



SCHOOL UNIFORM RATIONALE

The development of and implementation of our new uniform policy is driven by a desire to promote aesthetic beauty, modesty, dignity, excellence, and school unity. We also believe this uniform policy will promote an environment of learning where dress is not a distraction to the educational process. As a Classical Christian School, we believe that our worship of the Triune God influences every area of our lives. To that end, our new uniform policy is based on these principles:

1. Our goal is to honor God in all we do, acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all of our choices.
2. All human actions, including outward manifestations such as clothing, reveal and communicate the disposition of the heart at some level. It is our desire to address these heart issues through this uniform policy rather than seeking to anticipate and curb the numerous manifestations of it that surface throughout the year with a looser dress code.
3. Clothing represents the vocational calling of a person, and inherent in the uniform policy is a desire to create an environment where undue attention is not drawn to specific students. The neat appearance created by a uniform enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere.
4. Uniforms help engender a cohesive presentation of the students in our school. When our students are in uniform, it communicates, aesthetically, that they are part of the same team, working toward the same goals. The student is part of a group identity that strives for excellence, and the code establishes a tradition toward that end.
5. The uniform code should save parents money. The uniform code de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic issues.
6. The uniform code addresses security. On field trips, students in uniform aid the teachers in keeping track of everyone. On the playground or in the school, teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders.

Students are expected to be in uniform while on campus unless specified otherwise by the administration. The administration is responsible for the interpretation of the policy, and the enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of parents, administration, and staff.