

Our Lady of Mercy School UNIFORM CODE

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School promotes a spirit of self-confidence in our students. The School Uniform allows students to focus on learning and participating in a school setting with a positive atmosphere. The following **Uniform Guidelines** identify the required dress codes for all OLM students, K-8. School Uniforms level the playing field making OLM School a safe zone. Parents are responsible for purchasing the correct uniform items and for ensuring compliance with the School's Uniform Guidelines. The *required* elements of the OLM School Uniform must be purchased from the Dennis Uniform Company. PE Uniforms and the School Hooded Sweatshirt are sold through the Athletic Office and/or School Office.

→The Administration reserves the right to make any changes to the Uniform Guidelines and is the final authority on all issues regarding uniform and dress code policies.

ALL STUDENTS: K - 8

→**JEWELRY:** Students may wear a simple watch only – **NO** leather, plastic or woven straps/bracelets may be worn. A small simple religious necklace – crucifix or medal – is acceptable. **No** other necklaces are permitted. Girls may wear only stud earrings – **one** pair. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings to School.

→**SHOES:** School shoes are to be a **solid** color, *free from decorations, wheels, or off-colors*. Boys are to wear BLACK and girls are to wear WHITE shoes. High-tops are **not** acceptable. Shoes must be tied and secure at all times! *The court shoe is the safest and most suitable shoe for school use.* **Black Mary Jane shoes with rubber soles are permitted for Girls in Grades K – 2. VELCRO Closures for court shoes are also acceptable for students in Grades K – 2. Safety is our primary goal with shoes.

→**HAIR:** Students are to have clean and neatly combed hair at all times. **NO:** designed cuts, exaggerated styles, or coloring are permitted. Hair must be appropriate for our school environment. *A student whose hair coloring, style, or cut comes into question will be removed from class and sent home for immediate correction. Boys must keep hair cut at least **2** inches above the shirt collar line. Ears must not be covered with hair. Styles must be simple - hair must be off the face. Boys must be clean shaven at all times. Please limit the use of styling products.

→**OUTERWEAR and JACKETS:** The red V-Neck Sweater is *required* with the school uniform. The approved sweatshirts include: the School-Spike Hoodie, the PE sweatshirt, and the Eighth Grade Class Sweatshirt. Jackets must complement the School Uniform. Jackets should be red, gray, or black and **free** of designs, words, or advertising. **No** Team or sports jackets are permitted! *The School Jacket offered by Dennis Uniform Company is a perfect all-weather coat. Note that all students are expected to wear the red V-neck sweaters on Mass days - every Wednesday and special Mass days.

→**APPEARANCE:** Shirts and blouses are to be tucked in during class times. **Belts are required** with the Uniform Pants. Turtleneck shirts are **not** permitted. *All Uniform clothing must be in good condition.* **Students must not wear Uniforms that are torn or have holes in any part.

GIRLS

K – 8 Uniform includes:

White, short-sleeved blouse – K-5

White Polo shirt – Grades 6-7-8
Red & Gray Plaid Skirt or the Skort
Black Pants *purchased from* Dennis Uniform
Company
Red V-neck School Sweater
White shoes (With laces); Black *Mary Janes'* are
Acceptable for Grades K - 2
Socks are to be gray or white (free of designs) –
Crew style or knee-highs
→Socks *must go* above the shoe
White or gray tights may be worn.

Any shirt worn under the blouse must be plain white. It is advisable to wear "bike or dancing" shorts in a complementary color under the skirt.

Hair accessories must match the uniform colors: red, gray, white. They must be simple in style and size. →**NO** Make-up of any nature: lipstick, blush, foundation, mascara, or eye makeup. **NO** nail polish← Girls may wear ***only one pair*** stud earrings.

BOYS

K – 8 Uniform includes:

White Polo Shirt or a white short-sleeved shirt
Twill Gray pants *purchased from* Dennis Uniform
Company
A leather belt – at all times
Red V-neck School Sweater

Black Shoes (With laces)
Socks may be white, gray, or black (free of
Designs)

→Socks must go above the shoe

→Any T-shirt worn under the Uniform shirt must be plain white; →Turtlenecks are not permitted

→Haircuts must be simple, short – at least 2" above the collar line; Ears must not be covered with hair.

→Boys must be clean-shaven at all times

→Boys are **not** permitted to wear earrings to School on any occasion

PE UNIFORMS – For ALL Students K - 8

The PE Uniform is worn to school on the student's assigned PE Day. PE Grades for each student begin with the student being in *full* PE Uniform.

→Hooded Sweatshirts *are not permitted* at PE Class. (Safety Concern)

→New PE Uniforms may be purchased from Dennis Uniforms.

The following old P.E. uniforms may still be worn this school year:

Gray Crew Neck Sweatshirt →Hoodies are **not** to be worn to PE Class

Red Sweatpants

Gray PE T-Shirt

School Appropriate court Shoes and socks that follow the School's requirements

ALTERNATE DRESS GUIDELINES

→Certain days have a *specific theme* and the dress code directives will be communicated directly to the students, teachers, and the Parents through the Newsletter, website, and email from Room Parents.

→Students who are chosen as *SHINING STARS* are allowed to have Free Dress the following Friday.

SCOUTS are allowed to wear their Troop Uniform the day of a meeting.

SCHOOL ATHLETES may wear their Team Shirt to School **if** expressed approval has been given by the Administration.

FREE DRESS GUIDELINES:

Appropriate-fitting pants, including school appropriate jeans – shirts, skirts, and dresses

*Shirts may be a collared style or T-Shirt style but they ***may not*** have inappropriate words, advertisements, or designs

*Skirts and dresses cannot be shorter than **3"** above the knee

*Shoes and socks are to follow School guidelines; shoes may be alternate colors

*Students are **not** permitted to wear slippers, boots, or sandals

→The following list identifies apparel that is **unacceptable and not permitted at School:**

Halter-tops, short skirts/dresses, sweats, shorts, leggings worn alone, jeggings, overalls, windjammers, baggy/oversized pants, skinny/tight jeans/pants, workout or jogging clothes, slippers, boots, sandals.

Other Uniform Policies (i.e. hair, jewelry, accessory) apply.

The School Administration maintains authority over all School-sanctioned and School-sponsored events and designated dress guidelines. The School Administration reserves the right to remove students from class, activities, or events if their clothing or hairstyle is deemed inappropriate. Students are accountable for their compliance with the Uniform Codes.