

CONN-AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

2024-2025

Research shows that the teaching/learning process is enhanced in a structured environment. A dress code plays a significant influence in this environment. It is imperative that students adhere to the dress code to the detail.

Conn-Area Catholic School maintains four “dress code” policy designations:

- I. Regular Uniform Day
- II. Formal Attire Day
- III. Gym Uniform Day
- IV. Non-Uniform/Dress Down Day

Each one carries its own set of requirements. Please pay close attention to the details.

VIOLATIONS OF THE DRESS CODE

In the event that a student is out of uniform, they will receive a “Dress Code Allowance”. We understand that sometimes an item of the uniform may be misplaced, or dirty, or simply forgotten. Therefore, a child will NOT receive consequences until their fourth time ‘out of uniform’. In other words, we are providing three ‘allowances’, to show we know what it is like to raise a family. Things happen. However, by the fourth time, we will need to apply consequences. Otherwise, it no longer holds its value as a policy. While we also understand, sometimes it is not the child’s fault, we ask you to understand that we have no other alternative but to have the child lose recess on each day that they are out of uniform starting with the fourth day. **A student will not be excused from consequences even though their parent accepts personal blame.**

This allowance is to be seen as a grace for an event out of your control; NOT to be used as a free “dress out of uniform” day. Please do not abuse this act of understanding. Most importantly, do not keep your child home from school when you know he/she is not able to attend in the proper uniform. This sends a poor message to your child, regarding the value of education. Rather, teach them about consequences and what importance policies play in our world.

EXTENDED DRESS CODE

Students may be required to adhere to the school dress code during school related events that are not occurring during regular school hours.

To download a listing with photos, you can navigate to your custom site via the following:

<https://www.frenchtoast.com/schoolbox/schools/Conn-Area-Catholic-School-QS4MN6>

I. BOYS REGULAR UNIFORM DAY

Pants: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (code QS4MN6) Colors: Navy and Khaki

Pants must cover the ankle. Must be worn with a black, dark brown, or navy plain leather-like belt (grades 2nd – 6th)

- Front Pleated
- Flat Front
- Double Knee
- Pull On

No Cargos

PLEASE NOTE: French Toast belts are reported by parents as being poorly constructed – not recommended – belts can be any brand

Shorts: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (code QS4MN6) Colors: Navy and Khaki

Must be worn with a black, dark brown, or navy plain leather-like belt (grades 2nd – 6th)
(Shorts can only be worn August and September and May and June)

- Front Pleated Shorts
- Flat Front Shorts
- Pull On Shorts

No Cargos

No shorter than fingertip length

Tops: POLO SHIRTS – **Does NOT have to be FRENCH TOAST** Colors: Navy and White

Must be tucked into pants or shorts (PK – 6th)

- Long Sleeve
- Short Sleeve

No trim, no embellishments, no pockets, no logo (even on collar and sleeve)

Dress Shirts: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (code QS4MN6) Colors: White only

Must be worn on “Formal Attire” days (PK – 6th); may be worn on Regular day.

- Long Sleeve
- Short Sleeve

No logo

Sweaters: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (code QS4MN6) Colors: Navy

- V-Neck Cardigan
- V-Neck Sweater Vest
- Zipper Sweater

There are no other options for Regular Dress Uniform when the weather is chilly. Children are not permitted to wear sweatshirts of any kind and no under armor, unless under armor is completely concealed under uniform shirt.

Socks: Must be a dress sock **SOLID** Colors: black, khaki, white, or navy

- Above the ankle (NOT permitted: 'invisible socks', no-shows, low-cut)

No stripes, no designs, no symbols

Dress Shoes: Must be a dress shoe Colors: black, brown, khaki, navy (May be multi-colored if it is in the same color family (ex: shades of browns or shades of blues)}

- Must be leather type – no canvas or canvas-looking
- Patterns are not permitted
- No sparkles, metallic, or anything flashy
- No logos larger than the size of a nickel
- No high tops, boots, or crocs
- Boat shoes are permitted, but must be leather-style and **must follow color requirement**
- **Preschool shoes MUST be Velcro ONLY; no shoe laces**
- Dress shoe MUST be worn on "Formal Attire" day

