

## 2008/2009 DRESS CODE

Uniform items should be purchased through Schoolbelles [www.schoolbelles.com](http://www.schoolbelles.com) 9695 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash OH 45242, 921-3417. Our school code is 1924. No handbook can cover every situation regarding uniform dress code. The school administration has the final decision as to what is or is not a violation of our school Dress Code.

+ These uniform items must be purchased through Schoolbelles, and be marked with their logo.

Only the printed embroidered 'Immaculate Heart of Mary' block lettered logo by Schoolbelles on polos and sweatshirts are acceptable uniform wear.

### + *Skirt/Skort*

Girls in grades 1-6 may wear the regulation navy plaid skirt or skort. Girls in grades 7-8 must wear the regulation navy plaid skort. Jumpers and suspender type straps are not permitted. Uniform skirt length should measure 3" or less above the floor when the student is kneeling. Girls in grades 1-8 may also wear slacks and shorts (see below).

### + *Polo*

Polo shirt in white or navy, either short sleeve or long sleeve. The top button only may be unbuttoned, and shirttails must be tucked into the slacks/skirt/skort (unless wearing the banded bottom knit polo shirt). The only acceptable logos for the polo shirt is the block lettered Immaculate Heart of Mary logo available at Schoolbelles.

### *Slacks/Pants/Shorts*

Boys are required to wear navy slacks/shorts. Girls may wear slacks/shorts in place of the uniform skirt/skort. No outside pockets with flaps or buttons may be worn on the front or sides of slacks/pants/shorts. Corduroy trousers are not acceptable. High cotton content brands fade and **are not acceptable**. Slacks/pants/shorts must be worn on the waist at all times. Navy shorts may be worn by all students in August, September, October, April, May and June. Walking shorts should measure 3" above the knee or longer when kneeling. Students in grades 7 and 8 may wear TAN khaki slacks/pants/shorts which, if not purchased at Schoolbelles, **MUST** be the same color and type.

### *T-Shirts/Turtlenecks*

If a short-sleeve t-shirt is worn beneath the polo, it must be all white with no lettering or graphics. A white turtleneck may be worn, provided a long sleeve polo, sweater, or sweatshirt is worn over the turtleneck at all times.

### + *Sweater/Sweatshirt*

Navy blue sweater (v-neck, cardigan or vest) or sweatshirt may be worn over the uniform polo or a turtleneck.

### + *Gym Wear*

Optional gym wear is available. Students may wear gym wear to school on their PE class day. There are two gym outfits for the spring and the winter seasons (follow the dates above for slacks/shorts). Pants have an elastic pant leg or a hemmed pant leg and they are worn with a short or a long sleeved t-shirt. Students may not "mix and match" their gym uniform with the regular school uniform. They must wear the gym shirt and the gym pants together that entire school day.

### *Name Tags*

Students are provided with name tags. The name tags will be worn every school day but will not be worn off campus (i.e., field trips, etc). Students will be charged a fee for replacement name tags. The name tag is worn on the right side of the polo shirt and parents may choose to reinforce the inside of the polo to protect it from the many pin pricks it will receive during the year.

### *Belts*

Students in grades three through eight are required to wear brown, black or navy belts. Belts should be of the appropriate size and may not dangle in front of the pants.

### *Socks*

Solid white or navy blue socks must be worn. Socks must extend above the shoe and must cover the ankle protrusion joint. Leg warmers are not permitted (girls may wear opaque tights - white, navy or flesh tone).

### *Shoes*

Gym shoes must be worn on PE day. Shoes must be solid white or solid black gym shoes. Shoelaces must be the same color as the shoe. The shoe may have a narrow stripe of color or a small logo - 95% of the shoe needs to be black or white. Schoolbelles carries an appropriate shoe. High top shoes are permitted but socks must be visible over the top of the shoe and the shoe must follow the color requirements. 'Mary Jane' and 'Loafer' type shoes are permitted but the shoe must be all black and parents should remember that on gym day students must wear gym shoes that follow the color requirements. "Heelys" and similar shoes are not permitted.

### *Jewelry*

Jewelry is not recommended; however, if jewelry is worn, it should be conservative and in good taste. Dangling jewelry can be unsafe and is not permitted. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Only one bracelet or watch is permitted to be worn on each arm.

### *Hairstyles*

Hairstyles must be appropriate and fad hairstyles are not permitted. Hair color must be a natural color. All students are expected to have neatly trimmed hairstyles. Hair cuts for boys must meet the following guidelines: Hair cannot be any longer than the top of the collar, hair must be out of the face, hair must be washed and neatly styled, if the style has bangs they must be cut above the eyebrow. The administration will determine if a hairstyle is inappropriate and must be changed, and students will be required to comply with that directive.

### *Hats*

Hats, sweatbands, scarves, and other head coverings are not to be worn in the building. The administration may make exceptions on certain days of celebration.

### *Gang Paraphernalia*

Gang paraphernalia, which includes insignias, symbols, attire, colors, etc., can neither be worn nor brought onto our school campus.

As students outgrow their uniforms, parents are encouraged to send uniform items in good condition to the school PTO for the uniform exchange. Uniforms are to be worn starting the first day of each school year until the last day.

Out of uniform days are periodically scheduled. Booster Spiritwear is usually an option on these days. Students are to adhere to the dress code as announced by the administration. In those circumstances, appropriate, modest clothing is permitted. Students may not wear any articles of clothing that are immodest or that expose the midriff with any type of movement. Students who come to school dressed inappropriately will call home for the proper clothing and may be subject to disciplinary action. The decision of the administration is final.