

## **STUDENT UNIFORM/DRESS CODE**

### ***General Guidelines***

School uniforms are worn by students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 beginning the first day of school. Students are required to arrive and leave school in complete uniform. Students are in complete uniform throughout the day. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if clarification of any element of the dress code is necessary.

Parents teach their children to show pride in their school by conforming to school standards regarding dress, personal appearance, hygiene, jewelry and hair styles as explained below:

- Students are well-groomed, maintain a neat appearance, and wear their school uniform with pride. Uniforms are in good repair and properly fitted, with shirts long enough to be neatly tucked in.
- Colored T-shirts, those containing lettering/graphics or patterned camisoles are not worn under uniform shirts.
- Uniform Shirts are tucked in except during PE class. Shirts remain tucked in departing from school and on the school bus.
- Jumpers, skirts, knit shirts, khaki pants and khaki shorts, sweaters, PE shorts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, sweaters, and vests have the embroidered MSS logo and are purchased from DENNIS/Neil Roberts Uniform Company.
- Length of girl's jumpers or skorts are no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Socks are 3-4 inches above the top of the shoe.
- Jackets and hats are not worn in the school building. To avoid loss of clothing, parents assist their children to label sweaters, sweatshirts, outer wear clearly with name and grade. (Iron on labels are available from DENNIS/Neil Roberts.)
- Girls limit jewelry to one pair of stud or button earrings, one ring and a small necklace with medal or cross. Boys limit jewelry to one ring and a small necklace with a small medal or cross. Parents and staff guide students in selection of appropriate jewelry to wear with school uniform.
- Hair is neatly styled. Students and parents understand that fad haircuts, artificially dyed hair, highlighted hair, radical style cuts do not compliment the school uniform and are inappropriate for school.
- Boys keep a traditional boy's haircut, trimmed above the ears, off collar, and above the eyebrows.
- Girls limit hair adornments to a simple ribbon, headband, or band to tie the hair. For safety and appearance, ribbons are short and do not hang down the back.
- Students do not wear make-up, use only clear polish for nails, and transparent lip balm.
- The school staff assists students in determining what is acceptable

### ***Uniform***

#### ***Girls – Grades 1-5***

Navy and green plaid jumper with scoop neck and A-line styling or Khaki pants or Khaki skort, all worn with a white short or long sleeve MSS logo knit shirt.

#### ***Girls – Grades 6-8***

Navy and green plaid or khaki skort, length reaching to no more than 2 inches above the knees, or khaki pants, all worn with a white short or long sleeve MSS logo knit shirt

### ***Boys – Grades 1-8***

Khaki pants worn with a white short or long sleeve MSS logo knit shirt.

### ***Boys and Girls Grades 1-8***

*Belts:* Solid or braided black or brown belts. Belts must be worn with pants or shorts (except for Grade 1).

*Shoes:* Clean, SOLID WHITE traditional athletic shoes (sneakers) with non-marking soles, low cut with backs, suitable for physical education activities on a gymnasium floor (Velcro or white laces). No other colors, designs, or decorations are acceptable.

*Socks:* PLAIN white, navy blue, or hunter green knee high, crew, or quarter socks or tights. Socks must be at least 3-4 inches above the top of the shoe

*Sweaters:* Hunter green MSS logo button-up cardigan or crew neck MSS logo sweater (optional).

*Vests:* Forest green MSS logo fleece (optional).

*Sweatshirts:* May be worn in place of sweater inside the classroom on cold weather days.

### ***Kindergarten***

Kindergarten children are required to wear MSS logo Physical Education (gym) uniform (warm and cold weather option) each day of the school year. Shoes are the same for Kindergarten through Grade 8.

### ***Optional Warm Weather Uniform***

Warm weather uniform may be worn from beginning of school to October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> through June.

Khaki walking shorts (two inches above the knee) with white short-sleeve MSS logo knit shirt. Cotton logo T-shirt is worn only on PE Day or when the hot weather plan is in effect. This shirt is kept tucked in except during PE class.

### ***Physical Education Uniform***

Hunter green MSS logo sweatshirt and sweatpants with white knit or tan MSS logo cotton shirt (cold weather).

Optional warm weather PE Uniform: Hunter green jersey MSS logo knit shorts worn with white short sleeve MSS logo knit shirt or tan MSS logo cotton shirt

PE Uniform pants are worn only on gym day. Students may wear the sweatshirt in colder weather instead of the sweater and the MSS logo cotton shirt when the Hot Weather Plan is in effect.

### ***Out of Uniform Days***

Special permission to be out of uniform is periodically given to individuals, classes, or the entire school. Students have permission to be out of uniform on their birthday. Summer birthday out of uniform privilege is arranged with the homeroom teacher.

On out of uniform days, students wear appropriate, modest, safe, and respectful attire for school. Skirts are appropriate length; flip-flops and other shoes which could cause fall or injury are not to be worn. Spaghetti string tops, low cut tops, etc. are not worn. Text, graphics on shirts is ordinarily not permitted.

If an out of uniform day falls on a scheduled PE day, clothing suitable for physical activity and sneakers should be worn.

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