



## II. UNIFORM STANDARDS

### A. Dress Code and Uniform General Principles

It is proven that appearance and dress do influence behavior, and Chrysostom Academy enthusiastically embraces the tradition of school uniforms as a manner of improving the community atmosphere and learning environment. All students at Chrysostom Academy will wear school uniforms which will be available through Flynn and O'Hara (please see the Academy's website). Uniforms are required for attendance at the school and must be worn every day unless there is an approved reason to wear something other than the uniform.

All students must come to school well-groomed and dressed in the complete uniform that is clean and (if necessary) pressed. **Any student not in the SJCA uniform will be asked to make themselves presentable or may be sent home.**

**Please also note that for after-school activities, e.g., cross country, clubs, etc., students must remain in uniform until after prayers and they have been dismissed to their respective activities. The only exception to this rule is for students who have changed out for P.E. during their last period of the day; they may remain in their P.E. uniform at prayers and dismissal.**

### B. Uniforms (Shoes and Socks—All Students)

#### 1. Shoes

- a. All students may wear black tennis shoes. White soles and emblems are okay.
- b. All students may black or brown dress shoes and/or boots on days when doing nature study or there is inclement weather.
- c. Mary-Jane style or ballet flats are preferred for girls in black or brown.
- d. Saddle shoes are appropriate for girls.
- e. Girls may wear tasteful black or brown leather boots without heels or laces are permitted.
- f. Whether boots or shoes, footwear may not have decorative accents such as fur (on the outside), rhinestones, gems, jewels, flowers, pom-poms, large metal details such as buckles or zippers, fringes, large bows, excessive straps, etc.
- g. No over-the-knee or Ugg-type boots are permitted.
- h. In 9th-12th grade, girls may wear black or brown leather low-heeled shoes. Heels may not exceed two (2) inches, though flats are preferred.
- i. For boys in all grades, black or brown leather lace-up oxfords or loafers are permitted.

#### 2. Socks/Tights

- a. Socks/tights should match one's shoes and/or uniform.
- b. Boys' socks may be white, navy blue, or black.
- c. Girls may wear socks, knee-highs, or tights in white, navy blue, or black.



### **C. Girls' Uniforms**

The SJCA girls' uniforms consist of the following approved items:

#### **1. Kindergarten-2nd Grade**

- a. SJCA plaid jumpers or plaid skorts
  - i. These may be worn every day but must be worn on formal days, picture days, and days when liturgy is celebrated.
- b. Navy blue jumpers or navy blue skorts
- c. Modesty shorts (to be worn under jumpers)
- d. Navy blue pants
- e. Navy blue or white polos with the school shield (short- or long-sleeved)
- f. Navy blue V-neck sweaters with the school shield.

#### **2. 3rd-8th Grade**

- a. SJCA plaid kilt or plaid skorts
  - i. These may be worn every day but must be worn on formal days, picture days, and days when liturgy is celebrated.
- b. Navy blue kilt or navy skorts
- c. Grey skorts
- d. Modesty shorts (to be worn under kilt)
- e. Navy blue pants
- f. Grey pants
- g. Navy blue or white polos with the school shield (short- or long-sleeved)
  - i. Students may choose whether to wear blue or white.
- h. Navy blue V-neck sweaters with the school shield.

#### **3. 9th-12th Grade**

- a. SJCA plaid kilt
  - i. These may be worn every day but must be worn on formal days, picture days, and days when liturgy is celebrated.
- b. Grey kilt
- c. White Oxford dress shirts (short- or long-sleeved)
  - i. These may be worn every day but must be worn on formal days, picture days, and days when liturgy is celebrated.
- d. Grey pants
- e. Navy blue or white polos with the school shield (short- or long-sleeved)
- f. Navy blue V-neck sweaters with the school shield.
- g. Navy blazer with logo patch
  - i. These may be worn every day but must be worn on formal days, picture days, and days when liturgy is celebrated.
- h. SJCA Tie

4. Girls' jumpers, kilts, or skorts should be at the knee or below.



5. Chrysostom Academy's official plaid **must** be purchased from Flynn and O'Hara.
6. Uniforms should be neat, clean, and without holes.
7. Girls are given the choice each day whether they will wear jumpers/skorts (K-2), kilts or skorts (3-8), kilts (9-12), navy pants (K-8), or grey pants (3-12). Jumpers, skorts, or kilts are required on formal days.

#### **D. Boys' Uniforms**

The SJCA boys' uniforms consist of the following approved items:

##### **1. Kindergarten-2nd Grade**

- a. Navy blue pants
- b. Navy blue or white polos with the school shield (short- or long-sleeved)
- c. Navy blue V-neck sweaters with the school shield.

##### **2. 3rd-8th Grade**

- a. Navy blue pants
- b. Grey pants
- c. Navy blue or white polos with the school shield (short- or long-sleeved)
  - i. These may be worn every day except on formal days, picture days, and days when liturgy is celebrated.
- d. Navy blue V-neck sweaters with the school shield.

