

# News Regarding School Uniforms, Shoes, Masks and Water Bottles

July 10, 2020

## School Uniforms

We know you have all been patiently waiting to hear an update on our new school uniforms and plans for used uniform sales. We are hopeful the details outlined below will help you better understand our current supply situation and the solutions provided for the start of school.

- The manufacturing facilities for our new **Crusader Blue** uniforms were shut down for an extended period of time due to COVID-19, and shipments have been delayed. Delivery times for some items have now been pushed until the end of August or early September. We regret that this unforeseen situation has occurred, but understand the reality of uncertain times.
- Our new vendor, **Uniforms and Accessories**, has a limited stock of merchandise for boys in PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grades and girls in PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grades (jumpers and blouses only). You may purchase these items at **uniformsacc.com (password: crusaders)** or by visiting their location in Meridian.

The plaid shorts (PK-6th) and skirts (4th-12th) for girls are two of the main items that are not currently available.

- Uniforms and Accessories will hold an **on-site sale** in early September with personnel on hand to assist with custom fittings. They will bring their entire inventory to the school for the sale, so merchandise will be available to take home the day of the sale. Details will be sent to parents once the date has been confirmed.
- You may purchase used uniforms at the **Crusader Closet Used Uniform Sale** on July 15, 2020. The sale will be held by appointment to ensure social distancing. A signup link will be posted on the website and in the Crusader News on Monday.
- As always, students may wear uniforms from last year. **Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders may wear elementary style uniforms from last year through the end of September.**
- **Perhaps the best news of all is that due to this unforeseen situation, we are relaxing our uniform rules through the end of September and celebrating Crusader Spirit!** Through September 30<sup>th</sup>, **students will not be required to have a Mass uniform and will have the option of wearing the following items on any school day:**
  - Any Sacred Heart t-shirt
  - Khaki or navy shorts/skort/pants
  - Blue jeans with no holes. (Athletic shorts, sweatpants and leggings may not be worn.)

We encourage all families to purchase uniforms or wear used uniforms if possible, but these options are available to all students on any school day. GO SADERERS!

**By October 1, 2020, all students should be in uniform according to the Sacred Heart Catholic School Dress Code in the Student-Parent Handbook.**

- If you have any questions regarding uniforms, please email the office at [office@shshattiesburg.com](mailto:office@shshattiesburg.com) and someone will respond.

### **SHOES & SOCKS**

The uniform policies have been updated to include **more options for shoes and socks**. Please review the appropriate policies for details. Shoes may be purchased from any retailer, so students are expected to be in school shoes beginning August 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **MASKS**

Our mask protocol has been updated to include the following:

**All 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to wear a face mask due to COVID-19.**

Masks are encouraged for PreK and kindergarten students, but are only required when attending Mass. Masks must be worn to cover both the nose and mouth and fit snugly to the face with no gaps. Handmade, fabric or gaiter-style masks are acceptable. Face shields will not be allowed. All masks should be free of offensive language and slogans/images. No political or controversial slogans will be allowed.

### **WATER BOTTLES**

Water fountains will not be available for use this year. **Each student will be required to bring a filled water bottle to school each day.** Please label the bottle clearly with your child's first and last name. The school will have bottled water available for emergencies.

Again, we are saddened by the continued effects of this virus on our day to day lives, but we are thankful to be starting school on time and beginning a new year as Sacred Heart Crusaders!

FAITH, RESPECT, HONOR

It is the SACRED HEART WAY.

# PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dress Code 2020-2021

Sacred Heart Catholic School students wear uniforms to provide a sense of pride and respect. Uniforms downplay materialism and eliminate problems associated with inappropriate attire in the academic setting. Much effort has been put into the decision-making process regarding the dress code, and parents are urged to review the entire dress code prior to purchasing any items.

Whenever students are dressed in the school uniform it is expected that they represent the school in a positive way. Students are asked to adhere to the entire dress code when dressed in any portion of the uniform, regardless of whether or not on campus. This includes jewelry and other accessories.

