

Dress Code

Students are expected to dress and present an appearance consistent with standards of good taste and appropriate for school and school events. Any dress or wearing of insignia which conveys the image of gang membership, supports the beliefs of hate groups, makes sexual innuendos, or promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is inappropriate for school and should not be allowed. [4303.6]



St. Charles Borromeo School Uniform 2023 - 2024

The following information is for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. For information on preschool, please refer to the preschool handbook.

Why do St. Charles Borromeo students wear a uniform? The tradition of this community is reflected in the way a student takes responsibility for the way they look, dress, and act. The uniform is a reflection of the heritage and mission of the school. The school uniform reduces distraction and allows students to focus on living good habits every day.

Note to parents: It is not the responsibility of the school or staff to see that children are in proper uniform. The school staff will enforce the uniform through the expectations outlined below. Parents agree to the uniform expectations when they sign the handbook agreement letter. School administration expects that parents will comply with the expectations and enforce the uniform requirements each day.

The school uniform provider is Global Schoolwear and available for purchase at www.globalschoolwear.com

Are all of the uniform pieces that I bought for this year obsolete?

No. The 2022-2023 uniform pieces that would have been purchased through Fischer's this school year are still acceptable through 2025, that is, the 2024-2025 school year.

Where do I purchase uniforms for St. Charles Borromeo?

Uniforms can be purchased through Global Schoolwear. Global Schoolwear is the official uniform provider and supplier for St. Charles Borromeo. Any shirts with logos should be purchased through Global Schoolwear. Any sweatshirts, sweaters, or outerwear should be purchased from Global Schoolwear to ensure a match in style, color, and logo consistency.

Parents are invited to purchase plain versions of the shirts, pants, and shorts through other outlets. Current uniforms are grandfathered in until the 2024-2025 school year.

Does the school require the uniform to have a logo or crest?

No. Uniforms are not required to have the logo to be on them. We encourage parents to use Global Sportswear for any uniform purchases. They will embroider the official school crest or logo on the appropriate clothing. This ensures consistency and presentation.

Our school's crest and the Bobcat logo represent our school's mission and spirit. We are proud of the history and meaning behind these visual representations of our school mission. If parents choose to have the logo on the uniform or spirit wear, it must be consistent with the approved crest and logo. The official uniform provider and spirit wear stores have our crest, logo, and approved designs.

K-4 Boys

- **Shirts** - Heather Gray polo, Maroon/Burgundy Polo, Performance/Athletic Dry-Fit style Gray Polo
 - Should be neat and tucked in at all times in school
- **Sweatshirt** - Maroon/Burgundy crewneck or fleece
- **Sweater/Sweater Vest** - Gray/Maroon/Burgundy
- **Pants/Walking Shorts** - Regular Navy or Dry Fit/Golf Navy
- **Shoes**
 - Athletic-style shoes are the only shoes permitted
 - Hightops are permitted
 - Shoes must be able to stay on the child's feet and be worn all-day
 - Crocs and boots are not permitted
- **Accessories**
 - A watch is permitted
 - Cannot communicate wirelessly or be connected to a phone during the school day
 - A religious necklace is permitted
 - One rubber or cloth bracelet is permitted
 - Limited to bracelets that do not interfere with academics or distract a student from focusing
- **Belt (Grades 3 and 4 only)**
 - Boys wear a belt with their pants and shorts.
 - Belts should have a regular-size buckle and be able to be worn all day and for all activities
- **Hair**
 - A child's hair is the child's natural color, and extreme hairstyles are prohibited
 - Hair should be kept out of the eyes, as well as not hanging over one's face to avoid obstructing a child from seeing
 - Hair may be touching the shirt collar but no longer
 - Boys must be cleanly shaven
- **Socks**
 - Socks should be worn with tennis shoes and should be visible.
 - Socks should be solid in color or have limited minor striping and may have a small manufacturer logo

*Crazy socks may be worn on specific days. Crazy socks must be appropriate for school and not contain inappropriate images, language, or theme

5-8 Boys

- **Shirts** - Heather Gray polo, Maroon/Burgundy polo, Performance/Athletic Dry-Fit style Gray Polo
 - Should be neat and tucked in at all times in school
- **Sweatshirt** - Maroon/Burgundy crewneck or fleece
- **Sweater/Sweater Vest** - Gray/Maroon/Burgundy
- **Pants/Walking Shorts** - Regular Khaki or Dry Fit/Golf Khaki
- **Shoes**
 - Athletic-style shoes are the only shoes permitted
 - Hightops are permitted
 - Shoes must be able to stay on the child's feet and be worn all-day
 - Crocs and boots are not permitted
- **Accessories**
 - A watch is permitted
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8th Grade Dress Privileges

*8th grade T-shirt - Design voted on by students and can be worn throughout the school year on appropriate days

*8th grade - 8th grade Fleece - Navy with Class Logo

Mass Dress

Mass Dress - Dress Down or T-Shirts are not permitted on Mass days

Virtue Mass (1x a month) Dress - 5-8 boys will wear a white button-down shirt with a tie or sweater

September 1, October 6, November 10, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3

Gym

Students will wear a gray t-shirt and blue shorts (Navy or other blue)