Please note: the sole of the dress shoe may differ in color from the actual solid colored dress shoe, but must be a neutral color – no fluorescent, bright colored soles

Tennis Shoes/Sneakers: Must be TOTALLY black or TOTALLY white – including the sole of the shoe. If there is a logo on the shoe, it must be the same color as the shoe. **Preschool shoes MUST be Velcro ONLY; no shoe laces.**

Neck Tie: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (**code QS4MN6**)

- **Grades PK – 6** Colors: CAC Blue Plaid - Ties must be worn on "Formal Attire" Day

Jewelry:

- Boys in grades 4 - 6 - maximum of one bracelet, one ring, one necklace (must be simple)
- Boys in grades PK – 3 – maximum of one necklace (If issues arise, they may lose this privilege.)

No earrings for boys.

- II. **BOYS FORMAL ATTIRE DAY** Boys must wear the uniform navy pants, the school required belt, the uniform white dress shirt, school tie, sweater (if needed), dress shoes, school socks – Socks MUST be crew style or above the ankle socks. Details above - Shorts are not permitted.

I. GIRLS REGULAR UNIFORM DAY

Pants: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (code QS4MN6) Colors: Navy and Khaki

Pants must cover the ankle. Must be worn with a black, dark brown or navy plain leather-type belt (grades 2nd – 6th)

- Front Pleated
- Flat Front
- Pull On
- Straight Leg

No Cargos, no leggings, no skinny pants

PLEASE NOTE: French Toast belts are reported by parents as being poorly constructed – not recommended; belts can be any brand.

Shorts: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (code QS4MN6) Colors: Navy and Khaki

Must be worn with a black, dark brown, or navy plain leather-type belt (grades 2nd – 6th)

(Shorts can only be worn August and September and May and June)

- Bermuda at Knee
- Pull On Shorts (PK – 1st only)

No Cargos, no capris

No shorter than fingertip length

Dress:

- Drop Waist Jumper – MUST BE FLYNN O’HARA (PA008) Colors: Blue **PLAID** only
(For Grades PK - 6)
- Round Neck Jumper – MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (code QS4MN6) Colors: Blue **PLAID** only
(For Grades PK – 6)
 - **Girls in PK and K must wear the jumper. The skirt and Scooters are not permitted for PK and K.**
- Scooter/Skort – MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (code QS4MN6) or FLYNN O’HAR (PA008)
Colors: Blue **PLAID** only (For Grades 1 – 6)
- Skirts - MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (code QS4MN6) or FLYNN O’HARA (PA008)
Colors: Blue **PLAID** only (For Grades 1 – 6)

*** No shorter than fingertip length for all the above ‘dress’ items. Skirts and Skorts are not permitted to be tight-fitting.

Girls are encouraged to wear spandex shorts UNDER their skirts and dresses, as long as it does not exceed the length of the skirt or dress.

Tops: POLO SHIRTS **Does NOT have to be FRENCH TOAST.** Colors: Navy and White
Must be tucked into pants, skirts, scooters, or shorts (PK – 6th) Polos may be purchased anywhere. Know that the French Toast size in the polo runs big, (as reported by parents).

- Long Sleeve
- Short Sleeve

No trim, no embellishments, no pockets, no cap sleeves, no logos (even on collar or sleeve)

Blouses: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (**code QS4MN6**) or FLYNN O’HARA (**PA008**) Colors: White
Must be worn on “Formal Attire” days (PK – 6th)

- Long Sleeve Peter Pan Blouse – feminine fit
- Short Sleeve Peter Pan Blouse – feminine fit

No trim, no embellishments, no pockets, no cap sleeves, no lace trim collar

PLEASE NOTE: These French Toast Blouse sizes tend to run small, as reported by parents. If your daughter requires undergarments, they must be white. Please assess the need for your daughter to be wearing an undergarment.

Cross Tie: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (**code QS4MN6**) Colors: CAC Blue Plaid
Ties must be worn on “Formal Attire” Day

Sweaters: MUST BE FRENCH TOAST (**code QS4MN6**)

- Anti-Pill Crew Cardigan – Color: Navy and White (Please note that the WHITE SWEATER is considered one of their “seasonal” items and therefore, they only place one order per year. When they are sold out, they will not replenish until the next purchasing season.)
- V-Neck Sweater Vest – Colors: Navy

Please note: There are no other options for Regular Dress Uniform when the weather is chilly. Children are not permitted to wear sweatshirts of any kind and no under armor, unless under armor is completely concealed under uniform shirt.