By agreeing to be a Sacred Heart student, it is inherently agreed that families will follow the school's dress code policy. **All uniform clothing items must be purchased from school-authorized retailers listed in the dress code. Shoes and accessories may be purchased from any retailer. Non-compliance with the dress code will result in disciplinary action, including a phone call to parents to deliver appropriate apparel. THE PRINCIPAL HAS THE RIGHT TO AMEND ANY PART OF THIS DRESS CODE.**

**The following vendors have been selected for Sacred Heart uniforms:**

**Uniforms & Accessories (Crusader Blue)**

*Uniforms, socks, tights and accessories*

404 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Meridian, MS 39301

601-693-5331

Online Store: <https://www.uniformsacc.com/> (password: crusaders)

**Please note: The pre-2020 uniform items are no longer available for purchase as new items.**

**New monogrammed items must be purchased and monogrammed by Uniforms & Accessories.**

**Unlawful use of the school logo is prohibited. Items monogrammed by other vendors may not be worn.**

**Crusader Closet Used Uniform Store**

*Located at the High School*

Check the website for hours.

## **TRANSITION TO NEW UNIFORMS:**

**The 2020-2021 School Year is the first of two transition years of “Crusader Blue in 2022” – our transition to a more cohesive school uniform look. Students may wear the existing school uniform (pre-2020) or the Crusader Blue uniform (new uniforms). Items are listed in two separate tables to eliminate confusion. Please call the high school office if you have any questions.**

### 2020-2021 School Year – Transition Year 1

- Students may wear the new or old school uniform.

### 2021-2022 School Year – Transition Year 2

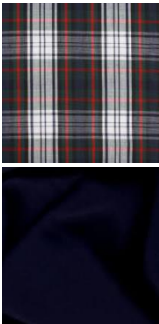
- Every student must have the new Mass uniform.
- Students may wear the new or old school uniform on regular days.

### 2022-2023 School Year – Crusader Blue in 2022!

- All students will begin the school year fully attired according to the new uniform guidelines, in items purchased from Uniforms and Accessories or the Sacred Heart Spirit Shop.

# PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Uniforms - Existing school uniforms (pre-2020/Plaid #49/navy pant)


**Mass Uniform:** Clothing and shoes listed in bold are required items for the Mass uniform. These items may be worn on any school day but are required on Mass days.

Item	Girls	Boys
<b>Mass Uniform PreK - 3rd</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>White round-collared uniform blouse</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Plaid uniform jumper</b> ; must be worn with the white round collar shirt only. Students must wear navy or black shorts under the jumper at a length that will not show.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Short or long sleeved red monogrammed uniform polo.</b> Solid white undershirts with no writing may be worn with the polo, but must not show past the uniform sleeve. The shirt must be tucked into pants. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Navy blue flat front uniform pants in the style specified by the school.</b> NOTE: PreK students are required to wear pull-on pants without belt loops/belts.
<b>Mass Uniform 4<sup>th</sup> - 6th</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Short or long sleeved red monogrammed uniform polo.</b> Must be worn tucked. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Plaid uniform skort.</b> The skirt style must be the 2-kick pleat skirt, and the plaid skorts must be a style with front and back skirt flaps. Skorts cannot be more than 4 inches above the knee when kneeling.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>A solid black or brown belt, or a navy belt</b> from the uniform store, must be worn with uniform pants or shorts.
<b>Polo/Blouse</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Short or long sleeved red monogrammed uniform polo (with shorts/skort). Must be worn tucked. <input type="checkbox"/> White round-collared uniform blouse (with shorts/skort/jumper).	<input type="checkbox"/> Short or long sleeved red monogrammed uniform polo. Solid white undershirts with no writing may be worn with the polo, but must not show past the uniform sleeve. The shirt must be tucked into pants.
<b>Jumper/Shorts/ Pants</b> 	<input type="checkbox"/> PreK-3 <sup>rd</sup> Only: Plaid uniform jumper (with white blouse only) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Only: Plaid uniform skort, hemmed 2" from the top of the knee when standing <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid uniform shorts, no more than 4" above the knee when kneeling. May be worn with the white round collar shirt or knit shirt. <input type="checkbox"/> Navy blue uniform pants in the style specified by the school may be worn on any day other than Mass day during cold weather. <input type="checkbox"/> A solid black or brown belt, or the navy belt from the uniform store, must be worn with uniform pants or shorts if there are belt loops. If belt loops have been removed, no portion of the original belt loop should be visible.	<input type="checkbox"/> Navy blue <u>flat front</u> uniform pants in the style specified by the school. NOTE: PreK students are required to wear pull-on pants without belt loops/belts. <input type="checkbox"/> Navy blue <u>flat front</u> uniform walking shorts in the style specified by the school. They must be just above the knee in length. NOTE: PreK students are required to wear pull-on shorts without belt loops/belts. <input type="checkbox"/> A solid black or brown belt, or a navy belt from the uniform store, must be worn with uniform pants or shorts.

