



Saint Bernard's School K-8 Uniform Policy

The Catholic school uniform and appearance code symbolizes respect for authority and order, as well as the idea of basic equality in the eyes of God. All Saint Bernard's School students, kindergarten through eighth grade, are expected to be in full school uniform each day. Neatness, cleanliness and modesty should be observed at all times. **Uniforms are to be purchased from Educational Outfitters, the exclusive supplier of the Saint Bernard's uniform. Educational Outfitters is located at 3000 White Bear Avenue, Maplewood. 651-748-2800**

Shoe Policy:

1. Soft-soled, slip-on loafers, buckle or tie oxfords, in brown or black.
2. Lace up tennis shoes (slip ons tennis shoes are not permitted)-predominantly black or white. Shoes must be worn properly (laces tied, shoes worn under pant legs, straps fastened, etc.) Laces must match the shoe color.
3. No slings, sandals, flip-flops, shoe boots, rollerskate shoes (even w/o wheels), etc. are permitted. No snow boots are allowed in the classroom.
4. No colored shoelaces, shoe lights, etc. are allowed.

Boy's Uniform:

Grades K-5: Navy blue twill or corduroy pants with a black leather belt (no large belt buckles), and white or dark socks. Blue uniform walking shorts, optional Sept-Oct and April- June. Light blue knit pullover with short or long sleeves, White t-shirts only under uniform shirts.

Grades 6-8: School logo embroidered navy blue or white polo shirt with khaki pants purchased from Educational Outfitters. White t-shirts only under uniform shirts. Khaki uniform walking shorts optional Sept.-Oct. and April-June.

Girl's Uniform:

Grades K-5: White short or long sleeved blouse with Peter-Pan collar, (white turtle neck is optional); blue knee-highs, white anklets, or white or blue tights or leggings, with the drop waist plaid jumper. Girls have the option to wear navy blue twill or corduroy uniform pants in place of the jumper from November-April. Blue uniform walking shorts are optional September-October and April-June. White t-shirts only under uniform shirts.

Grades 6-8: School logo embroidered navy jumper purchased from Educational Outfitters **with the option** to wear the khaki uniform pants. If the girls elect to wear the khaki pants, then they are allowed to wear the school logo embroidered navy blue, light blue, or white polo shirts as well. The uniform jumper must be worn no higher than 2 inches above the knee with the white polo beneath the jumper. White t-shirts only under uniform shirts. Khaki uniform walking shorts optional Sept.-Oct. and April-June.

Sweaters & Sweatshirt: All students may wear Saint Bernard's school approved activity sweatshirts (without hoods) purchased from the school store or navy blue cardigan sweaters purchased from Educational Outfitters.

Free Dress Policy: Prior administrative approval is necessary to use "Free Dress" incentives. Students must carry a special pass when they are in free dress, indicating the reason for the free dress, and signed and dated in the office. Any staff member may ask to see the pass. Students in grades K-8 coming to school out of uniform without a free dress pass must carry a signed note from the parent/guardian to the school office indicating the reason for the free dress. Students coming to school more than once without a proper uniform will be subject to disciplinary action. No hats, shorts, or flip-flops are allowed with free dress passes unless prior administrative approval is given.

All requests for free dress or non-uniform days must be submitted before the requested day to the Principal for approval. On days when students are permitted to be out of uniform, students are expected to dress in clothing that is neat, clean, and in good repair. Free dress excludes: flip-flops, hats, bandanas, scarves, torn clothing, short skirts & shorts.

Non-Uniform Shorts: With prior administrative approval, non-uniform shorts will be permitted for special activities.

Uniform Notes:

1. K-5 uniform blouses and shirts are to be tucked in.
2. Blouses and shirts are to be buttoned (except the top button).
3. T-shirts or undergarments are to be plain white and shall not extend below the waistline or arms of the uniform shirt.
4. Socks must be white and ankle, mid-calf, or crew length. Socks must be visible.

5. Uniform is to be worn neat, clean, in good repair, and free of any non-school related badges, buttons, stickers, jewelry, or other like accessories.
6. Tennis shoes must be worn properly (laces tied, shoes worn under pant legs, straps fastened, etc.) with laces matching the color of the shoe.
7. Hats, bandanas, scarves, and sunglasses are not allowed.
8. Boys will not wear earrings.
9. Girls may wear light fingernail polish and make-up of moderate tones. Both must be well maintained.
10. Girls may wear one pair of stud earrings or hoops no larger than one inch in diameter and one chain provided it complements and doesn't detract from the appearance of the uniform.
11. With the exception of girl's earrings, neither boys nor girls will have visible body piercings.
12. Any accessories to the uniform must be reasonable and must not detract from the appearance of the uniform or in any way conflict with the philosophy and goals of Saint Bernard's School.
13. Saint Bernard's School discourages tattoos. Any students having a tattoo must cover it by the proper school uniform on regular dress days and appropriate dress on free dress days. They also must be covered appropriately when wearing any athletic uniform that is worn to represent Saint Bernard's School.

Hair Style: Hairstyles and accessories should not draw undue attention to the student. Neatness and cleanliness should be observed at all times. Therefore, no portion of the scalp should be shaved bald, and hair must be a natural color only. The dyeing of hair to extreme or unnatural colors will not be allowed. For boys, hair should not extend below the top of the ear, should not touch the collar in the back (if the collar is buttoned), nor extend below the eyebrow in the front. Sideburns are to be neatly trimmed with the base of a clean-shaven horizontal line and will not extend beyond the lowest part of the ear opening.