



Uniforms maintain a long standing strong tradition, reflect school pride, and help students retain high regard for personal appearance. Uniforms are a first opportunity to make an impression. Uniforms express a commitment to modesty, safety, professionalism, and ensure a distraction-free learning environment providing a level playing field for all students.

Regulation uniform is only available for purchase through The **Dennis Uniform Company** online, <http://www.dennisuniform.com/>, school code: XSV315. The National Customer Service # is 1 800-854-6951.

Uniforms are required for PK4-8th grade. Students enrolled in PK3 and the Infant and Toddler Programs do not need to wear a uniform.

Boys PK4 through 8th Grade Uniform	Girls PK4 through 8th Grade Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy blue chinos (twill pants). Black or brown belts required for grades 5-8.</li> <li>• Walking Shorts (optional). 1<sup>st</sup> day of school until Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Then again April 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of school.</li> <li>• White Oxford button-down short sleeve or long sleeve shirt or white polo shirt.</li> <li>• Lloyd Plaid neckties with Oxford shirts are required for Mass on Thursdays. No polo shirts allowed on Thursdays.</li> <li>• Navy blue V-neck sweater vest; V-neck long-sleeve pull-over; V-neck cardigan, or ¼ zip navy sweatshirt with embroidered St. John XXIII STEM Academy logo.</li> <li>• Shoes in colors that coordinate with the uniform.</li> <li>• Solid black, navy blue, or white socks that cover the ankle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lloyd Plaid jumper (required for grades PK-4)</li> <li>• Lloyd Plaid skirt (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee; required for grades 5-8)</li> <li>• Walking Shorts (optional). 1<sup>st</sup> day of school until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Then again April 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of school.</li> <li>• White Oxford button-down blouse; short or long-sleeve or white polo shirt.</li> <li>• Loyd Plaid neckties or Pearl Snap Crossover ties with Oxford shirts are required for Mass on Thursdays. No polo shirts allowed on Thursdays.</li> <li>• Navy blue V-neck sweater vest; V-neck long-sleeve pull-over; V-neck cardigan, or ¼ zip sweatshirt with embroidered St. John XXIII STEM Academy logo.</li> <li>• Solid navy blue, black, or white footed-tights (optional).</li> <li>• Solid black, navy blue or white knee-high or crew socks that cover the ankle.</li> <li>• Shoes in colors that coordinate with the uniform.</li> <li>• Navy blue chinos/twill pants permitted with the exception of Mass on Thursdays.</li> </ul>

**Uniform Guidelines:**

- **Hair** - Hair must be neat, clean, with no artificial colors, and well groomed. If a student comes to school with colored hair or highlighted hair, they will be required to have it dyed back to their natural color within a time frame designated by the school. Hair ornaments should complement the colors of the uniform and not be distracting. Hairstyles deemed distracting by the faculty and/or the administration are not appropriate. Boys and girls are to keep their hair out of their eyes. Mohawks are not allowed. **Hair guideline for boys:** hair to the top of the collar, off the ears, and above the eyebrows. Boys with hair longer than their collar are required to tie it back neatly, in a bun or braid. Boys must be clean-shaven.
- **Makeup** - No makeup is permitted for any student in any grade. Students may wear clear nail polish only. Other nail polish colors, French Manicures, and designs on nails are not allowed. Artificial fingernails are not allowed.
- **Belts** - Boys in grades 5 – 8 must wear belts with pants at all times. Belts will coordinate with uniforms: black, blue, gray or brown in color.
- **Coats** - Coats/jackets are a requirement for all students between November and April. Coats may not be worn in the classroom. They are to be hung in the coat areas except during recess or P.E.
- **Jewelry** - Should be simple, not distracting, dangling or overly large, or of a color or style that does not complement the uniform. **Earring guideline: earrings should be the size of a dime or smaller.** Boys may wear one earring in each ear. Boy's earrings need to be a small stud; no spacers, no dangling earrings, and earrings larger than a stud are not permitted. No jewelry should be worn which would impact the students' safety. Hair ornaments should be of colors that complement the uniform. No rubber band bracelets, rubber character bracelets or character wristbands are allowed. Wristbands that promote a charity or health awareness are fine as long as they are appropriate and have approval from the student's teacher.