<b>Socks/Tights</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> White socks, with no trim or designs or navy knee socks. <u>Socks must cover the ankle</u> , and may be any length above the ankle (i.e. ankle socks, crew socks or knee socks for girls). <input type="checkbox"/> Navy tights/leggings during cold weather. No leggings or knit pants. Tights should be <u>hip-to-toe</u> tights.	<input type="checkbox"/> White socks, with no trim or designs or navy knee socks. <u>Socks must cover the ankle</u> , and may be any length above the ankle (i.e. ankle socks, crew socks).
<b>Shoes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Any white, gray, navy or black tennis shoe, with accent colors of white or black only; No high-tops. <input type="checkbox"/> K-6: Navy and white saddle-style Keds. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Pre-K Girls: A Velcro-closure shoe is required. Navy Velcro "Mary Jane" style shoes are allowed.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Any white, gray, navy or black tennis shoe, with accent colors of white or black only; No high-tops. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Pre-K Students are required to wear a Velcro-closure shoe.</u>
<b>Outerwear (Optional for Mass)</b>	<b>School sweatshirt (sold at school); Uniform sweater/vest; Uniform jacket;</b> School-approved spirit wear sweatshirts and jackets.	<b>School sweatshirt (sold at school); Uniform sweater/vest; Uniform jacket.</b> School-approved spirit wear sweatshirts and jackets.

## PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Uniforms – Crusader Blue (new uniform/Plaid #62/Grey)

**NOTE:** Students are required to wear the entire Mass uniform on Mass days and selected other occasions. The Mass uniform is optional on all other school days.

Item	Girls	Boys
Mass Uniform PreK - 3rd	<input type="checkbox"/> White round-collared uniform blouse <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid uniform jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusader blue long/short sleeve uniform polo <input type="checkbox"/> Gray uniform pants <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black belt
Mass Uniform 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6th	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusader Blue long/short sleeve uniform polo <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid uniform skort	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusader blue long/short sleeve uniform polo <input type="checkbox"/> Gray uniform pants <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black belt
Polo/Blouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusader blue long/short sleeve uniform polo <input type="checkbox"/> White round-collared uniform blouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusader blue long/short sleeve uniform polo
Jumper/Shorts/ Pants 	<input type="checkbox"/> PreK-3 <sup>rd</sup> Only: Plaid uniform jumper (with white blouse only) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Only: Plaid uniform skort, hemmed 2" from the top of the knee when standing <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid uniform shorts <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black belt if there are belt loops. If belt loops have been removed, no portion of the original belt loop should be visible.	<input type="checkbox"/> Gray uniform pants <input type="checkbox"/> Gray uniform shorts <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black belt if there are belt loops. If belt loops have been removed, no portion of the original belt loop should be visible.
Socks/Tights	<input type="checkbox"/> White socks <input type="checkbox"/> Navy tights/leggings during cold weather	<input type="checkbox"/> White socks
Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Any white, gray, navy or black tennis shoe, with accent colors of white or black only; No high-tops. <input type="checkbox"/> K-6: Navy and white saddle-style Keds. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Pre-K Girls: A Velcro-closure shoe is required. Navy Velcro "Mary Jane" style shoes are allowed.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Any white, gray, navy or black tennis shoe, with accent colors of white or black only; No high-tops. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Pre-K Students are required to wear a Velcro-closure shoe.</u>
Outerwear (Optional for Mass)	School sweatshirt (sold at school); Uniform sweater/vest; Uniform jacket; School-approved spirit wear sweatshirts and jackets.	School sweatshirt (sold at school); Uniform sweater/vest; Uniform jacket. School-approved spirit wear sweatshirts and jackets.

