



07. Uniform Policy

A. Uniform Expectations

The Chesterton Academy of The Florida Martyrs dress code supports the school's purpose of forming morally serious persons. Our uniform provides the students and local communities with an appearance that encourages and represents school identity, school spirit, unity, discipline, as well as a gold standard for an academic and professional look, the origins of which are classic and traditional. It promotes the values inherent in our school's mission and allows our students to be recognized as members of the academy, in addition, it lets each student be recognized for who they are, not for what they are wearing. Students must wear their uniform in a respectful manner, mindful that they are representatives of the school and leaders in an academic environment.

Learning to maintain a neat, professional appearance is part of a student's education. Students should always be fully in uniform while on school grounds, unless participating in a school-sponsored after-school activity with permission to change fully out of uniform. Students must arrive and leave school in full uniform, including blazer (when required to be worn).

Modesty, cleanliness, and formality will be the primary guides in all matters of the required uniform. Students will be expected to present themselves in a way that reflects their great dignity, the dignity of their vocation as students, and the seriousness of our collective task. Therefore, they will wear the Chesterton Academy of The Florida Martyrs uniform in a modest and neat way, avoiding all manner of ostentation. The uniforms must be clean and in good condition with no rips, holes, or stains.

It is the responsibility of both the parents and the student to know and abide by the school dress code standards and uniform expectations. Please make sure you are familiar with what is required and help your son or daughter to comply. When parents enroll their children in the school, it is with the understanding that the uniform code, along with other school expectations, regulations, and policies, will be followed. Uniforms are just that—uniforms. They are not intended to reflect the fashion trends of the moment. The uniform policy pertains not only to clothing but also to accessories, jewelry, hair, and like items. No article of clothing that is not part of the uniform (e.g., sweater, vest, sweatshirt, hooded sweatshirt, overcoat, raincoat, poncho, hat, etc.) may be worn in school.

For blazers, shirts, sweaters, trousers, skirts, ties, and belts, please label with the student's name (e.g., John Smith or Smith). The label should be placed on the inside collar of the blazer, shirt, and sweater, on the inside of the trousers and skirts and on the back of the tie and belt. This simple expedient will save much money and anguish.

We are aware that often you can buy similar items at other places. Often, however, these reduced priced items do not wear as well, last as long, or look as neat as our uniform items. Therefore, we request that you purchase all the required items through Schoolbelles only. This will streamline the process and help us maintain the highest standards of uniformity in the dress code during the entire school year. The Schoolbelles website is schoolbelles.com, and you can order uniforms using the school code s3156.

If at any time during the school year the policy needs to be changed, parents and students will be informed immediately. Please be aware that the final interpretation of the uniform policy resides with the headmaster.

B. Uniform Standards for Ladies

Ladies should aim for a simple elegance that is appropriate for these years. Uniforms should always be clean, and blouses always tucked in. Additionally:

- Makeup for ladies must be light, simple and natural-looking. Foundation, light mascara, and light blush may be worn, but no eyeliner or eye shadow. Chapstick or clear or light lip-gloss is allowed. No colored lipstick or colored lip-gloss are allowed.



- No sweatshirts, hoodies or other jackets should be worn over the uniform. If you are cold, you must wear the school sweater and/or the blazer to keep warm. Nail polish is allowed but should be muted, tasteful, and professional. Nails should be clean and of moderate length.
- Hair accessories should be tasteful and professional. No athletic headbands, no bandanna headbands, no bright distracting colors. Color of hair accessory should complement the uniform.
- Ladies' hair should always be neatly groomed and clean. Hair color should be natural hues. No streaks of unnatural colors (reds, pinks, greens, etc.) on any part of hair.
- Necklaces should be metal chains (no leather or woven materials). No tightly fitting necklaces such as chokers.
- Earrings should be in the lobe ONLY. No gauges. Aside from ear lobe piercing, no other body piercings or tattoos are allowed. Only one earring per lobe, studs only, can be worn in school at a time.
- One bracelet and one watch may be worn. (No smart watches allowed, Fitbits are permitted, but text notifications and other connectivity must be off). One lapel pin may be worn so long as it aligns with our mission.
- All jewelry should be tasteful, professional, and not excessive in size or number. No perfumes are allowed.
- No head gear may be worn inside (winter hats, baseball caps, etc.). The only exception is the option for ladies to wear a veil inside the sanctuary only.
- All ladies should enter the building in complete uniform and be ready for the day ahead. When leaving at the end of the day the uniform in full must be worn until you leave campus.

C. Ladies' Uniform

Item	SchoolBelles Style	Color	Description
Blazer	#5820	Navy w/logo	The blazer is optional from the first day of school through September 30 th . From October 1 st through the last day of school, students are required to wear the blazer to and from school. They may remove the blazer during school if desired.
V-Neck Sweater	#1983 long sleeve pullover - or- #1964 vest	Navy w/logo	Both the long sleeve pullover and the vest may be worn year-round, and either may be paired with the blazer when the blazer is worn.
Oxford Shirt	#1770 short sleeve or #1771 long sleeve	white w/logo	Collar buttons must always be buttoned. The shirt must not gap in front, and there should be no pulling on the buttons. The sleeves may not be rolled at any time.
Skirt (Grades 9-10)	#3521 two kick pleated	Grey Herringbone 4204	Length required is mid-knee to below-the-knee. If full kneecap is exposed while standing straight, the skirt is too short. Skirts are to be no shorter than the crease of the back of the knee. This usually requires ordering a size Long. The skirt should be worn on the waist and not on the hip. Navy or black bike shorts should be worn under skirt.
Skirt (Grades 11-12)	#3521 two kick pleated	Grey/Navy 4104	



