

Appearance and Student Uniform Requirements

INTRODUCTION

Student dress, grooming, and personal cleanliness impact the image of The Catholic School of Visalia, George McCann Memorial. It is a part of school tradition to wear uniforms to avoid class distinction and over-interest in fads. Besides representing school families, the clean, up-to-code uniform draws students' attention to community responsibility. A neat, clean, and tasteful appearance with well-groomed hair creates an atmosphere of confidence, respect, and learning. Moreover, it is an opportunity to uphold, reflect, and respect the dignity of the human person. In adhering to the The Catholic School of Visalia, George McCann Memorial uniform and dress code, students practice the virtues of humility, modesty, obedience, and respect.

It is the joint responsibility of parents and students to see that the uniform and dress code of the school is carried out daily; it is the responsibility of the teacher and staff to monitor and report noncompliance. Every student is expected to be in proper uniform every school day unless otherwise authorized. The uniform should be neat, clean, and in good repair. Violations of any uniform, dress code, and appearance requirements are subject to school disciplinary sanctions.

The school cannot anticipate every fashion trend that may develop and therefore reserves the right to make judgments regarding the application of these general guidelines to specific items at any time.

UNIFORM DRESS CODE

Students are expected to wear the school uniform, be clean and well-groomed and wear neat and clean clothing which fits properly. Uniforms purchased from other vendors than the official school uniform provider must be virtually identical in color and style.

FOR BOYS:

- Dennis navy blue twill (cotton/poly blend) slacks and shorts—not cargo style (no elastic at bottom nor too loose or too baggy and no skinny style pants, shorts).
- White or navy blue knit collared shirt or white/navy turtleneck shirt (shirts can be short- or long-sleeved).
- White oxford cloth shirt with button down collar.
- ONLY GMC NAVY BLUE SWEATSHIRT, DENNIS SWEATER, OR VEST.
- Solid navy blue or white socks.
- (No logos or designs except The Catholic School of Visalia, George McCann Memorial.)

FOR GIRLS:

- White Peter-Pan or white oxford cloth blouse button down collar.
- White or navy blue knit collared shirt or white/navy turtleneck shirt (blouses can be short- or long-sleeved).
- ONLY GMC NAVY BLUE SWEATSHIRT, DENNIS SWEATER OR VEST.
- Grades K-4: uniform jumper (should be no more than 4 in. above the top of the knee).
- Grades 5-8: uniform culotte (should be no more than 4 in. above the top of the knee).
- Dennis or navy blue twill (cotton/poly blend) slacks or capris not cargo style (no elastic at bottom and no skinny style pants, capris, and shorts).
- Dennis or navy blue solid colored twill, cotton/poly blend, walking shorts not cargo style (should be no more than 4 in. above the top of the knee).
- Solid navy blue or white socks.
- Navy blue or white knee-high cable-style or opaque-style tights/leggings (No logos or designs except George McCann).

*****FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:**

REQUIRED FOR MASS: ONLY DENNIS NAVY BLUE V-NECK PULLOVER OR CARDIGAN SWEATER OR VEST.

GROOMING CODE:

- No acrylic nails.
- Only girls are permitted to wear earrings (one in each ear). Stud earrings are allowed only for reasons of safety during play times. No dangling earrings.
- No tattoos.
- No hair extensions, altering of hair color, streaking, highlighting or dyeing.
- No extreme haircuts. Hair must be clean and groomed daily.
- Boys hair length may be no longer than the tops of the ears and the top of the collar.
- Hair accessories are to be understated.
- Shoes are to be tied or fastened properly.
- No long underwear or printed or colored t-shirts under the uniform shirt.
- Make-up: Jr. High girls have the option to wear clear lip gloss and nail polish (with the exception of black).
- Any other type of make-up will not be permitted.
- Any kind of jacket may be worn outside the classroom, particularly during cold weather. ALL OTHER SWEATSHIRTS ARE NOT PERMITTED AND ARE NOT REGARDED AS JACKETS.
- Students are required to wear tennis shoes or other rubber soled shoes. Shoes should be tied or fastened properly and must remain securely on the student's feet at all times.
- Blouses and shirts must be tucked in during class, assembly, and church times (not necessarily during recesses and PE times).
- Students wear physical education uniforms (shorts, shirt, & sweats) in grades 3 through 8. Tennis shoes are required for all students for P.E.

P.E. UNIFORM GUIDELINES:

P.E. uniform: George McCann P.E. tops and shorts are available through Beatwear located in downtown Visalia.

P.E. uniform sweats: (in cold weather this is an option). George McCann sweatpants are available through Beatwear located in downtown Visalia.

SPECIAL ATTIRE: On game days, students who are team members may wear their team uniform top, provided it is clean and in good condition, along with the regular school uniform. On meeting days, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Boys and Girls, etc. may wear their organization's uniform.

FREE DRESS:

Free dress is a privilege. Students who abuse the privilege will lose it for the entire school year. Free dress may be worn on designated days and students are excused from wearing the school uniform on these days. Clothing must be neat, clean, and in good taste (e.g. not tight fitting clothes or short shorts, bare midriffs, tank tops) and contains no references to inappropriate messages. Neat jeans (neither torn, faded, nor too tight or too loose) are permitted on free dress days. No matter what the dress, students are required to follow the uniform dress code for shoes.

The student council, with the principal's approval, may organize certain "theme dress" days (e.g. beachwear day, country western day). Students will be expected to comply with directives given to them at school and/or through the weekly newsletter. Students may choose not to participate and will then wear their regular school uniform.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Attire for school class and individual photos is the school uniform. Families will be notified of specifics before the photo sessions.