

St. Paul of the Cross School Uniform & Dress Code



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General Information

SPCS believes that a uniform is necessary not only in recognition of the economic necessities of families, but also because we hope to foster a sense of unity and to de-emphasize the materialism of clothing.

All students are to be in proper uniform at all times, unless a free dress day is called. Students who are members of certain organizations, such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, may wear these uniforms to school on their meeting days, unless they are scheduled for a PE class.

PE Uniforms

PE uniforms are worn on PE days only. Dress uniform for PE is the gray uniform T-shirt w/logo or other permitted school uniform T-shirt. Students may wear a solid long sleeve navy blue, white, or gray T-shirt underneath PE uniform T-shirt. Mesh navy blue uniform shorts w/logo are highly recommended but most blue athletic shorts are permitted. No short shorts. Most athletic shoes are allowed except Converse tennis shoes. Navy blue uniform sweatshirts and navy blue sweats are included in the PE uniform.

Failure to wear correct PE uniform may result in a student being issued a uniform violation and/or may result in sitting out the class and/or losing credit for the day.

Mass Uniform

On days when students attend Mass, the Mass/Dress uniform must be worn unless an exception is made by the teacher and/or principal. Mass/Dress uniform for girls is the uniform jumper/skirt/skort with a white uniform top with a vest or cardigan. Mass/Dress uniform for the boys is the uniform pants with a white uniform top with a vest or cardigan. All girls and boys in grades **TK-8th** grade are to wear only solid white crew socks or knee-highs. No black or blue crew socks. Solid navy blue knee-highs are allowed. Solid white or navy blue tights may be worn. No leggings. Solid black, white, or gray athletic shoes are permitted. Tennis shoes with a combination of black, white, or gray colors on them may be worn. Solid black $\frac{3}{4}$ tops are allowed as part of the Mass/Dress uniform. Solid black Mary Jane shoes are permitted. Solid black leather low top lace-up shoes are allowed.

Failure to have the correct uniform will result in the student being issued a uniform violation. Three uniform violations will warrant a detention and no free dress privileges for the remainder of the trimester.

Specifically Marked Uniform

Any item specifically marked uniform must be purchased from the School Uniformity, 2109 West Whittier Blvd., Montebello, CA 90640. Email: customerservice@schooluniformity.com

Girls

Any of the following combinations:

1. Blue plaid uniform jumper (K-4), uniform skirt (5-8), or uniform skort (K-8) with plain white blouse (short sleeve, pointed or rounded collar, button down front, no puff sleeves or other frills), white uniform banded blouse, white, gray or light blue polo shirt with school logo, or plain white turtleneck. **Skirts, skorts, or shorts may be no more than 2" above knee. Rolling up skirts, skorts, or shorts is not permitted.**
2. Navy blue uniform pleated shorts with pocket tab, with above shirts. **Shorts/skorts hem may be no more than 2" above knee. Shorts/skorts hem may be no more than 2" above knee.**
3. Navy blue uniform cotton pleated twill pants with about shirts.
4. Navy blue uniform sweatshirt with navy blue sweatpants.
5. Solid black, white, or gray athletic shoes are permitted. Tennis shoes with a combination of black, white, or gray colors on them may be worn. Solid black $\frac{3}{4}$ tops/boots are allowed as part of the Mass/Dress uniform. Solid black Mary Jane shoes are permitted. Solid black leather lace-up shoes are allowed. No platform sneakers. No cartoon or other character on shoes. No thick soles on shoes. No roller-shoes, platforms, or slip-on sneakers. No oversized shoes. No shoes with lights.
6. Shoelaces must be tied correctly and tightly. No tucking the laces into the shoes or loose laces.
7. Socks are to be solid white (crew or knee-highs only). Solid navy blue knee-highs are allowed. Solid white or navy blue tights may be worn. No leggings. No black or blue crew socks.
8. Only the uniform cardigan sweater or uniform sweatshirt or uniform vest may be worn in school or at school Mass. Other outerwear may be worn outdoors.
9. Shorts worn under jumpers or skirts must not be longer than the jumper's or skirt's hem.
10. All shirts or blouses, except the banded blouse, must be tucked in when wearing pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts. A plain black or blue belt must be worn with pants. No large buckles or logos. It is highly recommended to wear shorts underneath school uniform jumpers and skirts.
11. Hair accessories must match the color of the school uniform: black, gray, white, or navy blue.
12. No gloves or hats to be used during school uniform days or Friday Mass uniform.