##### **3. 9th-12th Grade**

- a. Grey pants
- b. Navy blue or white polos with the school shield (short- or long-sleeved)
  - i. These may be worn every day except on formal days, picture days, and days when liturgy is celebrated.
- c. White Oxford dress shirts (short- or long-sleeved)
  - i. These may be worn every day but must be worn on formal days, picture days, and days when liturgy is celebrated.
- d. Navy blue V-neck sweaters with the school shield.
- e. Navy blazer with logo patch
  - i. These may be worn every day but must be worn on formal days, picture days, and days when liturgy is celebrated.
- f. Navy blue and gold striped ties (to be worn with white oxford shirts)
  - i. Four-in-hand or bow ties are approved but not clip-on. Boys will be taught how to tie their ties.

#### **E. Uniform Extras**



1. All students are permitted to wear navy SJCArves when it is cold outside.
2. All students may wear navy fleece jackets (which are offered through Flynn and O'Hara) over the uniform in lieu of the school sweater. The fleece jackets are an optional (but encouraged) part of the school uniform.
3. Students may wear any warm jacket or coat in cold weather but may **ONLY** wear school sweaters or fleeces while in class.
4. In order to stay warm, it is also permitted to wear white undershirts or white turtlenecks underneath the uniform. Colored or printed undershirts are not permitted.
5. Students may wear approved Academy sweatshirts/sweaters or solid navy (NO GRAPHICS) sweatshirts/sweaters in class.
6. All Upper school students who wear the white Oxford shirts **MUST** wear the school tie.

### **F. Physical Education (P.E.) Uniform (Year 2 of Operations)**

1. All students must wear Chrysostom Academy tee shirt and blue shorts/sweats (not branded) for PE. PE Shirts (a.k.a. Chrysostom Academy Tee shirts) may be purchased from the Academy.

**Grammar school students** may wear their CA tee shirts and shorts/sweats on days they have PE **all day**.

**Middle and Upper school students** should plan on changing for P.E. Students will change back into their uniforms at the end of P.E., **unless their class is at the end of the day, wherein they may stay in their PE clothing at dismissal.**

Depending on the weather, students may wear sweats/shorts, t-shirt/sweatshirt, or any combination of the aforementioned. Exceptions to this policy (e.g., formal days, field trips, etc.) will be communicated on a case-by-case basis.

2. All tennis shoes must be **SOLID** black. Shoes which blink, light up, or have wheels attached to them are not permitted. Failure to launder parts of the uniform in time for school is not an acceptable reason to be out of uniform. In order to promote good hygiene, it is not permitted to wear the P.E. uniform underneath the SJCA uniform at any time, whether before or after P.E. class.
3. Middle and Upper school students should bring deodorant to school to apply after P.E.

### **G. Field Trip Uniform**

1. Chrysostom Academy students will attend field trips in their formal Academy uniforms unless students are going to be outside, for which faculty may determine that CA tee shirts and appropriate bottoms be worn.



2. Leggings/jeggings, overly tight pants/jeans or T-shirts are not permitted on field trips. In addition, students may not wear sleeveless shirts on field trips.

### **H. House and Spirit Days Dress Code**

1. Students may be granted free dress days by the Headmaster during the year. As always, students are expected to dress in a manner that reflects the values of the Academy with modesty and good taste.
2. On these free-dress days, students may wear blue jeans and a spirit/house shirt. Students may not wear anything with offensive logos, overly tight clothing (no leggings/jeggings), sleeveless shirts, or short skirts/dresses.

### **I. Personal Appearance and Grooming Standards**

1. Students are expected to be clean and well-groomed at all times.
2. Makeup, nail polish, and jewelry are inappropriate (clear polish or French Manicures are permissible for Upper-school girls).
3. Girls may not wear hanging earrings (only studs, and one (1) per ear).
4. Only bows or ribbons in navy blue, gold, or grey are allowed.
5. Girls' hair should be clean and neat.
6. Boys' hair should be neatly cut and no longer than collar length; no hair designs (cut patterns) are permissible.
7. Middle school boys must be clean-shaven.
8. Upper-school boys may have facial hair as long as it is well-groomed.
9. Earrings are not permissible for boys.
10. No student may dye any part of his or her hair.
11. Low neck-line blouses are not permitted.

Note: The Administration strongly recommends that parents purchase two polos, pants/skorts/skirts, one formal skirt (for girls), and one sweater. **All parts of the school uniform should be clearly marked with the student's name and grade. Please do this prior to the first day of school.** Uniforms must always be in good condition. Torn clothes must be neatly mended before being worn again.



## **J. Consequences for Uniform Infractions**

1. Students are expected to be clean and well-groomed at all times.
2. Students in grades 3-12 who are not well-groomed will be asked to make themselves presentable before being allowed in class.
3. Students in grades 3-12 who are out of uniform will be afforded one (1) warning and a note sent home to parents through the SIS Behavior Notification System.
4. Students in grades 3-12 who are out of uniform a second time will receive two (2) demerits and a note sent through the SIS.
5. Students in grades 3-12 who are out of uniform a third time will not be allowed into class, will receive three (3) demerits and lunch detention, a letter will be sent home requesting a meeting with parents.

Students in Kindergarten-2nd grade are also expected to be clean and well-groomed. Although concessions will be made for students in grades 1 and 2 regarding their appearance and uniforms, repeated violations will result in a meeting with parents as they are ultimately the ones responsible for ensuring uniform compliance. Please be respectful of the policies and set good procedures early on so they look their best every day