

DRESS CODE

Clean, neat and attractive uniforms are a distinguishing mark of students at Pope John Paul II Catholic High School. Uniforms must be worn properly whenever they are worn on the school campus or in the community. The uniform serves to remind them that as Christians they are models for their fellow students and that they are immediately recognizable as students of Pope John Paul II Catholic High School.

The Pope John Paul II Catholic High School uniform is mandatory for all students. The uniform shirt/blouse, polo shirt, pants, skirt, fleece jacket, sweater, shoes, and socks are sold at School Time. Questions regarding style and color should be addressed to the Dean of Students if the following information is not clear. Parents/legal guardians who purchase items from sources other than the school's official uniform supplier assume full responsibility for the wrong styles or colors. This may necessitate the purchase of additional items in order to fulfill the uniform requirement. **No deviation from the school uniform will be allowed.**

Official School Uniform

Boys: **Belt** – solid black

Shirt – only the oxford shirt or polo shirt currently sold at School Time will be worn. The golf-style polo shirt currently sold at School Time may be worn only by seniors.

Pants – only the pants currently sold at School Time will be worn.

Hair – must be out of the eyes and **neatly tapered** around the sides, above the ears and above the collar. Well-groomed means hair is to be neat, clean, **combed** and the student is to be **clean shaven**. No facial hair is permitted. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear lobe. **Hair should be moderate in length (no less than ¼ inch)** and not attract attention. Extreme hairdos, including shaved heads, undercuts (i.e. those haircuts consisting of a full top and shaved lower portion), **different colors that are not blended**, etc. are not allowed at any time. Students may be directed to keep at least 1 ½ inches of head hair to accommodate drug testing.

Girls: **Skirt** – only the skirt currently sold at School Time will be worn.

Skirt Length – no shorter than two inches above the back part of the knee.

Blouse – only the uniform blouse or polo shirt sold at School Time will be worn.

Only a white undergarment in addition to a solid white T-shirt (no writing/pictures) may be worn under the uniform blouse. Monogramming of personal initials in navy blue is allowed on the blouse collar. The golf-style polo shirt currently sold at School Time may be worn only by seniors.

Tights – blue or white may be worn from Nov. 1st until Mar. 1st, void of decoration. No leggings or long shorts (shorts that can be seen below the skirt) are allowed.

Hair – is to be neat, clean and **combed** at all times. **Extreme hairdos, including different colors or highlights that are not blended, shaved hair, etc. are not allowed at any time.**

Shoes for Boys:

The official uniform shoe for boys is the black Eastland Plainview shoe, which is available at School Time. **Laces are to be kept tied at all times.** Shoes are to be kept clean, repaired and worn completely on the feet at all times. No other colored shoes are allowed.

Shoes for Girls:

The official uniform shoe for girls is the black Eastland Classic II Penny Loafer, which is available at School Time. Shoes are to be kept clean, repaired and worn completely on the feet at all times. No other colored shoes are allowed.

Socks for Boys and Girls:

Socks must be worn at all times (including Spirit Dress days) and must be the official uniform sock. The official sock is a white crew sock with the PJP logo in navy which is available at School Time.

T-shirts for Boys and Girls:

The wearing of a T-shirt is optional. However, if a T-shirt is worn, only **solid white T-shirts** are allowed under uniform blouses and shirts. **(NO T-SHIRTS WITH WRITING OR LOGOS, INCLUDING PJP T-SHIRTS, MAY BE WORN).** Solid white turtlenecks (no writing or logos) are allowed under the uniform blouse or shirt from November 1st until March 1st. Thermal underwear is not permitted.

Outerwear for Boys and Girls:

Only the school letter jacket or the current official PJP sweatshirt purchased at Southern Blues, or a solid navy blue or gray school sweater, or the Polar Tec fleece pullover jacket purchased at School Time can be worn inside the school building during the school day. During the school day uniform sweaters, the current official sweatshirt, and jackets must be worn correctly and not tied around a student's waist or neck. **No team sweatshirts/jackets, no previous PJP sweatshirts or hooded PJP sweatshirts, or any other sweatshirts or jackets are permitted to be worn during the school day.**

Monogramming of personal initials in navy blue or white is allowed on the school sweater or school sweatshirt or fleece pullover jacket on the front upper right side of the garment.

Regulations

1. Shirts and blouses are to be buttoned (**only the top collar button may be unbuttoned**) and correctly tucked in at all times. Boys must have their belts visible at all times with their shirts tucked in correctly.
2. At all times, every part of the uniform and outer-wear must be clean, neat, hems intact, not torn, without holes or writing on them.
3. Cosmetics and jewelry for girls must be appropriate for school wear as defined by the Jewelry Policy and not attract undue attention. The school may limit the type and quantity worn.

