

STUDENT UNIFORM/DRESS CODE 2015-2016

General Guidelines

School uniforms are worn by students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 beginning the first day of school. Students are required to arrive and leave school in complete uniform and remain in complete uniform throughout the day. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if clarification of any element of the dress code is necessary. To avoid loss of clothing, parents assist their children to label sweaters, sweatshirts, outer wear clearly with name and grade.

Vendors: Uniforms can be purchased through Dennis Uniforms or Lands End.

Dennis ALL uniform requirements can be purchased through Dennis (except Mesh Gym Shorts)

School Code: BT00MS

Retail Store 1110C North Rolling Road, Catonsville, MD 21228

Phone 800 854 6951 410 869 4682 FAX 410869 4685

On line orders: www.dennisuniform.com

Scripts: Available through MSS

Annual Brochure with uniform pricing, products available from school office

Lands End All uniform items can be purchased through Lands End

School Code: 900155508

Retail Store SEARS retail stores have limited stock of Khaki pants & Shorts

Phone 800 469 2222

On line orders: www.landsend.com/school

Scripts: Available on line

Expectations of Students

Parents teach their children to show pride in their school by conforming to school standards regarding dress, personal appearance, and hygiene, jewelry, and hair styles as explained below:

- Students are well-groomed, maintain a neat appearance, and wear their school uniform with pride. Uniforms are in good repair and properly fitted, with shirts long enough to be neatly tucked in.
- Colored T-shirts, those containing lettering/graphics, or patterned camisoles are not worn under uniform shirts.
- Students are permitted to wear a watch, but no other bracelets, unless they are allergy, or health emergency bands
- Uniform shirts are tucked in except during PE class. Shirts remain tucked in departing from school and on the school bus.
- Jumpers, skirts, knit shirts, khaki pants, skorts, and shorts, sweaters, and vests are purchased from DENNIS or Lands End only
- Mesh Gym Shorts may only be purchased via Lands' End. Logo is not required for gym shorts or sweatpants. Gym sweatpants can still be purchased through Dennis.
- Lengths of girl's jumpers or skorts are no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Socks are 3-4 inches above the top of the shoe.
- Jackets and hats are not worn in the school building.
- Girls limit jewelry to one pair of stud or button earrings, one ring and a small necklace with medal or cross. Boys limit jewelry to one ring and a small necklace with a small medal or cross. Parents and staff guide students in selection of appropriate jewelry to wear with school uniform.
- Hair is neatly styled. Students and parents understand that fad haircuts, artificially dyed hair, highlighted hair, and radical style cuts do not complement the school uniform and are inappropriate for school.
- Boys keep a traditional boy's haircut, trimmed above the ears, off collar, and above the eyebrows.
- Girls limit hair adornments to a simple ribbon, headband, or band to tie the hair. For safety and appearance, ribbons are short and do not hang down the back.
- Students do not wear make-up, use only clear polish for nails, and transparent lip balm.
- The school staff assists students in determining what is acceptable

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Girls – Grades 1-5

Navy and green plaid jumper with scoop neck and A-line styling or Khaki skort or pants, all worn with a white or hunter green short or long sleeve MSS logo knit shirt.

Girls – Grades 6-8

Navy and green plaid or khaki skort, length reaching to no more than 2 inches above the knees, or khaki pants, both worn with a white or hunter green short or long sleeve MSS logo knit shirt

Boys – Grades 1-8

Khaki pants worn with a white or hunter green short or long sleeve MSS logo knit shirt.
Mass and Prayer Service Days- 8th grade boys wear dress shirt (solid color) and appropriate tie

Boys and Girls Grades 1-8

Belts: Solid or braided black or brown belts. Belts must be worn with pants or shorts (except for Grade 1).

Shoes: Clean, SOLID WHITE traditional athletic shoes (sneakers) with non-marking soles, low cut with backs, suitable for physical education activities on a gymnasium floor (Velcro or white laces). No other colors, designs, or decorations are acceptable.

Socks: PLAIN white, navy blue, or hunter green knee high, crew, or quarter socks or tights. Socks must be at least 3-4 inches above the top of the shoe. No decorations or logos allowed on socks.

Sweaters: Hunter green MSS logo button-up or Zip front cardigan or crew neck MSS logo sweater (optional).

Vests: Forest green MSS logo fleece (optional).

Sweatshirts: May be worn in place of sweater inside the classroom on cold weather days.

Pre-Kindergarten

See the PreK Parent Handbook for dress code

Kindergarten

Kindergarten children wear the MSS gym uniform throughout the year.

Winter uniform includes: MSS logo white or hunter polo shirt and green sweatpants Warm weather uniform includes option for school logo tan cotton shirt and shorts Shoes are the same for Kindergarten through Grade 8.

Optional Warm Weather Uniform First Day to October 15; April 15 to Last Day

Grades 1-8 Khaki walking shorts with white short-sleeve MSS logo knit shirt.

Exception for Extremely Hot Weather: Tan gym cotton logo T-shirt is permitted when the hot weather plan is announced via a written memo to parents. This shirt is kept tucked in except during PE class.

Kindergarten – Gym shorts and white short sleeve MSS logo shirt **or** Tan gym cotton logo T-shirt

Physical Education Uniform

Hunter green jersey MSS logo knit shorts worn with white short sleeve MSS logo knit shirt or tan MSS logo cotton shirt

Hunter green MSS logo sweatshirt and sweatpants with white knit **or** tan MSS logo cotton shirt (cold weather). PE Uniform pants are worn only on gym day. Students may wear the sweatshirt in colder weather instead of the sweater.

Out of Uniform Days

Special permission to be out of uniform is periodically given to individuals, classes, or the entire school.

- **Birthdays:** Students have permission to be out of uniform on their birthday. Summer birthday out of uniform privilege is arranged with the homeroom teacher.
- **Tag Day:** Student clubs sponsor “Tag Day” for various projects they are doing. Notices are sent home via the Tuesday Newsletter regarding the fee to come out of uniform, whether it is full or shirt only out of uniform privilege, and destination of funds collected.

On out of uniform days: students wear appropriate, modest, safe, and respectful attire for school. Skirts are appropriate length; Spaghetti string tops, low cut tops, etc., are not worn. Text, graphics on shirts is ordinarily not permitted. For safety, school shoes are usually required.

If an out of uniform day falls on a scheduled P.E. day, clothing suitable for physical activity and sneakers should be worn.