			Black floor-length formal dress. Purchase from <a href="http://www.stageaccents.com">www.stageaccents.com</a> . #5269 Dahlia Girls or #8864 Dahlia Ladies black floor-length formal dress. Solid black dress flats that are in good condition and can be polished are worn. Dress should be hemmed to touch front toe of shoe. If questions, please ask before hemming.

### Ladies examples of acceptable school shoes



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## Uniform Standards for Gentlemen

Gentlemen should likewise aim for a simplicity that is appropriate to their years. Uniforms should always be clean, and shirts ironed and always tucked in. Additionally: (There are some grandfathered items (logo items) through 2024-2025 school year.)

- Only solid white t-shirts may be worn under the white oxford. No wording or pictures on the t-shirt should be visible
- No sweatshirts or hoodies should be worn over the uniform. Students may wear the school sweater and/or the blazer to keep warm. A coat over the blazer is acceptable when arriving or leaving the school during the winter months
- Simple chains and medals should be tucked under the shirt. No visible piercings or tattoos are allowed
- One bracelet and one watch may be worn. (No smart watches allowed; Fitbits are okay, but text notifications and all other connectivity must be off)
- One house lapel pin may be worn. Other lapel pins will have to be approved by school leadership
- Gentlemen's hair should always be neatly groomed and clean, with no highlights or dyeing. Hair must be trimmed above the eyebrows, ears and collar. Gentlemen must avoid any extreme or novelty haircuts including mullets, shaving patterns into the hair, etc
- All young men should be clean-shaven with sideburns not extending beyond the middle of the ear. Facial hair is not permitted
- Gentlemen may not wear cologne. Gentlemen are not allowed to wear makeup, even as actors, during drama performances
- No headgear (winter hats, baseball caps, hoods, etc.) may be worn inside the building
- All gentleman should enter the school building in full uniform and be ready for the day ahead
- When leaving at the end of the day the uniform in full must be worn until leaving campus
- When ordering the boys' choir tuxedo ensemble at Stage Accents (#ENSB), be sure to order the white wingtip shirt (not the white lay-down collar)

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## Gentlemen's Uniform

ITEM	SCHOOL BELLES STYLE #	COLOR	DESCRIPTION
Blazer	#5825	Navy w/logo	Required to be worn daily at all times on campus. Do not leave it overnight on campus.
V-Neck Sweater	#1993 long sleeve pullover #1994 vest	Navy w/logo	The sweater is a finishing item, and may be worn along with the blazer. A sweater or sweater vest is required from November 1 until after Easter break, if you want to take the blazer off in class.
Oxford shirt	#5760 short sleeve - or - #5761 long sleeve	White w/logo	Collar buttons must always be buttoned.
Pants	#5202 plain	Grey - 821	Plain front. For correct measurement, please order at the Schoolbelles store the first time. Color: Dark Grey Polyester - 821.
Socks	#1653 - #1645	Grey	May be purchased from another vendor as long as they are solid grey dress socks that match the pant color and are at least calf length. Ankle or calf may not be exposed at any time.
Shoes	N/A	Black	It must be a solid black dress shoe, including soles, able to take a shine, and have <b>non-marking/non-scuff soles</b> —no prominent brand logos. No boots, driving shoes, moccasins, canvas, or suede. Nothing around the ankles. No Keds, Sperry, Vans, Toms, Converse, or similarly-styled shoes. (see below for examples) <b>Shoes are required at all times on campus, inside and outside.</b>
Belt	#6305	Black	Non-woven, leather belt with a simple buckle. This can be purchase at Schoolbelles or from any vendor.

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ITEM	SCHOOL BELLES STYLE #	COLOR	DESCRIPTION
Tie 9-10 11-12	#4827 #1525	Gold/Navy Navy/Grey	"Chesterton Stripe" Gold and Navy Navy with Grey (no bow tie option at this time)
Formal Attire for Gala, Lessons and Carols, Spring Fine Arts Festival, and Graduation			<p>Required for 2026 and 2027 classes: Purchase Premier Tuxedo Package from Stage Accents (<a href="http://www.stageaccents.com">www.stageaccents.com</a>), <u>model number #ENSB</u>. Required Accessories: White wingtip shirt, cummerbund with a solid black bow tie. No suspenders or vests and no pocket squares allowed. Solid black dress socks (must be to mid-calf) and black dress shoes (polished and in good condition).</p> <p>For the 2024 and 2025 classes, you may wear the formal choir attire you purchased earlier, including black dress pants and suit coat, black dress belt, solid black bow tie, and white dress shirt (not oxford). Solid black dress socks (must be to mid-calf) and black dress shoes (polished and in good condition). No suspenders, vests, pocket squares, etc.</p>

### Gentlemen examples of acceptable school shoes



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## Out of Uniform Policies

On special occasions, we will invite students to attend school or school-sponsored events (e.g., dances, field trips, retreats, etc.) out of their uniforms. If students choose to attend an out-of-uniform event in their uniforms, they must meet all standards of being fully in uniform (e.g., shirt tucked in, modest accessories, proper shoes, correct sweater/blazer/apparel, etc.).