Socks: Must be a dress sock

- Knee socks – Colors: Solid White or Solid Navy
- Quarter/Anklets - ABOVE the ankle – Colors: Solid Khaki, Solid White, or Solid Navy
- Tights – White or Navy

No color stripes, no designs, no symbols, no lace, no leggings
(NOT permitted: ‘invisible socks’, no-shows, low-cut)

Dress Shoes: Must be a dress shoe Colors: black, brown, khaki, navy – (May be multi-colored if it is in the same color family (ex: shades of browns or shades of blues))

- Must be leather type – no canvas or canvas-looking
- Patterns are not permitted

- Mesh on the sides is permitted
- No sparkles, metallic, or anything flashy
- No logos larger than the size of a nickel
- No high tops, boots, crocs, or heels higher than 1 inch
- Boat shoes are permitted but must be leather-style. May be multi-shades of the color choices above.
- Ballet flats are permitted; however, cannot be canvas and must be in the colors above – solid colors only – no multi-colors, no prints.
- **Preschool shoes MUST be Velcro ONLY; no shoe laces**

Please note: the sole of the dress shoe may differ in color from the actual solid colored dress shoe, but must be a neutral color – no fluorescent, bright colored soles

Tennis Shoes: Must be TOTALLY black or TOTALLY white – including the sole of the shoe. If there is a logo on the shoe, it must be the same color as the shoe. **Preschool shoes MUST be Velcro ONLY; no shoe laces**

Jewelry:

- Girls in grades 4, 5, and 6 - maximum of one bracelet, one ring, one necklace, one set of POST earrings (Jewelry must be simple) No dangling earrings, no hoops. Earrings must be in the lobe of the ear.
- Girls in grades PK – 3 – a necklace may be worn and one set of POST earrings in the lobe of the ear – no dangling earrings, no hoops

II. GIRLS FORMAL ATTIRE DAYS

Girls must wear a jumper/scooter/skirt, white blouse, cross tie, dress shoes, and sweater (if needed), socks must be knee highs, tights, or ABOVE the ankle anklets in white or navy. Details above. Shorts and pants are not permitted.

III. BOYS and GIRLS GYM UNIFORM DAY

T-Shirts - MUST BE FROM HOME RUN GRAPHICS

Color: Ash

- Short Sleeve w/CAC logo
- Long Sleeve w/CAC logo

Gym Shorts – MUST BE FROM HOME RUN GRAPHICS

Colors: Navy

- 50/50 Blend w/CAC logo – in toddler sizes
- Polyester Wicking w/CAC logo – Youth and Adult; fingertip length

(Shorts are only permitted August and September and May and June)

Sweatshirt (crew) – MUST BE FROM HOME RUN GRAPHICS Colors: Ash

- 50/50 Blend w/CAC logo
- NO HOODIES

Sweatpants – MUST BE FROM HOME RUN GRAPHICS Color: Navy

- 50/50 Blend w/CAC logo – elastic bottom/hem
- 50/50 Blend w/CAC logo – straight hem

Tennis Shoes: Must be TOTALLY black or TOTALLY white – including the sole of the shoe. If there is a logo on the shoe, it must be the same color/shade as the shoe. **Preschool shoes MUST be Velcro ONLY; no shoe laces**

Socks: Must be an athletic sock Colors: White or Black

No stripes, no designs, no symbols, no logos

Jewelry is NOT PERMITTED on GYM DAYS, except for post earrings on girls. This is for the safety of our students.

