



Uniform Information

2022-2023

***Please view all the information below .**

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St. Matthew Catholic School Uniform Policy

Each school shall establish standards of student dress, which will promote dignity, cleanliness, and good health. Students are expected to follow the dress code throughout the school day and during all school events, which include, but are not limited to, athletics, extracurricular and social activities. The dress code shall be published in the Parent/Student Handbook and enforced by the administration, faculty and staff.

The St. Matthew Catholic School uniform has been selected to provide a neat appearance as well as remain functional and affordable.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All students are required to wear the school uniform.

All uniform items must fit properly, be modest, and clean, without holes and neat (shirts tucked in and shoes tied) for the duration of the school day.

The administration reserves the right to assess a violation to any student not adhering to the policy.

Beginning in 4th grade students will receive demerits when they are not in uniform compliance.

UNIFORM VENDORS

School Yard (210) 734-2912 12300 Interstate 10 W, Building #3, San Antonio, TX 78230

Academic Outfitters (210) 616-2014 8055 West Ave ste 102-103, Castle Hills, TX 78213

- Items not sold at the uniform stores or at a school uniform resale (PTC – spirit items, Booster Club, CYO, etc.) are permitted only on Spirit Dress/Non-Uniform Days.
- Periodically, the PTC will offer a sale on gently worn uniform items.
- Other than school shoes, no alternate brands or styles for any of the uniform components are allowed.

PATCHES/EMBROIDERY

- School patches can be purchased at the above uniform stores.
- Mass shirts: patches will be applied to the right sleeve and will be sewn by uniform store.
- Polo shirts, jackets, red sweaters: embroidery will be on the left front and will be sewn at the uniform store.
- 8th grade blue sweaters are not required to have the embroidery.

SOCKS

(Unless specified for Mass or a particular grade level)

- White socks

- Plain no logos or accents
- Must be above the ankle and visible to the observer
- Girls may also wear knee highs or tights
- No leggings

SHOES

(Unless specified for Mass or a particular grade level)

- All white **all leather** tennis shoes (no lights, color trim or contrasting soles)
- Velcro is an option for our elementary students. Velcro is required for prek, kinder and is preferred for first grade.

JACKETS/COATS/SWEATSHIRTS

- Approved embroidered sweaters are allowed inside the school building and at Mass. Students in PreK3 - 7th grades can wear the red pullover or cardigan.
 - 8th grade blue sweaters do not have to be embroidered.
- Non St. Matthew jackets/coats may be worn during outdoor activities.
- No jackets/coats will be allowed in class or during Mass.
- Sweatshirts with hoodies and non-uniform sweatshirts are not allowed in the school building.
- 6th-8th Grades are allowed to wear letterman jackets except during Mass.

UNIFORM LENGTH

- Boys:
 - Pant hem will touch the shoes.
 - Short's hem will, at minimum, be below the student's fingertips.
- Girls:
 - When standing or kneeling, the hem of skirts, jumpers and walking shorts will, at minimum, be right above the knee.
 - Pant hem will touch the top of the shoe.

GROOMING

- Makeup: No make-up is allowed including but not limited to tinted face color, lip color, mascara, eyeliner or lash extensions.
- Nails: Only clear nail polish is allowed. Artificial nails are not permitted.
- Hair: Hair color must be a natural color with no frosting, tipping or highlighting. No fad haircuts or styles are allowed.
 - Girls:
 - Above the eyebrows, away from the face.
 - Hair accessories including barrettes, ribbons, hair bands, and ponytail holders must be of school colors: black, white, red, navy blue, dark green or gold and may be made from the school plaid.
 - Bows conforming to the above colors with the student's initials or St. Matthew logo/initials are permissible.

- Hair bows should be no larger than 2 inches in height
- Jeweled hair accessories are not allowed
- Boys:
 - Above the eyebrows at least one-half inch.
 - Tapered above and around the ears.
 - Must be at least 1 inch above the collar.
 - The sides and top should be no shorter than a #2 razor guard.
 - Sideburns should not extend below the middle of the ear.
 - Hair height will be at the discretion of the administrator.
 - Middle School boys need to be clean-shaven.

TATTOOS

- Permanent and/or temporary tattoos are not permitted.
- Henna tattoos are not permitted.
- Writing on body with pens or markers is not allowed.

JEWELRY

- As a rule, valuables should not be worn.
- 1 wrist watch is allowed.
 - Fitbits or activity trackers are permitted.
 - Smart watches or similar devices are not permitted.
- 1 necklace is allowed.
 - A simple chain or thin leather cord (4 mm) with a Christian symbol or medal is allowed.
- Earrings are allowed.
 - Simple stud earrings or ½ inch loops for girls.
 - Only one earring per ear lobe.
 - No earrings for boys.
- Students may wear one religious symbol, NJHS pin, Student Council pin on his/her tie.
- Rings, bracelets and ankle bracelets are not permitted.

