

Summary of Changes (2025-2026)

- Requirements for Manner of Wear of the Uniform
- Addition of Letterman Jacket/Sweater
- Addition of optional House uniform items
- Specification for Shorts/Skirt/Jumper length
- Clarification and Granting of Uniform Privileges by Grade Level
- Updated Outerwear policy
- Approval of Hair Clips
- Addition of Black socks to the Girls' Regular Day Uniform
- Addition of optional plaid skirt to MS Girls' Uniform
- Addition of Bow Tie to the Boys' Mass Day Uniform



Uniform Policy and “The Cloth of Our School”

At Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School, our Uniform Code is deeply rooted in the values of respect, community, and the tradition of our Catholic faith. The uniform serves as a visible representation of our commitment to our school, our Church, and the community we are proud to be a part of. The Cloth of our School is not merely a garment—it is a symbol of unity, pride, and our shared mission to foster academic excellence and moral integrity guided by our Catholic faith. By adhering to this Code, students demonstrate the Virtue of Obedience and respect for themselves, their peers, and the values that guide our educational environment.

It is the parent's responsibility to send their child to school in the correct uniform of the day. Whenever a shortfall exists or is expected to exist, please notify the Homeroom Teacher immediately, send your child to school in the closest approximation of the correct uniform, and direct them to visit the Front Office to seek assistance with the missing/incorrect uniform item.

Ignorance of the Uniform Code or a perceived lack of enforcement of its articles are unacceptable justifications for non-compliance. All parents and students are responsible for reviewing thoroughly and complying faithfully with the Uniform Code. Non-compliance with the Uniform Code is viewed as disruptive and also as a disregard for the esprit de corps of the school. Repeated infractions may result in disciplinary action, up to and including sending the student home to correct egregious and/or repetitive violations. The Dean of Students is the final arbiter of uniform policy.



Where to Buy

Uniforms should be purchased from **Schoolbelles**, the school's designated uniform supplier. Our school code is **S3111**. The Dean of Students is the school's point of contact for any supplier questions.



Embroidering

Palmetto Cotton & Embroidery has the OLR Logo, and they will embroider items you provide (such as plain red polos & Navy Blue blazers) for \$6.50/piece (\$5.50/ea. for 6+ items). Address: 1049 Keys Dr., Greenville, SC Phone: 864 288 8381. Additionally, **Plumarius Embroidery** – Sabrina von Clef (School Parent)- Drop off the item(s) in the school office with payment and your contact information. Orders are typically completed within 3 days and can be picked up again in the office. OLR Logo embroidery: \$8 per item (\$7/ item for 6+ items). Phone: 864 202 5199



Manner of Wear

The way in which our students wear their uniforms is as important as the uniforms themselves, and is a reflection of the respect, discipline, and pride we place in our community, our Church, and our school. Students are expected to wear their uniforms with care and attention to detail, ensuring that they always present themselves in a manner that upholds the value placed in The Cloth our School. This policy ensures that the integrity of our uniform is maintained while offering some flexibility for personal comfort and expression within clearly defined limits. Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms with pride, knowing that they represent not just themselves, but the larger values of our Catholic community.

Unless modified by a specifically-granted *privilege*, the following articles establish the baseline Uniform Code and expectations for ALL grade levels:

1. **Respecting The Cloth of our School: The uniform is an integral part of our school's identity and tradition. It shall be worn with pride whenever on campus and/or when representing the school at school-related events. Uniforms should never be worn in a way that is disrespectful or careless.**
 - a. Regardless of whether school is in session or not and/or, unless specifically coordinated and approved by an activity supervisor (i.e. for athletics, rehearsal, etc.), whenever wearing our uniform on campus, it shall be worn in obedience to the Uniform Code.
 - b. Students in After Care shall wear their uniform in obedience to the Uniform Code. Those students that changed into different attire for a specific event (i.e., athletics, rehearsals, etc.) and check into After Care upon completion of the event ARE NOT required to change back into uniform.
 - c. Teachers may choose to relax uniform requirements during class at their discretion; however, the individual student is responsible for being within Code upon their immediate departure from the class.
 - d. During periods of excessive heat or physical activity (i.e. PE, recreation, etc.,) the Dean of Students may authorize specific, temporary relaxations (i.e. untucking shirts, removal of ties and/or mandatory outerwear, unbuttoning shirts, etc.) to the Uniform Code for student comfort.
 - e. Students may not alter their uniform without explicit permission.