IV. BOYS and GIRLS NON-UNIFORM DAYS/DRESS DOWN DAYS

There will be occasions when the students will have the right to dress in Non-Uniform clothing. However, their clothing must reflect the spirit and philosophy of the school, promoting the Gospel message. In view of that and out of respect for others, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- No tight fitting and immodestly revealing clothing
- No mini-skirts/shorts/dresses less than fingertip length.
- No spandex shorts unless a shirt covers the buttocks, but should not exceed the length of the shorts, which are not less than fingertip length. **NOTE: If your child does not wear a shirt that covers the buttocks, she will be given a shirt to wear for the day while in school.**
- No off-the-shoulder or low neckline styles on tops/shirts/dresses/etc.; although sleeveless is permitted.
- No short tops, no halter tops, no crop tops, no mid-drift tops, no spaghetti strap tops; although sleeveless is permitted.

- No backless dresses & tops; even partial cut-out backs and backs with just straps are not permitted. No racer-back tops. All tops & dresses should have full back covering.
- Girls are encouraged to wear spandex shorts UNDER their skirts and dresses, as long as it does not exceed the length of the skirt or dress.
- No spandex pants/capris/leggings/tights unless it is worn with a long shirt that covers the entire buttocks. **NOTE: If your child does not wear a shirt that covers the buttocks, she will be given a shirt to wear for the day while in school.**
- No baggy pants worn below the waist area
- No clothing that is ripped/torn/ragged or dirty or the *appearance* of such, as a 'style'
- No t-shirts with inappropriate wording/pictures
- No t-shirts with political statements
- No shoes with high heels more than one inch
- No backless sandals, no clogs, no open-heeled shoes, no platforms, no wedges more than one inch; all sandals must have a strap around the heel; Crocs must have a back on the shoe
- No boots with a heel higher than one inch
- No shoes with wheels
- The same jewelry requirements that apply to REGULAR Uniform and GYM Uniform Days, also hold true for NON-UNIFORM DAYS
- No make-up/perfume/cologne/false eye lashes
- Tennis shoes must be worn on gym days even on dress down days

SCHOOL EVENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS

Students are expected to follow the dress code while at school sponsored events, if they are an active member of the event. For instance, a student who is participating in the prayer service at a PTG meeting must follow the determined dress code for that event. If the student attending the PTG meeting is not a part of the prayer service, they need not follow any of the school requirements. The administration will determine what constitutes an "active member".

Locations:

For Gym Uniforms:

Homerun Graphics
111 W. Main Street
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
412-554-9982

- Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday – CLOSED

General Requirements Supporting Uniform Policy

MAKE-UP

- No artificial nails
- No fake eyelashes
- No make-up
- No lipstick
- Nail polish is permitted on girls only
- Boys and Girls - No visible tattoos or body art – even artificial ones
- No perfume or cologne

JEWELRY

- For girls only – one set of small post earrings on the ear lobe – no hoops, no dangling, etc.
- No other piercings
- Boys may not wear earrings
- Boys and Girls in grades four through six – only one bracelet, one necklace, one watch, and one ring are permitted
- No iWatch, Fitbit style watches
- No bangle bracelets
- For girls in grades PK through third – one necklace and one set of post earrings permitted
- For boys in grades PK through third – one necklace

HAIR/HAIR ACCESSORIES

- Hair must be well groomed
- Boys and girls - No “colored” hair is permitted (unnatural colors)
- Boys and girls – Hair may never interfere with vision – eyes must be visible
- Boys – Hair cannot be below the ears or touching the collar of the shirt
- Boys and girls may not have exaggerated hairstyles such as Mohawks, shaved sides with considerable length on top, cut-in logos, etc.
- Girls – Hair accessories are permitted but must be simple and blend well with the colors of the uniform. (Teachers reserve the right to ban certain students from wearing headbands if they find it a distraction for the education of that child.)
- No hair feathers/hair tinsel are permitted
- Hats are not permitted to be worn in the building except on “Crazy Hat Day”

GROOMING REQUIREMENTS/APPEARANCE

- Students should follow habits of good grooming regarding cleanliness of body, care of teeth, skin, hair, and nails
- Students, (according to their development), must wear deodorant
- Girls, (according to their development), must wear undergarments
- Uniforms must be clean, pressed, without stains or holes, no ‘dinginess’ or discoloration.
- Uniforms must fit properly – not oversized or tight fitting; pants cannot be above the ankle
- Girls’ skirts/scooters/shorts **must be fingertip length**
- Hoodies and coats are not permitted to be worn in the classrooms during school hours – this includes in the church.