The out-of-uniform expectations include all events, including attending sporting events. If something is different prior to an event it will be communicated at school (e.g. Saints Day, Christkindl, Holy Family Days).

- Closed toe shoes for all school on campus events. No crocs, sandals, flipflops or slides
- No pajama pants at any school or sporting event, sports practice or drama rehearsals
- Clothing must fit appropriately. Clothes may not be too baggy, ripped, tattered or dirty
- Anything that is overly tight or form-fitting is not considered modest and therefore is not acceptable. No overly revealing clothing: this refers to factors including but not limited to cut-outs in clothing (e.g., shoulder or midriff cutouts), overly tight clothing (e.g., leggings), and no short skirts (below the knee or longer only)
- Guidelines for shorts: boys and girls may wear shorts so long as they are no more than three inches above the knee cap. Students may not roll their shorts
- No text or imagery that does not align with our mission. No graffiti, offensive sayings, or liquor, weapons, or tobacco product endorsements are allowed. No clothing with other high school names or logos
- Appropriate clothing is to be worn for the event
- No text or imagery that does not align with our mission. No graffiti, offensive sayings, or liquor, weapons, or tobacco product endorsements are allowed. No clothing with other high school names or logos
- No cleats inside the school building
- Demerits and detentions may be given at any school event, including off campus sporting events

The above out-of-uniform policies also apply to activities that take place on or off campus like drama rehearsals, attending sports games (as an athlete or spectator), service events, cleaning days, etc.

## Spirit wear Days

We will have many spirit wear days during the year. Our spirit wear is specific to the Chesterton Schools Network branding guidelines, at no time may students or families create their own Chesterton Academy gear.

The guidelines for Spirit Wear Days are:

- Student may wear Chesterton Academy spirit wear purchased from our school store. We have one local vendor and all items will be sold at school or on our school store. This includes hoodies, sweaters, 1/4 zips and t-shirts that are Chesterton Academy specific
- Sports uniforms may not be worn on out of uniform, spirit wear days
- Students may wear Chesterton Academy Saint t-shirts, Chesterton polo, and/or Chesterton Academy hoodies only
- House spirit wear are for house field days and specific house events only, not for monthly Chesterton spirit days

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- Students will wear with oxford shirts, uniform pants or skirts on Chesterton spirit days, unless told otherwise
- No previous senior t-shirts or sweatshirts may be worn

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## Field Day Uniform

- Students may wear House t-shirt, house sweatshirt or any item that is produced specifically for the houses by Chesterton Schools Network and purchased from our CATHF school store
- Athletic shoes, closed toe with a closed heel, no cleats at anytime
- Head bands or bandanas that are in your house colors
- Joggers or sweatpants without rips or holes, and not overly tight
- School provided athletic practice shorts may be worn

## Sports Uniforms

Each team will receive a sports uniform and practice uniform policy at the start of the season. Each athlete is responsible to taking care of his uniform and must return it in good condition at the end of the season. Coaches will go over the rules and expectations. We follow the expectations of Illinois High School Sports Association (IHSA), and other leagues that we are part of. At no time may student athletes order their own sports uniforms, we must abide by specific rules of the IHSA.

## New Uniform Pieces in the 2021-22 Year

Beginning in the 2021-22 Academic Year, the Chesterton Schools Network (CSN) introduced a number of new uniform items and a new logo (e.g., charcoal pants to replace the lighter gray pants from previous years). The grandfather period for uniform pieces in use prior to this time has ended, except for logo items (blazer, sweaters, oxford shirt). Students with older siblings who attended Chesterton Academy are not permitted to wear the old uniform pieces, except logo items, in use prior to the 2021-2022 Academic Year. All students are expected to replace logo items for the 2024 - 25 school year. Please note there are no bow tie options for junior and senior boys at this time. The CSN is working with Schoolbelles to provide a bow tie option in the future, but as of 2023-24, the only option is the blue/grey schoolbelles tie.

If at any time during the school year the policy needs to be changed, parents and students will be informed immediately. Please be aware that the final interpretation of the uniform policy resides with school leadership.

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