Boys

Any of the following combinations:

Navy blue dress uniform pants with blue uniform shirt, plain white, gray, or light blue polo shirt with school logo (same as for girls), or plain white turtleneck. Shirts, except for the blue pinfeather uniform shirt, are to be tucked in

1. Navy blue uniform cotton twill pants, no pleats and no button on pocket with above shirts. Belts are to be worn and must be plain black. No large buckles or logos.
2. Navy blue uniform shorts with white, gray, or light blue polo shirt with school logo, the blue pinfeather uniform shirt, or a plain white turtleneck.
3. Socks are to be solid white (crew length). No black or blue crew socks.
4. Only the uniform cardigan sweater or uniform sweatshirt or uniform vest may be worn in school or at school Mass. Other outerwear may be worn outdoors.
5. Solid black, white, or gray athletic shoes are permitted. Tennis shoes with a combination of black, white, or gray colors on them may be worn. Solid black $\frac{3}{4}$ tops are allowed as part of the Mass/Dress uniform. Solid black leather lace-up shoes are allowed.
6. No platform sneakers. No cartoon or other character on shoes. No thick soles on shoes. No roller-shoes, platforms, or slip-on sneakers. No oversized shoes. No shoes with lights.
7. Shoelaces must be tied correctly and tightly. No tucking the laces into the shoe or loose laces.
8. No gloves or hats to be used during school uniform days or Friday Mass uniform days.

Jewelry/Cosmetics/Nails

For girls only, small stud or small loop earrings (no more than 1 per ear), one ring and/or bracelet per hand. Boys may not wear earrings, rings, or bracelets. One necklace and watch is acceptable. No cosmetics/makeup, or lip gloss. No jewelry or accessories that is not appropriate. No temporary tattoos on body. Students may not wear nail polish. No French manicures, no white tips, no color of any kind on the nails.

The administration reserves the right to inspect and have the student remove any jewelry and cosmetics; the student will not be able to return to class until it is removed.

Hair

All students are to keep their hair clean and well groomed. Hair should never be in the child's face, especially in the eyes. Boys are to keep their hair trimmed above the shirt collar and are to be clean. The administration reserves the right to decide what styles are inappropriate, such styles include, but are not limited to: shaved or partly shaved heads, spikes, dyed hair or streaks of color, designs cut into hair, "tails", and excessive hair ornaments or glitter. Students who arrive at school with unacceptable hairstyles will need to have the style corrected before returning to school. This may include dyeing their hair back to its original color or cutting hair to appropriate length... etc. Haircut for boys should be no less than size two (2).

Out of Uniform

Faculty and staff are instructed to issue a uniform violation slip for each time a student is found out of uniform. **Three uniform violations** will result in detention and loss of free dress for the remainder of the trimester. Multiple detentions due to uniform violations will result in a conference between the principal and student(s), and if needed, the parents. Uniform inspections by the faculty and principal will be held throughout the first month of school for students in grades K-8; and will continue randomly throughout the year for grades TK-8.

Free Dress Code

We ask that students and parents use discretion when dressing on free dress days. Clothing must not be oversized, baggy, or display offensive material. Children's clothing should be comfortable and modest. No skin-tight clothing. No plain white t-shirts. Leggings pants may be worn by girls provided tunic (long) top is worn over the pants to two inches above the knee. Socks or stockings must be worn at all times by both boys and girls. No sandals or sandal type shoes. No deep necklines, spaghetti straps, crop tops, tank tops or tops that are too short to tuck in all the way around the waist and no visible midriff. No short shorts. Students are to be neat and clean. Hats and gloves are to be worn **only outside** not in class.

Failure to be dressed properly will result in parents being called to bring appropriate clothing to school. If parents are unable to bring clothing to schools, students will be loaned appropriate uniform clothing when available. Students will be kept out of class until they are properly dressed. Students who consistently do not dress appropriately for free dress will lose this privilege. The pastor, principal and vice-principal reserve the right to decide what clothing is inappropriate.

On free dress days when students are required to bring a monetary donation or food item for the parish food pantry, and do not, but come in free dress, will lose their following free dress privilege unless they bring in an extra donation.

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Parent and Child(ren) Agreement

My child(ren) and I have read and understand St. Paul of the Cross School Uniform and Dress Code.

Parent's Signature _____

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Child's Signature _____ Grade _____

Please turn in this Parent and Child(ren) Agreement by Friday, January 16th, 2015 to the School Office.