4. Jewelry for boys should be appropriate for school wear as defined by the Jewelry Policy. The school may limit the type and quantity worn. Earrings will not be worn by boys during the school day. This includes days when the uniform is not worn. The wearing of earrings and other jewelry may also be prohibited at other activities.
5. Scarves, rollers, wigs and sunglasses are not allowed to be worn during the school day.
6. Students may not have visible tattoos, writing on uniforms or their bodies or visible body piercing (except in conformance with these guidelines).
7. Pants and skirts must be worn at the waistline.
8. Hats may not be worn in the classrooms, hallways and offices at any time. They may be worn in other areas after 2:45 p.m.
9. **Uniform sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets must be worn correctly and not tied around a student's waist or neck.**
10. Shoes must be worn properly at all times **which includes not walking on the back of one's shoes.**

Students are required to conform to the uniform dress code and all regulations indicated **from their arrival on campus and until they leave campus**. Students may change for extracurricular activities before 3:00 p.m. and move around provided they are in a uniform clearly recognizable as that of an extracurricular school activity. There will be no public dressing or undressing.

Students who do not conform to the dress code will face disciplinary action and can be sent home to correct their uniform before being permitted in class or participating in extracurricular activities.

Jewelry Policy

NECKLACES - Students may wear **one** moderate necklace to class, however this excludes chokers and rubber bands.

BRACELETS/WATCHES - Students may wear **one item per wrist** to class.

Bracelets/watches must be moderate and may include pony-tail holders and rubber bands.

EARRINGS - Girls may wear two pairs of earrings, provided that they are moderate, located in the ear lobe, and one of which is a stud earring. (This excludes earrings inside the ear, mid-ear, and on top of the ear.) Earrings must not be larger than the size of a quarter. Spacers are not allowed.

Physical Education Uniform

The uniform for physical education will be sold on Book Day and in the bookstore after the school term begins. In addition, P.E. students must bring a pair of non-marking tennis shoes to wear as part of the P.E. uniform. This uniform is to be worn in the physical education classes. **It is not to be worn to school on school days in place of the official school uniform nor is it to be worn to leave on school days.**

Spirit Dress Days

Students will be permitted to wear their **current** class Spirit Shirt. No other shirts including PJP shirts will be allowed. Spirit shirts must also be tucked in at all times.

Students must also wear plain (no fringe, no two-tone, not studded, not decorated, not faded etc.) regular sized, standard length (no shorts, no overalls, no Capri length) blue jeans. Jeans are not to be frayed or torn. A belt must be worn with the jeans and a **white, navy blue, yellow, or red T-shirt** may be worn under the current class Spirit Shirt. Students will be permitted to wear any school uniform shoes, tennis shoes, or other dress shoes that do not cause any undue attention. (i.e., flip-flops, sandals, checkered shoes, etc.) Any questions concerning a style of shoe not mentioned must be approved prior to the spirit dress day by the Dean of Students. **Shoes must be tied at all times. Socks meeting uniform requirements must be worn on Spirit Dress days.**

Students who do not conform to these Spirit Dress guidelines will face disciplinary action, may be sent home to change, and/or may lose this privilege for the remainder of the school year.

Out of Uniform Procedures

The uniform is to be worn every day. Students who must be out of uniform for any valid reason must bring a note from their parent/legal guardian to the Dean of Students upon arrival at school. If approved by the Dean of Students, an out of uniform pass will be issued for the day. The Dean of Students will determine uniform compliance and may require a student, who is out of uniform, to return home to get acceptably dressed. If a student must return home for a uniform violation, it will be the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to provide transportation or to give permission for the student to sign out of school.

Students will be permitted to be out of uniform if they have a medical excuse on file with the Dean of Students or permission from an administrator. Students who must be totally out of uniform must be dressed in the following manner for both girls and boys:

- Dress slacks (blue, gray, or black) with white shirt or blouse
- Dress shoes and socks

Faculty will continually monitor dress code conformance. The Dean of Students will have the responsibility and authority in uniform matters. The Principal may make exceptions to the dress code policies.

Dress at School Activities

As a Catholic school that upholds the standards of modesty and Christian values, we expect our students to wear modest and appropriate attire at all PJP activities. This includes sports activities, dances and any school-sponsored event. Our definition of modest appropriate attire consists of the following: no halters, no very short shorts, no short skirts or dresses, no low or revealing shirts or dresses, no offensive wording on shirts, no shirts that advertise alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, or have a double meaning and no shirts that expose one's mid-section or bare chest. Students who do not conform to the standards indicated above will be asked to leave the activity. In addition, disciplinary consequences will be taken.