



# St. John's Catholic School

Exceptional Education Anchored by Faith

## UNIFORM AND GROOMING HANDBOOK: 2018-2019

The school is committed to:

- ❖ Having clear and specific standards for uniforms and grooming for our students
- ❖ Providing cost-effective uniform items through our exclusive vendor (Flynn & O'Hara)
- ❖ Consistently and fairly monitoring student uniform and grooming compliance

### General Requirements:

Students are expected to be in the proper uniform at all times. When a student is not in compliance, a warning will be issued to the student and an email will be sent home to parents. Repeated violations will be met with disciplinary action. This may include having the parent bring in the proper uniform to the school. All uniform items are available through Flynn & O'Hara; items that are neither school plaid nor logoed may be purchased at any local/online clothing stores.

### Uniform Information:

**BOYS** in **all** grades are required to wear navy, khaki-style pants; a navy, black, or brown belt; a white, oxford collared, button down shirt; a school plaid necktie; navy, black, or brown socks that fully cover the ankle; and dark colored shoes.

**BOYS all grades Optional** – logoed, heather grey, v-neck sweater; logoed, heather grey, v-neck sweater vest; logoed, heather grey, v-neck cardigan sweater.

**GIRLS** in grades K-5 are required to wear either the school plaid jumper (Flynn and O'Hara) or navy khaki-style pants (with a navy, black, or brown belt); a white, Peter Pan blouse or oxford collared, button down shirt or blouse; navy blue knee socks or tights; and dark colored shoes.

**GIRLS K-5 Optional** – logoed, navy, crewneck cardigan sweater.

**GIRLS** in grades 6-8 are required to wear either the school plaid skirt (Flynn and O'Hara) or navy, khaki-style pants (with a navy, black, or brown belt); a white, oxford collared, button down shirt or blouse; navy blue knee socks or tights; and dark colored shoes.

**GIRLS 6-8 Optional** - logoed, navy, crewneck cardigan sweater; logoed, navy w/white trim, v-neck sweater vest; logoed, navy, v-neck cardigan sweater.

**\*Black, cotton/lycra shorts must be worn under the school plaid jumper and skirt.**

**\*Shirts must remain tucked in at all times.**

**\*Navy walking shorts with navy, black, or brown belt are authorized for all students from the first day of school until Columbus Day, and from May 1 through the last day of school.**

**\*All students are authorized to wear fleece jackets and wind jackets, purchased from the SJCS Spirit Wear Store, during the school day.**

**\*No hooded sweatshirts are allowed during the school day.**

**\*In the warmer months, all students have the option to wear navy walking shorts with a navy, black, or brown belt, along with the rest of the appropriate school uniform (see above).**

**Physical Education (PE) Uniform Requirements:** The PE uniform is required during gym class for all students in grades K - 8. All PE attire is logoed and must be purchased through Flynn & O'Hara. In warm weather, this uniform consists of hunter green shorts and a solid gray t-shirt. In colder weather, the PE uniform will also include oxford gray sweat pants and an oxford gray sweat shirt or a dark green warm-up suit.

**Uniform Holidays:** Periodically throughout the year, the school will have uniform holidays. The approved dress for these days will be announced in advance. Some uniform holidays will be for dress up and some will be for more casual dress, including jeans. Some of the special days will be free, while others are used to contribute to the general fund. Notification will be sent home prior to each uniform holiday.

**Birthday Uniform Holiday:** A once-a-year birthday uniform holiday will be granted to every student in the school. Those students whose birthday does not fall on a regular school day will choose their day to take this holiday. Summer birthdays may be celebrated close to the student's 1/2 birthday (check. These will be dress up days and cannot be taken on a Mass day.

**Approved Uniform Vendor:** St. John's Catholic School uses Flynn & O'Hara as our exclusive uniform company. All logoed and plaid uniform items must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara, and can be ordered:

- Online at <https://www.flynnohara.com/>
- By email at [atyourservice@flynnohara.com](mailto:atyourservice@flynnohara.com)
- By phone at 800-441-4122
- By mail at 10905 Dutton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154

**Grooming Code:**

**Hair:** Hair should be clean, neat, of natural color, and styled in a non-extreme manner (i.e. no mohawks; no lines cut into hair; no unusual colors...). For girls, hair accessories should not be too big or too colorful as to cause a distraction. Boys should have a natural and well-cut style which is above the collar, groomed around the ears, cut to be short and above the eyes, and without adornments. (The administration reserves the right to determine if the hair and/or accessory is appropriate for the school setting. If deemed inappropriate the students/parents will be expected to make the requested change as soon as possible.)

**Make-Up: NO** make-up of any kind is allowed at any grade level (i.e. nail polish, lip gloss, mascara, etc.).

**Jewelry:** The wearing of jewelry will be limited to a ring, a watch, or a special necklace (religious, or small and simple), which may be worn by either girls or boys. Earrings may be worn by girls only and must be simple in style (posts or studs), and will be limited to one per ear. Jewelry that presents a safety concern or sends an inappropriate message will not be allowed.

**Belts:** A black, navy, or dark brown belt must be worn by students who are wearing navy pants or shorts. Pants should be worn at the waist and shirts always tucked in completely. Belts should be plain, navy, black or brown, and without adornment.

**Shoes:** All students will wear sturdy, plain, rubber-soled, dark colored shoes that fully enclose the foot. For safety reasons the heels must be flat, wide and low.