**All uniform clothing items must in the style specified by the school and be purchased Uniforms & Accessories. Shoes and accessories may be purchased from any retailer.**

## PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Additional Items and Concerns

Item	Girls	Boys
<b>Masks</b>	<p><b>All 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to wear a face mask due to COVID-19. Masks are encouraged for PreK and kindergarten students, but are only required when attending Mass. Masks must be worn to cover both the nose and mouth and fit snugly to the face with no gaps. Handmade, fabric or gaiter-style masks are acceptable. Face shields will not be allowed. All masks should be free of offensive language and slogans/images. No political or controversial slogans will be allowed.</b></p>	
<b>Hair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hair must be combed and clean each day for school.</li> <li>▪ There are to be no extreme hair colors or styles, colored hair extensions, or feather extensions of any color worn at school.</li> <li>▪ Girls may wear a ribbon or bow as a hair ornament, in colors matching the school uniform (white, navy, red or plaid).</li> <li>▪ Barrettes, clips, headbands and ponytail bands should not contain any sequins, glitter or beading. No other hair ornaments will be permitted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hair must be combed and clean each day for school.</li> <li>▪ Hair cannot touch the back of the collar or hang in the eyes. Hair must be cut around the ears, and eyebrows must be showing. Hair should not be longer than one finger width above the eyebrows (adult finger width).</li> <li>▪ No shaggy hairstyles.</li> <li>▪ The Principal will be the judge of hair infractions.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One ring only. No bracelets.</li> <li>▪ Post earrings may be worn, and should be limited to one earring in each earlobe. No dangling earrings.</li> <li>▪ Necklaces are limited to religious medals and crosses on a chain. No chokers.</li> <li>▪ Sweatpants or leggings are not to be worn under the uniform.</li> <li>▪ Fingernail polish should be limited to clear. No artificial nails.</li> <li>▪ No makeup or tattoos.</li> <li>▪ No long-sleeved shirts or turtle necks under short sleeved shirt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No bracelets or earrings.</li> <li>▪ Necklaces are limited to religious medals and crosses on a chain. No chokers.</li> <li>▪ No hair extremes (i.e. extreme hair styles/coloring, hair beads)</li> <li>▪ No long-sleeved shirts may be worn a under short sleeved shirt.</li> <li>▪ No turtle neck shirts may be worn as part of the uniform.</li> <li>▪ Scarves may not be worn during the school day.</li> <li>▪ No caps, hats, or hoods worn in any school buildings.</li> </ul>

### Out of Uniform Days

Students may come out of uniform with a pass only, unless there is a school-wide special occasion announced by the Principal. If the student does not have a pass, the student must come to school in his/her regular uniform. Breaking rules will result in loss of privileges for future out-of-uniform opportunities. Listed below are restrictions for out-of-uniform days:

- No spaghetti straps or tank top shirts
- Skirts and dresses cannot be more than four inches above the knee.
- No hats worn in the buildings
- No tight fitting shirts, no low-cut shirts, no gaping shirts
- No holes in pants or torn clothes
- No t-shirts with vulgarities, drug, alcohol, or tobacco references.
- No flip flops or shoes without backs.
- If a student has physical education on an out-of-uniform day, that student must have athletic shoes in which to change for P.E.
- No out of uniform privileges on Mass days

Parents, please consider the variety of activities in which your child is involved during the school day before your child chooses an “out-of-uniform” outfit.