K-4 Girls

- **Shirts** - Heather Gray polo, Maroon/Burgundy polo, Performance/Athletic Dry-Fit style Gray Polo
 - Feminine cut/fit are available and can be worn
 - Should be neat and tucked in at all times in school
- **Sweatshirt** - Maroon/Burgundy crewneck or fleece
- **Sweater** - Crew/V-Neck/Cardigan/Vest - Gray/Maroon/Burgundy
- **Jumper** - St. Charles Borromeo Plaid - *Jumpers and skorts are currently only available through Global Schoolwear*
 - Shorts must be worn at all times under the jumper
 - Uniform length for jumpers must be no shorter than the top of the knee while standing upright
- **Skorts** - St. Charles Borromeo Plaid
- **Leggings** - Navy/Black/Dark Grey
 - Can only be worn under a jumper
- **Shorts** - navy walking shorts
- **Shoes**
 - Athletic-style shoes are the only shoes permitted
 - Hightops are permitted
 - Shoes must be able to stay on the child's feet and be worn all-day
 - Crocs and boots are not permitted
- **Accessories**
 - A watch is permitted
 - Cannot communicate wirelessly or be connected to a phone during the school day
 - A religious necklace is permitted
 - One bracelet is permitted
 - Limited to bracelets that do not interfere with academics or distract a student from focusing
- **Hair**
 - A child's hair is the child's natural color, and extreme hairstyles are prohibited
 - Hair should be kept out of the eyes, as well as not hanging over one's face to avoid obstructing a child from seeing

- Hair ornaments or accessories should be in keeping with the whole uniform. Excessive large or distracting accessories are not permitted
 - **Socks**
 - Socks should be worn with tennis shoes and should be visible.
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- **Sweater** - Crew/V-Neck/Cardigan/Vest - Gray/Maroon/Burgundy
- **Skirts** – St. Charles Borromeo Plaid - *Skirts and skorts are currently only available through Global Schoolwear*
 - Uniform length for skirts must be no shorter than the top of the knee while standing upright. Girls who fail to follow this policy will be provided a rental skirt of the appropriate length from the office until their skirt is fixed properly.
 - Waistbands are not to be rolled and be visible
 - Shorts must be worn at all times under the jumper or skirt
 - Stretch bike shorts in navy or black or other navy shorts may be worn under the uniform. Shorts may not be longer than the jumper or skirt, and no boxer shorts may be worn
- **Skorts**
- **Leggings** - Navy/Black/Dark Grey
 - Can only be worn under skirts
- **Shorts** - khaki walking shorts
- **Shoes**
 - Athletic-style shoes are the only shoes permitted
 - Hightops are permitted
 - Shoes must be able to stay on the child's feet and be worn all-day
 - Crocs and boots are not permitted
- **Jewelry**
 - A watch is permitted
 - Cannot communicate wirelessly or be connected to a phone during the school day
 - A religious necklace is permitted
 - Simple, non-distracting earrings are permitted for girls only
 - Bracelets are permitted
 - Limited to 1 or 2

- Limited to bracelets that do not interfere with academics or distract a student from focusing
 - **Make-up/Nail Polish**
 - Girls in grades 7-8 are permitted to wear a small amount of makeup that hides skin blemishes (concealer)
 - Girls in grades 5-8 are permitted to wear nail polish
 - Acrylics and French tip nails are acceptable for special occasions, such as family weddings, sacraments, graduation, etc. for grades 6-8. This is a rarity not a regular occurrence.
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Gym

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Dress Down Days

Occasionally a free dress day will be given to students as a reward or for recognition. Clothing worn on free dress days must be in good taste and must be able to be worn for all regular school activities. Any dress or wearing of insignia which conveys the image of gang membership supports the beliefs of hate groups, makes sexual innuendos, or promotes drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is inappropriate for school and will not be allowed. Clothing that supports political candidates is not permitted to be worn at school. Students may not dress down on Mass days.

Shirts

- Sleeveless, Tank tops, thin strap tops, or bare midriffs are prohibited

Pants

- On free dress days, students are allowed to wear nice jeans, joggers, or appropriately fitted athletic pants
- Girls may wear a skirt no shorter than two inches above the kneecap with modesty shorts underneath
 - Jeggings, yoga pants, leggings, and pajamas are not allowed
- Pants may not have holes, cuts, frays, or any other tearing type
- Shorts, at the shortest point of the fabric, must measure below the longest fingertips when arms are at rest
 - Low-riding hip-hugger shorts are not acceptable

*If children come to school on Free Dress Days, Dress-Down Days, or Picture Days dressed inappropriately, parents will be called to bring other clothing.

Birthday Dress Down

Children may have a free dress day on their birthday if they wish. If a child's birthday falls during the summer, he or she may choose another day.

Spirit Day

All Mondays we have school will be Bobcat Spirit Days - Borrromeo Bobcat spirit wear shirts, sports uniforms, or plain blue shirts. Spiritwear is available throughout the year in our spirit wear store or through the athletic program.

Bottoms - uniform pants, uniform shorts, uniform skirts/skorts, uniform jumpers, PE shorts, spirit wear sweatpants, or jeans. These are the only acceptable choices for spirit day dress-down Mondays.

*No uniform/dress code can cover all eventualities or possibilities. It should be understood that the school administration will have the final decision regarding what is acceptable and what is unacceptable.