

Uniform Information

St. James the Apostle Catholic Elementary School Mandatory School Uniform Policy

As per the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board's mandatory school uniform policy taking effect September 2004, students at St. James the Apostle Catholic Elementary School are required to wear the approved school uniform (effective September 2004) as outlined below.

Uniform pieces may be purchased through the school's supplier **JML Uniforms** or at **ANY OTHER RETAIL OUTLET** provided that the items are comparable to those provided through the supplier, and have no advertising or brand names on them.

Items may be purchased from the supplier **JML Uniforms** at their retail outlet located at 95 Parkdale Street North, Hamilton.

UNIFORM

The uniform shall consist of a navy blue or white tops and navy blue bottoms, and can be chosen from the following pieces:

TOPS: All items must be either navy blue or white, and the school crest on all the tops is required.

Golf Shirt—short and long sleeved

Turtle Neck

Tunic

Blouse

BOTTOMS: All items must be navy blue. **NO SWEATPANTS, TRACK PANTS, TEARAWAYS, CAPRIS, KOBE, CARGOS OR DENIM BOTTOMS ALLOWED.**

Dress casual pants, e.g.: "Dockers style" pants—fully elasticized, partially elasticized, belted waists, pleated and non-pleated

Skorts

Walking Shorts

Length of Skorts and Walking Shorts are to be a respectable level above the kneecap. If shorts, skorts, skirts or tunics are worn, the socks or tights shall be navy blue or white only.

WARM/OUTER WEAR: All items must be navy blue and all tops should have a school logo on them. (Please refer to section on Cresting below for details).

Polar Fleece Full zipper

Polar Fleece Vest Full zipper

ATHLETIC WEAR: Please note that a Gym Uniform is **NOT** mandatory, but we strongly encourage the following to be worn only for physical education classes:

Gym T-Shirts—white or navy blue

Gym Shorts—navy blue

Sweatpants—navy blue

CRESTING (SCHOOL LOGO)

All tops must be crested. Items purchased through the supplier, **JML Uniforms**, will be crested. For all tops purchased elsewhere, the school crest is available for purchase from the school office.

CIVVIES DAYS

Students will be allowed to wear clothing other than the school uniform once a month, on a date to be determined by the school. The school dress code (see appendix A) applies to Civvies Days.

COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT

Mandatory School Uniform implies that all students arrive at school dressed appropriately. Failure to do so shall result in consequences. The following progressive disciplinary consequences are to be followed:

- 1) Three verbal reminders along with a written notification (notes, agenda) to parents by the teachers.
- 2) Written communication by the principal or designate to parent regarding the breach of the Board policy and outlines the following consequences for further breach.
 - i. Loss of privileges **and/or**
 - ii. Student receives detention/age appropriate discipline assignment **and/or**
 - iii. Parent is contacted to pick up student from school **and/or**
 - iv. Student will be suspended if the student attends without proper uniform attire.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Since the colours are the same across the Board system, students transferring from another school within the Board will be allowed to wear the uniform of the prior school. The expectation will be that replacement articles will be school-approved items. Students transferring from outside the Board will have a grace period to acquire uniform items.

APPENDIX 'A'

St. James the Apostle Catholic School Dress Code

Dress Codes

All students should be neat and appropriately dressed for school as per school established dress code. In hot weather, walking shorts and a suitable shirt are appropriate. **Such items as cut-offs, tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, muscle tops and mesh tops are considered inappropriate for the school environment.** Clothing worn by your children should be suitable for school and reflect the dignity and sense of Christian morality of the total school community. For safety and personal hygiene purposes, students should have indoor shoes or slippers for the winter months.

Parents and students know what is appropriate for the beach and what is reasonable for a school setting. **Short shorts, tank tops, revealing clothes of any sort are not appropriate and students will call home for a change of clothes.** Students should be dressed appropriately for physical education classes (running shoes, sweatshirt or T-shirt, shorts or sweat pants). Black-sole shoes are not permitted in the gym.