2. Neatness and Cleanliness: All uniforms must be clean and in good condition. Students should ensure that their clothing is free from stains and visible damage (such as rips, tears, or fraying). Torn, faded, or excessively worn items should be replaced promptly.
3. Proper Fit and Fabric: Uniforms shall fit properly—not too loose and not too tight. Clothing should allow for freedom of movement while maintaining a neat appearance. Items that are excessively baggy or overly tight and/or short are not acceptable. Pants, shorts, and skirts should be hemmed appropriately to the student's height. Socks should not be seen with pants when standing.
 - a. All Pants and non-athletic Shorts shall be made of **Chino fabric** in the appropriate color.
 - b. Shorts, jumpers, and skirts shall hang to 2-inches above to 2-inches below the crease of the knee.
 - c. Unless granted as a specific *privilege*; Leggings are PROHIBITED.
4. Shirt and Blouse Wear: Whenever wearing the uniform, shirts – including PE shirts – shall be tucked in at all times.
 - a. Mass Day uniform shirt collars (i.e. Oxford/Round Collar) must be buttoned fully and visible at all times.
 - b. Undershirts, when worn, shall be White in color.
5. Ties: (Boys ONLY). A Red or Plaid traditional tie or Bow tie is required on Mass Day and must be ordered from Schoolbelles. Optional House ties are approved for wear with the Mass Day uniform.
6. Belts: A Black or Brown belt shall always be worn with pants/shorts. Large buckles are PROHIBITED.
7. Footwear: Shoes should be clean, in good repair, and must always be worn with socks. Unless modified as a specific *privilege*, the following shoe styles are authorized to be worn on the appropriate day ONLY:
 - a. Regular Day/PE Day: Low-top (i.e. below the ankle) tennis shoes in any color or colors, including laces (must be muted tones, no bright, vibrant, multi coloring). No boots, high tops, high heels, platforms, sparkles, wheels, lights, or text are permitted. Additionally, shoes that cause excessive distraction or controversy may still be deemed unacceptable even if they technically meet the requirements.
 - i. *****Beginning in Fall 2026, Regular/PE footwear shall change to Low-top (i.e. below the ankle) Tennis Shoes in plain White, Black, Gray, or Navy Blue with White, Black, Gray, or Navy Blue laces.*** Parents are recommended to purchase any new footwear in adherence to the new policy.**
 - b. Mass Day: Black or Brown Dress shoes (Boys); Black Mary Janes or Black Ballet Flats (Girls)
8. Socks: Socks should not be seen with pants when standing, shall be above the ankle, solid in color, and **without designs or logos**. Optional House socks are approved for wear in the Mass Day uniform.
9. Hair and Grooming: Hairstyles may not be distracting, as determined by the Dean of Students.
 - a. Gentlemen's hair must be tapered (i.e. gradual change in length), may not touch the collar, may not touch the ear, and must not extend into the eyebrows when combed down. Unless

specifically identified as a *privilege*, gentlemen's faces should be clean shaven with no sideburns. The use of styling gel to circumvent regulations is PROHIBITED.

- i. It is the student's responsibility to anticipate the need for a haircut. Extensions will not be given for hair appointments.
- b. Ladies should wear their hair in styles that are practical and appropriate for the school environment. Hair shall be natural color, neat, and out of the eyes. Portions of the head shall not be shaved.
 - i. Simple Hair Ties and Hair Clips in school-approved colors/motifs are acceptable. Hair accessories must match the uniform (Plaid, Red, Navy Blue, Black, or White)
 - ii. Hair highlights, large bows, and Bandeau-style headbands are PROHIBITED.

10. Jewelry and Accessories: **The wearing of all jewelry and accessories is a *privilege*.**

- a. Unless specifically modified as a *privilege*, only one (1) single necklace chain with a religious medal is permitted and must be worn inside the shirt.
- b. A traditional watch, defined as a non-electronic, analog or digital timepiece without smart features, is the only approved timepiece authorized for wear with the uniform. Smart watches, including but not limited to Fitbits, Gizmos, or any electronic devices with capabilities beyond basic timekeeping (e.g., communication, fitness tracking, or internet connectivity, etc.), are strictly prohibited during the school day and/or while in uniform.
- c. With the exception of House wristbands and/or a specifically-granted *privilege*, bracelets are PROHIBITED.
- d. Unless specifically identified as a *privilege*, only one (1) pair of small, **stud-style** earrings are allowed for ladies and must be worn in the earlobe. Gentlemen are not permitted to wear earrings.
- e. No additional unapproved accessories shall be worn that could distract from the uniform or pose safety hazards.
- f. Optional House earrings may be worn for all occasions.

11. Nails and Makeup: Unless specifically identified as a *privilege*, nail polish, artificial nails, makeup, and perfume/heavily-scented lotion of any kind are PROHIBITED.

