

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. Students found to be in violation of the uniform policy may be asked to correct their attire or call home for proper clothing. 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.

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" and Fridays.
- 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. Kindergarten students may wear athletic shoes throughout the day.

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 K-8

Girls:

- Plain white blouse, white **or navy** knit shirt with collar, either short-or-long sleeved, or banded white **or navy** knit shirt with collar, either short-or-long sleeved (available at Schoolbelles).
- 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.
- Navy blue button-down vest

- Option One:

Grade K: Are to wear tunic jumper purchased at Schoolbelles (may also be worn in grade 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, kick-pleat (new this year), or wrap-around kilt skirt purchased from Schoolbelles, length not shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Grades 7 & 8 ONLY: may choose to wear a navy blue wrap-around kilt skirt (new this year) purchased from Schoolbelles, length not shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

Option Two:

Grade K: plain navy blue dress slacks purchased from Schoolbelles, no belt

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).

Boys:

- Grades K-4: Are to wear light blue or white dress shirt or plain white or navy blue collared knit shirt.
- Grade K: navy blue trousers purchased at Schoolbelles, no belt.
- 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.

- All grades: Navy blue walking shorts with belt (grades K-8) 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 or navy blue collared knit shirt.
- White or navy blue knit shirt also may be worn with jumpers, skirts, or long pants. Knit shirts must be loose-fitting.

“Dress Down” 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 2 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 Uniforms: DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, STUDENTS WILL COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR GYM UNIFORMS AND REMAIN IN THEM THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SWEATPANTS SHOULD BE WORN WHEN THEY RETURN TO CLASS.

Students in grades K-8 are **required** to wear Gesu School gym shorts or Gesu School sweatpants purchased at Schoolbelles or Gesu School gym shorts “approved for school wear” from the Gesu Spirit Wear Store. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Grades K – 2: Students are to wear their Gesu School gym uniform to school on gym days:

- **Gesu School navy blue** athletic shorts or **Gesu School navy blue** sweatpants purchased at Schoolbelles or Gesu School navy blue athletic shorts “approved for school wear” from the Spirit Wear Store.
- **Gesu School navy blue cotton-blend t-shirt** purchased at Schoolbelles or **Gesu School navy blue** Athletic Dry Fit t-shirt available from the Spirit Wear Shop. Gold Gesu t-shirts purchased at the former bookstore may still be worn.
- Tennis shoes that Velcro or tie (no black soles, light-up shoes, or slip-on shoes).

Grade 3-8: Students in grade 3-8 change into their Gesu School gym uniforms at school. Students must wear:

- **Gesu School navy blue** athletic shorts or **Gesu School navy blue** sweatpants purchased at Schoolbelles or Gesu School navy blue athletic shorts “approved for school wear” from the Gesu Spirit Wear Store.
- **Gesu School navy blue cotton-blend t-shirt** purchased at Schoolbelles or **Gesu School navy blue** Athletic Dry Fit-t-shirt available from the Spirit Wear Shop. Gold Gesu t-shirts purchased at the former bookstore may still be worn.
- Tennis shoes that Velco or tie (no black soles, light-up shoes, or slip-on shoes).

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