

APPEARANCE AND UNIFORM POLICY

Our school uniform policy encourages students to focus on grooming that presents a positive image of our young people and our school. Neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness in dress and appearance are conducive to an academic atmosphere and will be expected of all Gesu students at all times.

While dressed in the Gesu School uniform at school and in public places, all students' conduct, actions, and language will be consistent with the philosophy and values of Gesu Catholic School.

Faculty and administration reserve the right to determine if a student is dressed in a manner consistent with the Gesu School uniform policy. The administration will make the final decisions and reserves the right to amend or revise the uniform policy as necessary.

Apparel:

- Hair is to be well groomed and combed. Haircuts for boys should be above their ears, eyebrows, and collars. **Highlighting or dyeing** of hair for either boys or girls is **not** permitted.
- Gesu School permits students (boys and girls) to wear **only** sweatshirts purchased from Schoolbelles, in red, navy, and hunter green **or** the navy quarter zip Gesu sweatshirt (available online at the Gesu Spiritwear Web Store). **Sweatshirts from Gesu sports and extracurricular activities may only be worn on "Spirit Days."**
- All sweaters (boys and girls) are to be solid color, plain knit in red, white, navy, or hunter green (*no hoods on sweaters, no logos or insignias*).
- Socks are to be plain, solid-colored crew socks, knee socks or tights in colors complimentary to the uniform.
- Shoe style should be appropriate for school wear, such as oxford-style tie, penny-loafer styles, or sturdy slip-ons. Shoe colors are limited to plain gray, brown, tan, black, red, or navy blue. Boots of any kind (fashion, construction, high-or-low tops) are not to be worn with school uniform. Shoes **must** have **closed heels**.

Accessories:

- Girls may wear one pair of small post earrings on the ear lobe, a watch and a simple necklace or bracelet. Make-up is not allowed. If nail polish is worn, it must be a natural or light color. Artificial nails are not allowed. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings, but a watch and a simple chain are permitted. Apple watches and any smart watch that has technology and the capability to email, text etc. are **not** permitted. Hair ornaments (*barrettes, clips, etc.*) must be in solid colors or the uniform plaid.

Dress Code: Grades 1-8

Girls:

- Plain white blouse or white knit shirt with collar.
- **Option One:**
Grades 1-4: Are to wear a V-neck plaid jumper purchased from Schoolbelles, length not shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
Grades 5-8: Are to wear a pleated plaid skirt or wrap-around kilt skirt purchased from Schoolbelles., **length not shorter than 2 inches above the knee.**
- **Option Two:**
Grades 1-4: plain navy blue dress slacks, purchased from Schoolbelles, with belt (no denim or corduroy).
Grades 5-8: plain navy blue or light khaki dress slacks, purchased from Schoolbelles, with belt (no denim or corduroy).
- Turtlenecks (*white only*) may be worn under long-sleeve blouses in cold weather.

- T-shirts worn under blouses must be solid white and sleeves may not show under uniform blouses.
- V-neck or cardigan sweater vests in red, white, navy, or hunter green may be worn by girls in grades 5-8.

Boys:

- **Grades 1-4:** Are to wear light blue or white dress shirt or plain **white** collared knit shirt.
- **Grades 1-4:** Are to wear navy blue dress trousers, purchased from Schoolbelles, with belt.
- **Grades 5-6:** Are to wear light blue or white dress shirt worn with uniform color ties (red, navy, or hunter green) or the Gesu School tie.
- **Grades 7-8:** Are to wear light blue or white dress shirt worn with uniform color, (appropriate) printed, pastel, plaid or striped ties.
- **Grades 5-8:** Are to wear navy blue or light khaki dress trousers, purchased from Schoolbelles, with belt.
- Solid, plain knit sweaters in red, navy, hunter green, or white.

Warm Weather Options:

Please note that the **warm weather options** can **only** be worn from the first day of school in August to September 30th and then again from May 1st to the last day of school. The school administration may extend this time if weather necessitates it. **These items are strictly optional and are not required.**

The following items are warm weather options for both boys and girls, all grades:

- **All grades:** Navy blue walking shorts with belt to be purchased **ONLY** from Schoolbelles; students wearing uniform shorts may wear athletic shoes with plain white, blue, or black socks.
- **Grades 5-8 only:** Light khaki walking shorts with belt to be purchased **ONLY** from Schoolbelles; students wearing uniform shorts may wear athletic shoes with plain white, blue, or black socks.
- **Note:** Cargo shorts and shorts with pockets on pant legs are **NOT** allowed.
- **All grades:** light blue or white dress shirt **OR** plain **white** collared knit shirt.
- White knit shirt also may be worn with jumpers, skirts, or long pants. Knit shirts **must** be loose-fitting.

“Casual Day” Code:

- Students may wear sweats, sweatshirts, jeans (*not torn or frayed*). Low-cut or form-fitting clothes are **NOT** appropriate. Tight pants, leotards, or “baggy” pants are not appropriate. Logos on the seat of the pants or skirts are **NOT** permitted.
- T-shirts (*no inappropriate sayings or slogans that are identified with values contrary to Gesu School*) may be worn in warm weather.
- During warm weather shorts that are **no more than 3 inches above the knee** may be worn; shorts may not be torn or frayed.
- **Yoga pants** and **leggings** are **NOT** permitted unless an appropriate top, shirt, or blouse, etc., is at least fingertip length and worn over them.
- Tank tops, tube tops, and halter-tops are **NOT** permitted. Shoulders and midriffs **MUST** be covered.
- Footwear for boys and girls should be worn with socks.
- Flip-flops and clogs are NOT permitted.

Physical Education Uniform, K-8

- Plain **navy blue** athletic shorts **no shorter than 3 inches above the knee** or plain **navy blue** sweatpants
- Gold Athletic Dry Fit t-shirt available from the Spirit Wear Shop or gold Gesu t-shirt formerly purchased at the School Bookstore
- Tennis shoes that Velcro or tie (no black soles, light-up shoes, or slip-on shoes)

Administrative discretion shall determine whether uniform items are acceptable. Students found to be in violation of the uniform policy may be asked to correct their attire or call home. This may result in a loss of class time, and/or possible disciplinary action. The administration reserves the right to revise, assess, and review this policy at any time.