- a. The Dean of Students may, upon request, authorize temporary exceptions to policy on an individual basis for special occasions (i.e. Prom, dances, Confirmation, First Communion, etc.)

12. Outerwear: During the winter period, a personal jacket may be worn as an alternate layer atop a school-approved/issued outer garment (i.e. logo-embroidered quarter zip, fleece, sweatshirt, etc.) ONLY during outdoor transit/activities, if desired. Wearing personal jackets inside any school building is PROHIBITED. Unless specifically granted as a *privilege*, personal jackets shall never be worn as the sole, primary outer garment layer for warmth.

- a. Wearing athletics-issued spiritwear (e.g., warmups, hoodies) that DOES NOT conform to the approved outerwear design (i.e., color, style, etc.) in the classroom is PROHIBITED.

13. Special Occasions and Formal Wear: On special occasions requiring formal wear (e.g., Mass, school ceremonies, etc.), students are expected to wear their uniform with the highest standard of neatness. This includes the wearing of school-approved blazers, ties, and other formal attire as required. In

these instances, students should ensure that their uniforms are in pristine condition—ironed, polished, and perfectly fitted. Optional House items are approved with the Mass Day uniform.

14. Personal Items: Backpacks, lunchboxes, and personal items should also reflect the standards of our Church and School. Students are asked to carry items that are respectful of the school's environment.



Privileges and Respect for the Cloth of our School

While some exceptions-to-policy or *privileges* may be seen on campus, it is important to remember that appearance and uniform choices are guided by the principles of humility, modesty, and respect for our community.

A *privilege* or exception-to-policy, when seen on campus, does not mean it is permissible for all students. The uniform policy is rooted in the Catholic teachings of responsibility and accountability, and our aim is to uphold an environment that fosters unity, respect, and a spirit of service. Every member of the school community is called to act with integrity, honoring the Uniform Code and its significance in reflecting our shared mission and virtues. The school reserves the right to alter/abolish any privilege should it prove prejudicial to good order or discipline.

Students who violate the Uniform Code may have any uniform *privilege* suspended or revoked on an individual basis, as decided by the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students may grant any enumerated uniform *privilege(s)* to any individual student who displays demonstrably consistent respect for and obedience to the Uniform Code.



Dress Down

“Dress Down” days provide an opportunity for students to express themselves while maintaining respect for our school community, values, and Catholic teachings. The following guidelines are designed to ensure that students dress in a manner that is respectful, modest, and appropriate for the school environment:

- **Modesty & Respect:** Clothing should be neat, clean, and appropriate for a Catholic school setting. Students should dress in a way that respects the dignity of themselves and others.
- **No Offensive Messaging:** Clothing with inappropriate language, symbols, graphics, or slogans (including but not limited to profanity, suggestive imagery, or advertisements for alcohol, drugs, or violence) is not allowed.
- **Fit and Length:** Clothing should be of proper fit and appropriate length. No excessively tight or baggy clothing, or clothing with excessive rips, holes, or fraying.
- **Footwear:** Students should wear closed-toed shoes that are safe and appropriate for school activities. Flip-flops, sandals, or open-toed shoes are PROHIBITED.
- **Tops:** Tops should cover the shoulders and midriff, with no low-cut necklines or visible undergarments. Sleeveless tops are permitted, but straps should be at least two inches wide.
- **Pants/Shorts/Skirts:** Pants, shorts, or skirt length shall be in accordance with the Uniform Code.
- **Hats & Headwear:** Hats, hoods, and other headwear are not allowed inside the school building unless it is for a special event or reason as announced by the school.
- **Jewelry & Accessories:** Students may wear jewelry in accordance with the Uniform Code.

- Tattoos & Piercings: Students may not have visible tattoos or excessive piercings. Earrings for girls are permitted, but no more than one earring per ear.

Dress Down Days Specifics:

- Themed Dress Down Days: For special themed days (e.g., charity events, school spirit days), students are allowed to wear clothing related to the theme, but the same guidelines on modesty and appropriateness apply.
Mass or Liturgical Events: Dress down clothing is not permitted for Mass days or other liturgical events unless otherwise specified by the school. On these days, students should follow the Uniform Code.
- Outfits for Special Events: On certain special occasions (e.g., field trips, school dances), students may be allowed to wear specific attire as communicated by the school. These occasions will be subject to specific dress guidelines outlined by the administration.



Optional Uniform Items with Approved Logos and Colors

To ensure that all students reflect our shared commitment to virtue and Catholic teachings, we are pleased to offer the opportunity for optional uniform items that maintain the standards of our school's dress code.

