

Our Lady of Mercy School Uniform Code

General Considerations for All Students Pre-K through Grade 8

1. All students should always dress in a manner that reflects the reverence that we hold as Catholic Christians for the dignity of the human body, and the respect that we hold for each other and our shared mission.
2. Students must wear navy blue socks with their school uniform. White socks may be worn with the gym uniform.
3. Face makeup or colored nail polish may not be worn at any time.
4. Visible hair color, bleach, or dye is not permitted.
5. Young men must have their hair cut so that it does not touch their collar, ears, or eyes.
6. Young women must limit jewelry to stud earrings and religious necklaces. Young men may wear religious necklaces only.
7. Beginning in Grade 3, a black, brown, or navy belt must be worn with slacks and shorts for both young men and young women.
8. Young men's ties, all school uniform items bearing the school logo, and any other items indicated in the Dress Code below must be purchased through Lands' End, the School's official uniform supplier. The only exceptions to this policy are items previously purchased through Donnelly's Clothing or items obtained through the School Uniform Swap.
9. All jumpers, skorts, and shorts must have length to the top of the knee.
10. Young women in Grades Pre-K through 5 should wear an additional layer of clothing (e.g. bike shorts) under their jumpers.
11. All students must have their uniform shirts tucked in at all times.
12. Non-uniform outerwear may not be worn in the school building during the academic day.
13. School shoes must have a closed toe, closed heel, rubber sole, and a formal or semi-formal appearance. Heels, clogs, crocs, flip-flops, or sneakers are not permitted. Shoes that would be worn on gym days will be considered sneakers and may not be worn with the regular or formal school uniform. Shoes must be brown, navy blue, or black. All shades of brown-including tan- are permitted.
14. Sneakers must be worn on gym days and may only be worn on gym days. Sneakers should be basic in color and may not have wheels.
15. Formal Uniform is to be worn on First Friday Mass Days, Holy Days, and any specific days announced by the school administration.
16. Dress-Down Passes may not be used on scheduled Formal Uniform days.

GIRLS: Pre-K

Girls Warm Weather Uniform: August through Columbus Day AND May 1st through June

- Cotton polo dress with collar – Long or short sleeve in navy blue
- Polo shirt - Long or short sleeve in light blue (from Lands' End)
- Navy twill shorts, skorts or pants (elastic waist)
- Navy tights or navy ankle socks
- Shoes: sneakers or navy, black, or brown school shoe

Girls Winter Uniform: Columbus Day through April 30th

- Cotton polo dress with collar – Long or short sleeve in navy blue
- Polo shirt - Long or short sleeve in light blue (from Lands' End)
- Navy twill pants (elastic waist) – No Shorts or Skorts
- Navy socks
- Shoes: sneakers or navy, black, or brown school shoe

Girls Formal Uniform: Holy Days of Obligation, First Fridays, & All Designated Formal Uniform Days

- Cotton polo dress with collar – Long or short sleeve in navy blue
- Navy tights or navy ankle socks with bike shorts
- Shoes: navy, black, brown school shoe

BOYS: Pre-K

Boys Warm Weather Uniform: August through Columbus Day AND May 1st through June

- Polo shirt - Long or short sleeve in light blue (from Lands' End)
- Navy twill shorts or pants (elastic waist)
- Navy crew socks
- Shoes: sneakers or navy, black, or brown school shoe

Boys Winter Uniform: Columbus Day through April 30th

- Polo shirt - Long or short sleeve in light blue (from Lands' End)
- Navy twill pants (elastic waist) – No shorts
- Navy crew socks
- Shoes: sneakers or navy, black, or brown school shoe

Boys Formal Uniform: Holy Days of Obligation, First Fridays, & All Designated Formal Uniform Days

- Polo shirt - Long or short sleeve in light blue (from Lands' End)
- Navy twill pants (elastic waist) - No shorts
- Navy crew socks
- Shoes: navy, black, or brown school shoe

ELEMENTARY GRADES

GIRLS: Kindergarten through Grade 5

Girls Warm Weather Uniform: August through Columbus Day AND May 1st through June

- Polo shirt with OLM School logo - Short or long sleeve in white (from Lands' End)
- Navy twill shorts, pants or navy skort wrap front. *Grades 3-5 must wear belt with shorts or pants*
- Navy knee high socks
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

Girls Winter Uniform: Columbus Day through April 30th

- Polo shirt with OLM logo - Short or long sleeve in white (from Lands' End)
- OPTIONAL: Blouse – Round collar, long or short sleeve, white or blue (from Lands' End) worn under sweater with logo (from Lands' End)
- Navy twill pants (Belt required for Grades 3-5)
No shorts or skorts
- Navy ankle socks
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

Girls Formal Uniform: Holy Days of Obligation, First Fridays, & All Designated Formal Uniform Days