Socks	#1640 Opaque Knee High -or- #8625 Opaque Tight -or- #8621 Bamboo Knee High	Navy	Opaque, not cable. Knee highs must reach up to the knee. They should not be at mid-calf or lower.
Shoes	N/A	Black	Must be a dress shoe, solid black leather dress flats with closed toe and full back. Must be polished and clean. Simple ornamentation allowed (e.g., bow, tassel), no tags/labels/symbols on outside of shoe. No moccasins, canvas, or suede. No Keds, Sperry's, Vans, Toms, Converse, or similarly styled shoe.
White Undershirt— Optional but recommended	N/A	White	If needed for warmth. Plain white with no patterns or lace showing. Undergarments should never be visible.
Formal Attire for Gala, Lessons and Carols, Spring Fine Arts Festival, and Graduation			Black floor-length formal dress. Purchase from www.stageaccents.com . #5269 Dahlia Girls or #8864 Dahlia Ladies black floor-length formal dress. Solid black dress flats. Dress should be hemmed to touch front toe of shoe. If questions, please ask before hemming.

D. Uniform Standards for Gentlemen

Gentlemen should likewise aim for a simplicity that is appropriate for these years. Uniforms should always be clean, and shirts ironed and always tucked in. Additionally:

- Only solid white tee shirts may be worn under the white oxford. No wording or pictures on the tee shirt should be visible.
- No sweatshirts, hoodies or other jackets should be worn over the uniform. If you are cold you must wear the school sweater and/or the blazer to keep warm. A coat over the blazer is acceptable when arriving or leaving the school.
- Simple chains and medals should be tucked under the shirt. No visible piercings or tattoos are allowed.
- One bracelet and one watch may be worn. (No smart watches allowed, Fitbits are okay, but text notifications and all other connectivity must be off). One lapel pin may be worn so long as it aligns with our mission.
- Gentlemen's hair should always be neatly groomed and clean, with no highlights or dyeing. Hair must be trimmed above the eyebrows, ears and collar.
- All young men should be clean-shaven with sideburns not extending beyond the middle of the ear. Facial hair is not permitted.
- Gentlemen may not wear cologne.
- No head gear may be worn inside the building (e.g., winter hats, baseball caps, etc.).
- All gentleman should enter the school building in full uniform and be ready for the day ahead. When leaving at the end of the day the uniform in full must be worn until you leave campus.



E. Gentlemen's Uniform

Item	SchoolBelles Style	Color	Description
Blazer	#5825	Navy w/logo	The blazer is optional from the first day of school through September 30 th . From October 1 st through the last day of school, students are required to wear the blazer to and from school. They may remove the blazer during school if desired.
V-Neck Sweater	#1993 long sleeve pullover #1994 vest	Navy w/Logo	Both the long sleeve pullover and the vest may be worn year-round, and either may be paired with the blazer when the blazer is worn.
Oxford shirt	#5760 short sleeve -or- #5761 long sleeve	White w/logo	Collar buttons must always be buttoned.
Pants	#5202 plain	Dark Grey	Plain front
Socks	#1653	Grey	May be purchased from another vendor as long as they are solid grey dress socks that match the pant color and are at least calf length. Ankle or calf may not be exposed at any time. Gold Toe Charcoal are the best and can be purchased at Kohl's or online.
Shoes	N/A	Black	Must be a solid black dress shoe, including soles, and able to take a shine and have non-scuff soles. No obvious brand logos. Shoes are always required.
Belt	#6305	Black	Non-woven, leather belt with a simple buckle. This can be purchased at Schoolbelles or from any vendor.
Tie 9-10 11-12	#4827	Gold/Navy Navy/Gold	The underclassmen's Gold and Navy Striped tie (#4827) is to be purchased at Schoolbelles.



Formal Attire for Gala, Lessons and Carols, Spring Fine Arts Festival, and Graduation			Black dress pants and suit coat, white dress shirt (not oxford) and solid black bow tie. Solid black dress socks (must be to mid-calf) and black dress shoes (polished and in good condition). Some gentlemen choose to purchase a tuxedo from Stage Accents (www.stageaccents.com), the Premier Tuxedo Ensemble #ENSB. (no patterns on bow tie and no pocket squares, lapel pins, vests, etc. allowed).
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F. Out of Uniform Policy

On special occasions, we will invite students to attend school or school-sponsored events (e.g., dances, field trips, retreats, etc.) out of their uniforms. If students choose to attend an out-of-uniform event in their uniforms, they must meet all standards of being fully in uniform (e.g., shirt tucked in, modest accessories, proper shoes, correct sweater/blazer/apparel, etc.).

The out-of-uniform expectations are event-specific and will be announced before each event. However, they will always include:

- No ripped or dirty clothing.
- No overly revealing clothing: this refers to factors including but not limited to cut-outs in clothing (e.g., shoulder or midriff cutouts), overly tight clothing (e.g., leggings), and no short skirts (that hit above the knee). No text or imagery that does not align with our mission.

If at any time during the school year these policies need to be changed, parents and students will be informed. Please be aware that the final interpretation of dress policies resides with the headmaster.

G. Sports Uniforms

Each team will receive a sports uniform and practice uniform policy at the start of the season. Each athlete is responsible for taking care of his or her uniform and must return it in good condition at the end of the season.