

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.

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

Regulation uniforms are only available for purchase through **HelloNella** online at hellowella.com. HelloNella's customer service phone number is 410-431-4874, or email info@hellowella.com.

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

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, and of a color or style that compliments 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. 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, skirts and skorts** – Girls in PK4 - 4th grade wear the Lloyd plaid jumper and girls in grades 5-8 wear the Lloyd plaid skirt, grades PK4-8th may wear the Lloyd plaid skort, all to be worn within 2 inches of the knee and purchased at the HelloNella online uniform store. Shorts should be worn under the jumper or skirt but may not be visible. Girls may wear tights or blue or black leggings under their skirts or jumpers.
- **Pants** - All pants must be a uniform-style pant. All students in grades PK4 - 8 wear plain navy blue, regular navy corduroy, or cotton twill long pants, available at the HelloNella online 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 oxford collar or white knit turtleneck pullover is required on Thursdays.
- **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 Thursdays, 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 31st and from April 1st 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 and vests with the embroidered Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy logo are a part of the full dress uniform. All sweaters must fit appropriately and need to be kept in good repair and replaced when needed. PSJSTEM will continue to allow the old Visitation logo sweaters through the 2024-25 school year, with new logo sweaters required in 2025-26.
- **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 31st. 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. 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, sweatpants 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 31st and from April 1st 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 PSJSTEM 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 PSJSTEM t-shirts (PSJSTEM school t-shirts or PSJSTEM sports t-shirts) instead of the uniform polo or sweater. Students are still required to wear the uniform pants or skirt with the t-shirt.