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The St. Matthew Catholic School uniform has been selected to provide a neat appearance for our students as well as remain functional and affordable. All students (PK-8th) are required to wear the school uniform. The school uniform, including sweats and jackets, **must be purchased** in store or online at either

Uniforms can be purchased in store or online at:



School Yard Uniforms is located at Wonderland of America's Mall next to Burlington (210) 734-2912. **Academic Outfitters** is located at 8055 West Ave ste 102-103, Castle Hills, 78213, (210) 616-2014. The St. Matthew Catholic School PTC offers periodic uniform resale opportunities throughout the year. Shoes may be purchased from School Shoes Unlimited, 2019 Vance Jackson (210) 734-9003 (alternate shoe brands must meet the requirements as described below). Other than school shoes, no alternate brands or styles for any of the uniform components are allowed. Items purchased for athletics, cheerleading, from the PTC store or Booster Club, etc. are not part of the uniform. These items may be worn on Spirit Dress days only.

- ❖ **Coats (only)** may be worn over the uniform for any **outdoor** activity on cold days.
- ❖ Sixth through eighth grade students are allowed to wear St. Matthew Letterman jackets.
- ❖ Uniforms (shirts, skirts and pants) must fit properly throughout the school year. All items must be clean, neat and mended.

- ❖ **Uniform length**
Girls: The length of skirts, jumpers and walking shorts will not exceed 3 inches from the floor when the student is kneeling. This measurement will be consistent when measured from the floor on all sides of the skirt/jumper/shorts.
Boys: Boy pants length should touch the shoes. Shorts should not be shorter than 2.5 inches above the knee.

- ❖ **Sweatpants and sweatshirts are for Pre-kinder through 3rd grade students ONLY.**

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St. Matthew Uniform items purchased through School Yard or Academic Outfitters are the Official uniform. Uniforms sold at the PTC sponsored Uniform Resale should comply with the official uniform.

PE UNIFORM

All PE Uniforms must be purchased through the PE department for grades 6th - 8th. The approved PE Uniform includes:

- ❖ St. Matthew PE t-shirt
- ❖ Red shorts
- ❖ White socks (girls may wear socks or tights) – plain, no logos or accents (all socks or tights must be worn above the ankle, and visible to the observer)
- ❖ All-white leather tennis shoes (no lights, color trim or contrast soles)

GROOMING

MAKEUP: No facial make-up including: tinted face color, lip color, mascara, eyeliner, and Lash Extensions

NAILS: Only clear nail polish is allowed. Colored nail polish, artificial nails, and French tips are not permitted.

HAIR: No hair color treatments of any kind for boys and girls. Hair color must be natural color with no frosting, tipping, highlighting, or fad haircuts/styles.

Boys: Above the eyebrows at least one-half inch (1/2”), tapered above and around the ears and must be at least 1 inch above the collar. The sides and top should be no shorter than a #2 razor guard. Sideburns should not extend below the middle of the ear. Hair height will be at the discretion of the administrator.

The administration reserves the right to assess a violation to any student with an extreme or faddish hair style.

Middle School boys need to be clean-shaven.

Girls: Above the eyebrows, away from the face. Moderate length encouraged.

Hair accessories including barrettes, ribbons, hair bands (**no wider than 1 inch**) and ponytail holders for girls must be a single color of black, white, red, navy blue, dark green or gold. Jeweled hairbands are not uniform. These items may also be made from the St. Matthew uniform plaid. Hair bows should be no larger than 2 inches in height and conform to the colors listed.

Cheerleader/sports team hair accessories are not part of the school uniform.

Tattoos: Permanent and/or temporary tattoos are not permitted at St. Matthew School.

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SPIRIT-TYPE ITEMS

Items sold through other organizations (PTC – spirit items, BOOSTER CLUB, CYO, etc.) are not permitted in the classroom

JEWELRY

As a rule, valuables should not be worn at school. Rings, bracelets and ankle bracelets are not permitted. The following are permitted:

- Wrists – one (1) wrist watch – **SMART WATCHES or similar devices are NOT permitted at school.**
- Neck - one (1) simple necklace chain or thin leather cord (4 mm) with a Christian religious symbol or medal.
- Ears – Simple stud earrings or 1/2 inch loops for girls. Only one earring per ear lobe. No earrings for boys.
- Ties – Students may wear one religious symbol, NJHS pin, Student Council pin.

Medical identification items may be worn and must be approved by the school nurse and/or administration.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Occasionally (at the discretion of the administration), students are granted a non-uniform dress day. On non-uniform days students may come to school wearing clothing that upholds the dignity of our Catholic School environment. All non-uniform attire must be clean, neat, safe and modest. Non-uniform items cannot be worn in the church. Keep in mind that physical education classes meet on non-uniform days and dress is not an excuse for non-participation. Students may be asked to change if their clothing is deemed inappropriate by the administration. The approved non-uniform day attire is defined as:

- Blue or black jeans (**no holes or faux holes**) or uniform shorts; and
- St. Matthew logo shirt.
- Socks/hose (must be above the ankle as described above)
- Athletic shoes, closed shoes, boots

The official scout uniform may be worn on scout meeting days at the discretion of the principal but is not permitted on Mass days.

All grooming and jewelry policies remain in effect on non-uniform days. Students may not wear open-toed shoes, sandals or flip flops.

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All non-uniform attire must be clean, neat, safe and modest reflecting our Catholic values. Low cut, sleeveless, spaghetti strap/strapless tops and shirts with brand lettering are not acceptable. Skirt length must follow the uniform guidelines.

UNIFORM VIOLATIONS

Parents or caregivers are primarily responsible for students wearing the proper uniform. At the administration's discretion, a student may be sent home for a uniform violation. All uniforms must be clean and neat in appearance (shirts tucked in, shoes tied, etc.) for the duration of the school day.

Students are required to be in proper uniform every day. Beginning in 4th grade students will receive demerits when they are not in uniform compliance.

These are examples of what could earn 1 uniform demerit:

- *No belt*
- *No tie*
- *Short skirt*
- *Wrong socks OR knee socks not worn to the knee*
- *Long hair (boys), wide hair bands (girls)*
- *Un-tucked shirt*
- *Jewelry*
- *Make-up, nail-polish*

Students will receive a demerit for each uniform infraction on every day they are out of compliance. Demerits will accumulate throughout the year.

4th - 8th grades: First 5 demerits = 1 DN

For every 5 demerits after the first 5, the student will receive an after-school detention.