- **Jumpers and skirts** – Girls in PK4 - 4th grade wear the Lloyd plaid jumper and girls in grades 5-8 wear the Lloyd plaid skirt, both to be worn within 2 inches of the knee and purchased at the Dennis Uniform Company. Shorts should be worn under the jumper or skirt but may not be visible. Girls may wear tights or blue or black leggings.
- **Pants** - All pants must be a uniform-style pant. Students in grades PK4 - 8 wear plain navy blue, regular navy corduroy, or cotton twill long pants, available at the Dennis Uniform Store. Pants must not have contrasting stitching or adornments, and be ankle length, straight legged, and hemmed to shoe tops. Pants must be worn snugly around the waist and may not be baggy and oversized. No cargo-type pants are allowed
- **Shirts** – Students in PK4 – 8 wear short sleeved, button front, white knit-polo shirts with collars. All shirts must be tucked into the waistband. No logos or crests permitted. White button-up Oxford shirts are required for boys on Thursdays. For girls, a white long or short sleeved blouse with Peter Pan or sports collar, white knit turtleneck pullover, or a button front white knit with collar is required on Thursdays. Button-up shirts are required for all students on full dress uniform days.
- **Ties** – Lloyd plaid necktie for boys, girls may wear either the Lloyd plaid necktie, or the Lloyd plaid pearl snap crossover tie. Ties for all students are required on school mass days and any full dress uniform day.
- **Shoes** – Students' shoes should be colors that coordinate with the uniform: black, white, blue, navy blue, brown, or gray. No print, plaid or bright neon colors. All laces must be tied for safety purposes. Velcro laces are acceptable and preferred for young students who cannot tie their own shoes. No open-toed shoes of any kind, no sandals, slippers, glitter/sequins, slippery-soled party shoes, heels or flip flops. No boots of any kind are allowed to be worn with the uniform with the exception of rain boots for PK students.
- **Shorts** – Students may wear uniform navy blue walking length shorts in cotton twill (not knit or athletic style). They may be worn from the start of school through October 31<sup>st</sup> and from April 1<sup>st</sup> to the last day of school. Shorts must be worn within 2 inches of the knee.
- **Socks** - All students are to wear socks at all times. They should be colors that coordinate with the uniform: black, white, navy or gray. Girls may wear knee-highs, anklets, coordinated tights or black or navy leggings. All socks should be plain without adornments, logos, or lace.
- **Sweaters and Vests** – School uniform sweaters, vests, and sweatshirts with embroidered St. John XXIII STEM Academy logo are a part of the full uniform. All sweaters and sweatshirts must fit appropriately and need to be kept in good repair and replaced when needed.
- **Hats:** No hats or head covering will be allowed in the building for either boys or girls. Winter hats permitted for recess on the playground November 1-March 31<sup>st</sup>. Medical exceptions for hats/head coverings permitted with prior permission of the principal.
- **Miscellaneous** - No facial piercing of any kind is allowed. No visible or body tattoos are allowed. Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) or Scouting uniforms may be worn to school on days of meetings.
- **Free Dress** - Occasionally the school will announce non-uniform days. The first Tuesday of every month is free dress. It is the parents' responsibility to send their children in appropriate attire for school. Dress on these days must be neat, modest, and appropriate for school. Students may not wear cut-offs, tank tops or spaghetti straps, mini-skirts, spandex, sweat clothes or yoga pants, or T-shirts with sayings or designs which advertise drugs, alcohol, or any other inappropriate subject matter or sexual innuendos. Shirts, sweatshirts, and dresses must cover the shoulders. No exposure of the mid-drift is allowed. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Shorts may only be worn from the start of school through October 31<sup>st</sup> and from April 1<sup>st</sup> to the last day of school. No leggings or jeggings are allowed on non-uniform days. Jeans must be in good repair and may not be ripped, have holes, or any adornments on them. Uggs and low-heeled boots are only allowed on free dress days.
- **Free Dress for Uniforms at Church:** Students who wear their St. John XXIII STEM Academy uniform to church (whichever church the family attends) on the first Saturday or Sunday of the month may wear free dress the following Monday. A note from the students' parents must accompany the student and be given to their teacher in either case.
- **T-Shirt Tuesday:** Every Tuesday, students may wear CYO T-shirts or sweatshirts instead of the SJ23 uniform sweater. Students are still required to wear the uniform pants or skirt with the t-shirt or sweatshirt. Spirit wear shall include: SJ23 or Visitation Viking T-shirts/sweatshirts, fleeces, pull-overs, embroidered school sweatshirts, monogrammed sweaters and/or fleece vests, etc. Spirit wear can be purchased through the school office. Spirit wear may be only worn on Tuesday Spirit Days.