

School uniforms, like sports uniforms, create a sense of unity and belonging. They are also designed to relieve the stress of economic status and competition, and help students feel free to learn without distractions from their attire. We take pride in the appearance of our students. Their appearance reflects the quality of our school. School uniforms ensure a neat appearance, in which students can take pride in and feel confident. Please take into consideration that students must wear these clothes and shoes all day, including recess (PE explained below). On all days, final approval of the attire rests with the Pastor and the Principal. Please keep your child's uniform neat and clean, free of holes, rips or stains.

The uniform for Divine Mercy School students is as follows:

## **1. EVERYDAY ATTIRE FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH GRADE:**

### **TOPS:**

Boys and Girls:

- Long- or short-sleeved polo shirts in solid navy, white, gray, black, or red. Must be tucked in.
- Solid color sweaters/cardigans/quarter-zips (navy blue, black, gray, white or red). Must be worn over uniform polo.
- Undershirts are to be white and without advertisements that show through the shirt.
- The uniform tops may be found at most retailers: Target, Kohls, JCPenney, Children's Place, Macy's, Lands' End, Old Navy, and Wal-Mart.
- Hoods are not permitted on any shirts or sweaters - unless it is a spirit wear day.
- Only Divine Mercy Catholic School logos can be on shirts or sweaters. Any other type of logo, printing, or applique, is not permitted.

### **BOTTOMS:**

Boys and Girls:

- The uniform bottoms may be found at most retailers: Target, Kohls, JCPenney, Children's Place, Macy's, Lands' End, Old Navy, and Wal-Mart.
- Shorts may be worn during the first and fourth academic quarters. They must be within 2 inches of the knee when standing.
- Students may not wear shorts on Mass days.

Girls:

- Khaki, black, or navy blue dress pants or shorts
- Khaki, black, or navy blue skirt, skort, or jumper

- Skirts, skorts, and jumpers are to have hems near the knees (within 2 inches of knee when standing).
- Leggings/tights (in solid colors of white, red, or navy) are only to be worn under skirts, skorts, and jumpers.
- No corduroy, cargo pockets, denim, yoga, skinny, etc.

Boys:

- Khaki, black, or navy dress pants or shorts
- “Dress” pants mean a cotton or poly/cotton blend.
- No corduroy, cargo pockets, denim, etc.

### **BELTS:**

Boys and Girls:

- For bottoms that have belt loops, belts are required to be worn.
- Belts must be solid brown, black, or navy.
- Kindergarten students are not required to wear belts
  - Other belt exceptions can be made if brought to the attention of the principal.

### **SHOES:**

Boys and Girls:

- Appropriate footwear is important to your child’s safety at school.
- Students are to wear athletic shoes, or dress shoes. Athletic shoes may have one or two slight accent color(s).
- No light up shoes, flip-flops, sandals, Crocs, or shoes with wheels.
- The soles and/or heel of all dress shoes and boots are not to exceed 1 ½ inches.
- Boots can be worn from October through March.

### **SOCKS:**

Boys and Girls:

- Socks must be worn.
- Only solid colors in navy, red, or white.
- No logos, lace, bows, or trim.

## **2. PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) CLASS:**

- Please remember that athletic shoes must be worn on our gym floor. Hard shoes with black soles are not permitted on the gym floor.
- Students in Grades K-2 will stay in their school uniforms for PE.
- Students must wear appropriate active wear for PE class in grades 3-6.
- Third-Sixth Grades:
  - T-shirt - does not have to be a solid color.

- Basketball shorts (2 inches from knee), wind pants, or sweatpants. (No tight fitting pants)
- Students may wear shorts during inside PE throughout the winter, but wind pants or sweatpants must be available October through April for outdoor activities.
- Students are required to bring these items in a separate bag on PE day.
- Students will change into these clothes for PE and change back into school uniforms after PE.

### **3. SPIRIT DAYS:**

- Divine Mercy Catholic School spirit wear is encouraged on Spirit Days, to promote school pride. These days will be announced in the weekly newsletter, or by the parent alert system.
- If spirit wear is not worn, uniforms are required to be worn.
- Students may also wear jeans on Spirit days.

### **4. DRESS-UP DAYS:**

- On these specially scheduled days, students are encouraged to dress according to the daily theme.
- Students must still wear school appropriate attire.
- If students choose not to participate, uniforms are required to be worn.

### **5. JEWELRY/MAKE-UP:**

- If girls choose to wear jewelry to school, it must be simple and small in size. For instance, post earrings are acceptable, dangling earrings are not.
- Body piercing other than ears is not permitted.
- Earrings are not to be worn by boys of this school during any school function.
- Watches are allowed to be worn (no smart watches).
- Make-up (eyeliner, mascara, etc.) is not to be worn to school.

### **6. MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Students may not bleach, nor dye, nor have streaks of dye in hair.
- Students may not have designs in their haircuts.
- Hair must be clean cut, and styled out of the eyes.
- No extreme hairstyles (mohawks, mullets, etc.)
- No fake tattoos.
- No fake fingernails.
- Hats or hoods may not be worn in school.

### **7. NON-COMPLIANCE**

- Teachers will enforce dress code policy within their classrooms.
- First Infraction - a notice will be sent home to be signed and returned.

- Second Infraction - a parent will be called to bring the proper attire.
- Third Infraction - the student and/or parents will meet with the principal