Students may choose to wear approved additional clothing items and accessories, provided that these items:

- Feature the approved House logo,
- Adhere to the approved House color (i.e., Red, Blue, Green, or Yellow),
- Align with the spirit of the uniform in promoting modesty, humility, and respect for one another.

Families should only use the approved logos if ordering optional items for their student to wear. Contact the Dean of Students for approved the House logo before purchasing any optional House uniform items.

These optional are **limited** to:

- Letterman Jackets/Sweaters (10th-12th Grade ONLY; coordinate with the Dean of Students for specifics)
- House wristbands (solid in House color with approved House moto)
- House hairbands (solid in House color with approved House logo)
- House socks (solid in House color with approved House logo)
- House scarves (solid in House color with approved House logo)
- House ties (solid in House color with approved House logo)
- House earrings (stud-type with approved House logo)
- House pins (solid in House color with approved House logo)

These optional House items are approved for everyday wear as a *privilege*. Our aim is to ensure that any optional items complement the primary uniform and continue to reflect the values of our faith-driven community and promote esprit de corps within the House system. As these optional uniform items are a *privilege*, and we ask students and families to choose carefully, maintaining the decorum and unity that the uniform represents.



Lower School Boys, K4-5

REGULAR DAY

- Navy Blue pants or shorts
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved).
- Red Knit Polo Shirt (long or short-sleeved) ***logo preferred***
- Plain Navy Blue, Black, or White crew socks
- Belt
- Mass Day shoes or tennis shoes
- Navy Blue crew neck sweatshirt with current logo, Navy Blue cardigan sweater/vest, or Navy Blue fleece jacket (no hoodies)

MASS DAY

- Navy Blue pants
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- Red or Plaid Tie (Schoolbelles)
- Plain Navy or Black crew/dress socks
- Belt
- Mass Day Shoes
- Navy Blue vest with current logo (Schoolbelles)
- Spirit wear is not allowed on Mass Day

PRIVILEGES

- Outerwear: Personal Jackets are approved for use as the primary layer. (**K4-4th Grade ONLY**)



Lower School Girls, K4-5*

*Please note that 5th grade girls have the option of following either the Lower or Middle school uniform.

REGULAR DAY

- Drop waist shift jumper; or (Schoolbelles)
- Navy Blue pants or shorts
- Round Collar Shirt (long or short-sleeved).
- Red Knit Polo Shirt (long or short-sleeved) ***logo preferred***
- Plain Navy Blue, Black, or White knee or crew socks
- Plain Navy Blue or White Tights
- Mass Day shoes or tennis shoes
- Navy Blue crew neck sweatshirt with current logo, Navy Blue cardigan sweater, or Navy Blue fleece jacket (no hoodies)

MASS DAY

- Drop waist shift jumper (Schoolbelles)
- Round Collar Shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- Plain Navy Blue or White Knee Socks
- Plain Navy Blue or White Tights (no leggings)
- Mass Day shoes
- Spirit wear is not allowed on Mass Day

PRIVILEGES

- Outerwear: Personal Jackets are approved for use as the primary layer. (**K4-4th Grade ONLY**)
- Leggings: Leggings are authorized for wear on Regular Day.



Middle School Boys, 6-8

REGULAR DAY

- Navy Blue pants or shorts
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved).
- Red Knit Polo Shirt with current logo (long or short-sleeved)
- Plain Navy Blue, Black, or White crew socks
- Belt
- Mass Day shoes or tennis shoes
- Navy crew neck sweatshirt with current logo, Navy Blue cardigan sweater/vest, or Navy Blue fleece jacket (no hoodies)

MASS DAY

- Navy Blue pants
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- Tie (Schoolbelles)
- Plain Navy Blue or Black crew/dress socks
- Belt
- Mass Day Shoes
- Navy Blue vest with current logo (Schoolbelles)
- Spirit wear is not allowed on Mass Day

PRIVILEGES

- None



Middle School Girls, 5*-8

*Please note that 5th grade girls have the option of following either the Lower or Middle school uniform.

REGULAR DAY

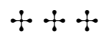
- Side Pleat Skort with knit shorts OR plaid skirt (Schoolbelles); or
- Navy Blue pants or shorts
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved).
- Red Knit Polo Shirt with current logo (long or short-sleeved)
- Plain Navy Blue, Black, or White knee or crew socks
- Plain Navy Blue or White Tights
- Mass Day shoes or tennis shoes
- Navy Blue crew neck sweatshirt with current logo, Navy Blue cardigan sweater, or Navy Blue fleece jacket (no hoodies)

MASS DAY

- Side Pleat Skort with knit short (Schoolbelles)
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- Plain Navy Blue or White Knee Socks
- Plain Navy Blue or White Tights (no leggings)
- Mass Day shoes
- Navy Blue vest with current logo (Schoolbelles)
- Spirit wear is not allowed on Mass Day

PRIVILEGES

- Hair Accessory: A single Hair Tie may be worn on one wrist.



