

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-12th grades and girls in PreK-3rd 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 7th 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 30th, **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 SADERS!

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 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 6th.

MASKS

Our mask protocol has been updated to include the following:

All 1st through 12th 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.

7th-12th 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.

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 in the style specified by the school and 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 DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION HAS THE RIGHT TO AMEND ANY PART OF THIS DRESS CODE.**

- 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.
- 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.
- Out of uniform days must be approved by Administration and must be on the school calendar.
- **Parents will be required to replace uniform items within 5 days of notification of poor condition, improper fit or improper style.**

The following vendors have been selected for Sacred Heart uniforms:

Uniforms & Accessories (Crusader Blue)

Uniforms, socks, tights and accessories

404 22nd Ave.

Meridian, MS 39301

601-693-5331

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

Crusader Closet Used Uniform Store

Located at the High School

Check the website for hours.

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

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.

7th-12th Grade Uniforms - Existing school uniforms (pre-2020/plaid #/khaki pant)



Mass Uniform: Clothing and shoes listed in **bold** are required items for the Mass uniform. Students are required to wear the entire Mass uniform on Mass days and selected other occasions. These items may be worn on any school day but are required on Mass days.

Item	Girls	Boys
Polo	Navy blue long or short sleeve uniform polo with school logo. May wear untucked.	Navy blue long or short sleeve uniform polo with school logo. Must be worn tucked.
Blouse/Shirt	Long or short sleeve white school uniform blouse. May wear untucked.	White oxford, long or short sleeve, button-down shirt. Must be worn tucked.
Skirt/Pants	Plaid uniform skirt hemmed 2" from the top of the knee when standing; worn with shorts underneath.	Khaki uniform pants or shorts.
Crosstie/Tie	Plaid uniform crosstie.	Plaid uniform long tie.
Belt		Solid black or brown belt.
Socks/Tights	<input type="checkbox"/> White or black socks with tennis shoes; <u>Socks must cover the ankle</u> , and may be any length above the ankle (i.e. ankle socks, crew socks, knee socks for girls). <input type="checkbox"/> Navy socks with uniform saddle oxfords; Navy tights/leggings during cold weather.	<input type="checkbox"/> White or black socks with shorts; Dark or tan socks with pants; <u>Socks must cover the ankle</u> , and may be any length above the ankle (i.e. ankle socks, crew socks).
Shoes	Any gray tennis shoe, with accent colors of white or black only; No high-tops. Black and white uniform saddle oxfords.	Any gray tennis shoe, with accent colors of white or black only; No high-tops. Men's brown/tan boat style shoe with laces & visible sole (i.e. Sperry).
Outerwear (Optional for Mass)	School sweatshirt (sold at school); Uniform sweater/vest; Uniform jacket or letter jacket; School-approved spirit wear sweatshirts and jackets.	School sweatshirt (sold at school); Uniform sweater/vest; Uniform jacket or letter jacket. School-approved spirit wear sweatshirts and jackets.

7th-12th Grade Uniform – “Crusader Blue” (new uniforms/plaid #62/grey pant)



Mass Uniform: Clothing and shoes listed in bold are required items for the Mass uniform. Students are required to wear the entire Mass uniform on Mass days and selected other occasions. These items may be worn on any school day but are required on Mass days.

Item	Girls	Boys
Mass Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/> Monogrammed ¾” length sleeve “no tuck” uniform blouse; must be worn untucked <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid uniform crosstie <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid uniform skort <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform saddle oxfords with navy socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Monogrammed white oxford button down uniform shirt, long/short sleeve; must be worn tucked <input type="checkbox"/> Plaid uniform long tie or bow tie <input type="checkbox"/> Gray uniform pants <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black belt <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black loafers/dress shoes
Polo	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusader blue long/short sleeve uniform polo with school logo; may wear untucked	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusader blue long or short sleeve uniform polo with school logo; must be worn tucked
Blouse/Shirt	<input type="checkbox"/> Monogrammed ¾” length sleeve “no tuck” uniform blouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Monogrammed white oxford button down uniform shirt, long/short sleeve; must be worn tucked
Skort/Pants	<input type="checkbox"/> Plaid uniform skort hemmed 2” from the top of the knee when standing	<input type="checkbox"/> Gray uniform pants or shorts <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black belt
Socks/Tights	<input type="checkbox"/> White or black socks with tennis shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Navy socks with uniform saddle oxfords <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Socks must cover the ankle</u> , and may be any length above the ankle (i.e. ankle socks, crew socks, knee socks for girls). <input type="checkbox"/> Navy tights/leggings during cold weather	<input type="checkbox"/> White or black socks with tennis shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Black socks with dress shoes <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Socks must cover the ankle</u> , and may be any length above the ankle (i.e. ankle socks, crew socks, knee socks for girls).
Shoes	Any white, gray, navy or black tennis shoe, with accent colors of white or black only; No high-tops. Black and white uniform saddle oxfords.	Any white, gray, navy or black tennis shoe, with accent colors of white or black only; No high-tops. Men’s black dress shoe.
Outerwear (Optional for Mass)	School sweatshirt (sold at school); Uniform sweater/vest; Uniform jacket or letter jacket; School-approved spirit wear sweatshirts and jackets.	School sweatshirt (sold at school); Uniform sweater/vest; Uniform jacket or letter 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.

7th-12th Grade Additional Items and Concerns

Masks	All 1 st through 12 th 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.	
Jewelry	Limited to one earring per ear, worn in the lobe only; no hoops allowed; religious necklace; up to 3 casual bracelets. No other piercings.	Religious necklaces only; No earrings or other piercings.
Hair/Grooming	No extreme hair color/extensions; Hair accessories to match uniform; no visible tattoos or body piercings; Makeup in moderation; muted nail colors.	Must be clean-shaven; hair should not touch collar or hang in eyes; no shaggy hairstyles or ponytails; no visible tattoos or body piercings.
Game Day Attire (Athletes)	Official game day shirt & uniform skirt. (Ordering information will be given through team communication.)	Official game day shirt & uniform shorts or pants. (Ordering information will be given through team communication.)
T-Shirt Days (As Scheduled)	Any appropriate t-shirt and jeans with no holes or uniform skirt; No flip-flop shoes. T-Shirt Days will be listed on the school calendar with specific themes (Spirit Day, 5K, Mardi Gras, etc.)	Any appropriate t-shirt and jeans with no holes or uniform shorts/pants; No flip-flop shoes. T-Shirt Days will be listed on the school calendar with specific themes (Spirit Day, 5K, Mardi Gras, etc.)
Theme Dress Up Days	Specific information and rules will be communicated to students and parents for dress up days during Homecoming Week and Catholic Schools Week.	Specific information and rules will be communicated to students and parents for dress up days during Homecoming Week and Catholic Schools Week.