**Medical identification items may be worn and must be approved by the school nurse and/or administration.

PE UNIFORM

6th-8th Grades:

- All PE Uniforms must be purchased through the PE department.
- The approved PE Uniform includes:
 - St. Matthew PE t-shirt
 - Red shorts
 - White socks per policy
 - Any athletic tennis shoe

**All other grades will wear their school uniform for PE.

SPIRIT DRESS DAYS/NON-UNIFORM DAYS

- Students are occasionally granted a Spirit Dress/Non-Uniform Day.

- Official school uniforms are not required.
- Students may wear the school uniform.
- Clothing should uphold the dignity of our Catholic School environment, be clean, neat, safe and modest.
- PE classes may meet on non-uniform days and spirit dress is not an excuse for non-participation.
- Students may be asked to change if their clothing is deemed inappropriate.
- Spirit Dress attire:
 - Blue/black jeans (no holes or faux holes).
 - No jean leggings.
 - Uniform shorts/pants/skirts/skort are allowed.
 - Non-uniform shorts/skirts/skort are not allowed.
 - St. Matthew logo shirts or sweatshirts (PTC, Booster Club, St. Matthew CYO) are allowed.
 - Sweatshirt hoods are not allowed to be worn over the head in the building.
 - Low cut, sleeveless, spaghetti strap/strapless tops are not allowed.
 - Other Catholic School clothing is not allowed.
 - Socks must be above the ankle and may have color.
 - Any athletic shoe, closed shoe, or boots are allowed.
 - No shoes with lights or wheels are allowed.
 - Open toed shoes, sandals and flip flops are not allowed.
 - Themed dress may be allowed on occasion and will be announced by administration.
 - Official scout uniforms or vests may be worn on scout meeting days but is not permitted on Mass days.
 - All grooming and jewelry policies remain in effect.

UNIFORM VIOLATIONS

- Parents or caregivers are primarily responsible for students wearing the proper uniform.
- At the administration's discretion, a student may be sent home for a uniform violation.
- Parents of K-3rd grade students will receive a notification from the teacher.
- 4th-8th Grade students will receive 1 demerit for each uniform infraction, each day they are out of compliance.
 - Demerits will accumulate throughout the year.
 - First 5 demerits = 1 Disciplinary Notice.
 - Every 5 demerits after the first 5 = 1 after-school detention.

Grade Specific Uniform Requirements

SHOES

(Unless specified for Mass or a particular grade level)

- All white **all leather** tennis shoes (no lights, no fabric, no color trim or contrasting soles)
- Velcro is an option for our elementary students. Velcro is required for PK 3, PK 4, kinder and is preferred for first grade.

SOCKS

(Unless specified for Mass or a particular grade level)

- White socks
 - Plain no logos or accents
 - Must be above the ankle and visible to the observer
 - Girls may also wear knee highs or tights (plain- no designs, bows, or decorations)
- No leggings

**PK 3 and PK 4,
(Mass and Daily Uniform)**

- Boys/girls: red/white short-sleeve polo
- Boys: Elastic, khaki, pleated shorts/pants
- Girls: Red plaid shorts/pants
- Girls: Red plaid jumper
 - White Peter-Pan collared blouse- small hem blouses should be tucked in
 - Shorts (any color from the uniform) of choice underneath
- *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater (daily/Mass) or black fleece jacket (daily ONLY)*
- *Optional – St. Matthew sweatshirt or sweatpants – not on Mass days*
- *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath shirt*

KINDER AND 1ST GRADE

Boys' Mass Uniform

- White short sleeve oxford dress shirt
- Blue and red striped tie
- Elastic pleated khaki pants
- Socks/shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Boys' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short sleeve polo
- Elastic, khaki, pleated shorts/pants
- Socks/shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional -- Mass uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater or black fleece jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweatshirt and/or sweatpants*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Girls' Mass Uniform

- Red plaid jumper

- Shorts (any color from the uniform) of choice underneath
- White Peter-Pan collared blouse- small hem blouses should be tucked in
- White knee highs/tights
- Shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

Girls' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short sleeve polo
- White Peter-Pan collared blouse - small hem blouses should be tucked in
- Red plaid shorts/pants
- Shoes/socks per policy
- ❖ *Optional – Mass uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater or black fleece jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweatshirt and/or sweatpants*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

2ND AND 3RD GRADE
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Boys' Mass Uniform