Upper School Gentlemen, 9-12

REGULAR DAY

- Khaki pants or shorts
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved).
- Red Knit Polo Shirt with current logo (long or short-sleeved)
- Plain Black or White crew socks
- Belt
- Mass shoes or tennis shoes in approved colors.
- Navy Blue crew neck sweatshirt with current logo (no hoodies), Navy Blue cardigan sweater, Navy Blue fleece jacket, or blazer

MASS DAY

- Khaki pants
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- Tie
- Plain Brown or Black crew/dress socks
- Belt

- Mass Day shoes
- Navy Blue Blazer with current logo (Schoolbelles)
- Spirit wear is not allowed on Mass Day

PRIVILEGES

- Letterman Jacket/Sweater: Letterman Jackets/Sweaters are approved as universal outerwear, provided the student has been “pinned” and received a “Letter.” **(10th-12th Grade Only)**
- Tie: Students may wear a dress tie of their choosing, provided it is respectful of the Mass Day uniform. **(ALL)**
- Shaving: Moustaches are permitted, provided they do not become distracting. **(12th Grade Gentlemen ONLY)**
- Shoes: Birkenstock-style sandals and Cowboy Boots may be worn with socks in Regular Uniform **(12th Grade Gentleman ONLY)**
- Jewelry:
 - A single bracelet may be worn on one (1) wrist **(ALL)**
 - A single decorative necklace may be worn in place of a religious medal. **(ALL)**



Upper School Ladies, 9-12

REGULAR DAY

- Khaki Two-Kick Pleated skirt or plaid skirt (Schoolbelles)
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved).
- Red Knit Polo Shirt with current logo (long or short-sleeved)
- Plain Navy Blue, Black, or White knee or crew socks
- Plain Navy Blue or White Tights (no leggings)
- Mass Day shoes or tennis shoes
- Navy Blue crew neck sweatshirt with current logo (no hoodies), Navy Blue cardigan sweater, Navy Blue fleece jacket, or blazer

MASS DAY

- Khaki Two-Kick Pleated skirt only – no plaid (Schoolbelles)
- White Button-down Oxford Shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- Plain Navy Blue or White Knee Socks
- Plain Navy Blue or White Tights (no leggings)
- Mass Day shoes
- Navy Blue Blazer with current logo (Schoolbelles)
- Spirit wear is not allowed on Mass Day

PRIVILEGES

- Letterman Jacket/Sweater: Letterman Jackets/Sweaters are approved as universal outerwear, provided the student has been “pinned” and received a “Letter.” **(10th-12th Grade Only)**
- Nails:

- Clear nail polish or polish that is subdued/light in color is permitted. Vibrant colors or two-toned colors are PROHIBITED. (**ALL**)
- Gel and French-tip are permitted, so long as it meets the color requirements (**11th/12th Grade Ladies ONLY**).
- Makeup: Minimal makeup may be worn. All makeup should be natural in color and not contrast skin tones. Perfume/heavily-scented lotion remains PROHIBITED. (**ALL**)
- Footwear: Low-top, closed-toe UGG-type footwear is permitted in Regular Uniform (**12th Grade Ladies ONLY**).
- Jewelry:
 - A single bracelet AND Hair Tie may be worn on one (1) wrist (**ALL**)
 - A single necklace may be worn in place of a religious medal. (**ALL**)
 - Small (i.e. < 1-inch diameter), hoop-style earrings are permitted (**12th Grade Ladies ONLY**).



P.E. & Athletics Uniforms, 3-8

PE uniforms are required for grades 3 – 8. Individual coaches shall determine whether a school PE uniform is required for Upper School (9th-12th) student after-school athletic activities.

- Closed Mesh Gym Shorts with current logo (Schoolbelles)
- Oxford gray t-shirt with current logo or Mission Day t-shirt (Schoolbelles)
- Plain Navy Blue, Black, or White crew socks
- Tennis shoes
- Navy Blue crew neck sweatshirt with current logo or Navy Blue fleece jacket (no hoodies)
- Traditional Navy Blue sweat pant or Augusta Medalist pant (Schoolbelles)



Mission Day, K4-12

- Students grades K4-2 should wear class t-shirt.
- Students grades 3-12 should wear House shirt.
- ALL students should wear regular uniform bottoms and shoes according to the Uniform Code.