- Navy jumper (from Lands' End)
- Blouse – Round collar, long or short sleeve, white or blue (from Lands' End)
- Navy tights or navy knee-high socks with bike shorts
- Sweater with logo – Choice of V-neck pullover, cardigan, or vest (from Lands' End)
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

BOYS: Kindergarten through Grade 5

Boys Warm Weather Uniform: August through Columbus Day AND May 1st through June

- Polo shirt with OLM logo - Short or long sleeve in white (from Lands' End)
- Navy twill shorts or pants (with belt for Grades 3-5)
- Navy crew socks
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

Boys Winter Uniform: Columbus Day through April 30th

- Polo shirt with OLM logo - Short or long sleeve in white (from Lands' End)
- Navy twill pants (with belt for Grades 3-5)
No shorts
- OPTIONAL: Sweater with logo – Choice of V-neck pullover or vest (from Lands' End)
- Navy crew socks
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

Boys Formal Uniform: Holy Days of Obligation, First Fridays, & All Designated Formal Uniform Days

- Long or short sleeve button down oxford shirt, white or blue
- Navy twill pants (with belt for Grades 3-5)
No shorts
- School tie (from Lands' End)
- Sweater with logo – Choice of V-neck pullover or vest (from Lands' End)
- Navy crew socks
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GIRLS: Grade 6 through Grade 8

Girls Warm Weather Uniform:

**August through Columbus Day
AND May 1st through June**

- Navy polo shirt with OLM logo - short sleeve (from Land's End)
- Khaki twill shorts, khaki pants, or khaki skort (from Lands' End) – *Belt must be worn with shorts or pants*
- Navy knee high socks
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

Girls Winter/Formal Uniform:

Columbus Day through April 30th, Holy Days of Obligation, First Fridays, & All Designated Formal Uniform Days

- Button down oxford - Long or short sleeve in white or blue
- Regulation khaki skort, length to the top of the knee (from Lands' End) – **FORMAL UNIFORM**
- Khaki pants – *Belt must be worn with pants* – **WINTER UNIFORM**
- Navy knee high socks or navy tights
- Sweater with logo – Choice of V-neck pullover or vest (from Lands' End)
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

BOYS: Grade 6 through Grade 8

Boys Warm Weather Uniform:

**August through Columbus Day
AND May 1st through June**

- Navy polo shirt with OLM logo - Short sleeve (from Lands' End)
- Khaki twill shorts or khaki pants with belt
- Navy crew socks
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

Boys Winter/Formal Uniform:

Columbus Day through April 30th, Holy Days of Obligation, First Fridays, & All Designated Formal Uniform Days

- Button down oxford - Long or short sleeve in white or blue
- Khaki twill pants with belt
- School tie (from Lands' End)
- Sweater with logo – Choice of V-neck pullover or vest (from Lands' End)
- Navy crew socks
- Navy, black, or brown school shoes

GYM UNIFORM

Gym Clothes: Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8

- Cotton gym t-shirt with OLM logo – Short or long sleeve in navy (from Lands' End)
- Athletic shorts or sweatpants with OLM logo in navy (from Lands' End)
- White or navy sport socks
- OPTIONAL: Navy cotton sweatshirt with logo (from Lands' End) may be worn over gym uniform t-shirt. Only the uniform gym sweatshirt may be worn with the gym uniform.
- Sneakers must be worn on gym days. Sneakers should be basic in color and may not have wheels.

DRESS-DOWN DAYS

All Students in Grades Pre-K through 8

Student attire on dress-down days should be in keeping with the Catholic mission of our school and the reverence we hold as Catholic Christians for the dignity of the human body. Clothing must be modest and presentable, and it may not bear any messages or images that conflict with Catholic faith and morals. All students should abide by the following guidelines in selecting clothing for dress-down days:

- Clothing may not be ripped or torn.
- Students may not wear skin-tight clothing, except under other articles of clothing (e.g. athletic tights under athletic shorts or tights under a dress). Tights, leggings and/or yoga pants may not be worn as pants.
- Students may not wear pajamas, slippers, or any clothing items that would be considered sleepwear, unless specifically permitted for the day.
- Students may not wear tank tops or spaghetti strap shirts or dresses.
- Students may not wear strapless tops or dresses.
- Students may not wear halter top dresses or shirts or any clothing items revealing the midriff.
- Students may not wear low-cut tops or dresses.
- Dresses, skirts, and/or shorts should be of modest and appropriate length.
- Students may not wear hats in the school building.

The school administration reserves the authority to determine if a particular article of clothing is suitable for our Catholic learning environment. Students failing to abide by this policy may be required to change clothing before being admitted to class or be subject to disciplinary consequences including the loss of dress-down privileges.