- White, short sleeve, oxford dress shirt
- Blue and red striped tie
- Flat/pleated, khaki pants
- Brown/black belt
- Socks/shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Boys' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short sleeve polo
- Flat/pleated, khaki shorts/pants
- Brown/black belt
- Socks/shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional -- Mass uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater or black fleece jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweatshirt and/or sweatpants*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Girls' Mass Uniform

- Red plaid jumper
 - Shorts (any color from the uniform) of choice underneath
- White Peter-Pan collared blouse- small hem blouses should be tucked in
- White knee highs/tights
- Shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

Girls' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short sleeve polo
- White Peter-Pan collared blouse- small hem blouses should be tucked in
- Red plaid shorts/pants
- Shoes/socks per policy

- ❖ *Optional – Mass uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater or black fleece jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweatshirt and/or sweatpants*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

4TH AND 5TH GRADE

Boys' Mass Uniform

- White short sleeve oxford dress shirt
- Blue and red striped tie
- Flat/pleated khaki pants
- Brown/black belt
- Socks/shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Boys' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short-sleeve polo
- Flat/pleated khaki shorts/pants
- Brown/black belt
- Socks/shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – Mass uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater or black fleece jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Girls' Mass Uniform

- White oxford dress blouse- small hem blouses should be tucked in
- Plaid tie
- Red plaid skirt/skort
 - Shorts (any color from the uniform) of choice underneath skirt
- White knee highs/tights
- Shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

Girls' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short-sleeve polo
- White oxford dress blouse- small hem blouses should be tucked in
 - Plaid tie
- Red plaid shorts/pants/skort/skort
 - Shorts (any color from the uniform) of choice underneath skirt
- Shoes/socks per policy
- ❖ *Optional – Mass uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater or black fleece jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

6TH AND 7TH GRADE

Boys' Mass Uniform

- White short sleeve oxford dress shirt
- Red and white striped tie
- Flat/pleated khaki pants
- Black belt

- Black dress shoes/loafers
- Black socks
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – Plain white short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Boys' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short sleeve polo
- Flat/pleated khaki shorts/pants
- Brown/black belt
- Socks/shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – Mass Uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional -- St. Matthew black fleece or letterman jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Girls' Mass Uniform

- White oxford dress blouse-small hem blouses should be tucked in
- Red tie
- Red plaid skirt/skort
 - Shorts (any color from the uniform) of choice underneath skirt
- White knee highs/tights
- Black penny loafers
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – White short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

Girls' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short-sleeve polo
- White oxford dress blouse- small hem blouses should be tucked in
 - Red tie
- Red plaid shorts/pants/skort/skort
 - Shorts (any color from the uniform) of choice underneath skirt
- Shoes/socks per policy
- ❖ *Optional – Mass uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – Black penny loafers*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew red sweater*
- ❖ *Optional -- St. Matthew black fleece or letterman jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – White short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

8th Grade

Boys' Mass Uniform

- White short sleeve oxford dress shirt
- Blue tie
- Flat/pleated khaki pants
- Black belt
- Black dress shoes/loafers
- Black socks
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew blue sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – Plain white short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Boys' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short sleeve polo

- Flat or pleated khaki shorts/pants
- Brown/black belt
- Socks/shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – Mass uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew blue sweater*
- ❖ *Optional -- St. Matthew black fleece or letterman jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – White, short sleeve t-shirt underneath shirt*

Girls' Mass Uniform

- White oxford dress blouse- small hem blouses should be tucked in
- Blue tie
- Red plaid skirt/skort
 - Shorts (any color from the uniform) of choice underneath skirt
- Blue knee highs/white tights
- Black penny loafers
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew blue sweater*
- ❖ *Optional – White short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

Girls' Daily Uniform

- Red/white short-sleeve polo
- White oxford dress blouse- small hem blouses should be tucked in
 - Blue tie
- Red plaid shorts/pants/skort/skort
 - Shorts (any color from the uniform) of choice underneath skirt
- Socks per policy/blue knee highs/white tights
- Shoes per policy
- ❖ *Optional – Mass uniform*
- ❖ *Optional – Black penny loafers*
- ❖ *Optional – St. Matthew blue sweater*
- ❖ *Optional -- St. Matthew black fleece or letterman jacket*
- ❖ *Optional – White short sleeve t-shirt/undergarment underneath blouse*

**8th Grade
NON-UNIFORM PICTURE DAYS**

- 8th grade will be allowed to wear non-uniform clothing on picture days.
- Clothing must be clean, neat, safe and modest reflecting our Catholic values.
- Low cut, sleeveless, spaghetti strap/strapless tops are not permitted.
- Shirts with brand lettering are not acceptable.
- Skirt length must follow the uniform guidelines.