

UPDATES TO THE DRESS CODE POLICY JULY 2019

Basic dress code policy as presented in Parent-Student Handbook 2018-2019 remains unchanged

• Several additions are now available at Dennis Uniform:

all grades, boys & girls:
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 Royal blue polo with logo (short & long sleeve)
 Royal blue quarter-zip sweatshirt with logo

all grades, boys:
 all grades, girls:
 new navy belts (leather & woven with magnetic buckle)
 Dark navy leggings (must be from Dennis Uniform)

o 4-8th grade girls: Plaid skort

o 4-8th grade girls: Light blue oxfordcloth shirt: optional as desired (short & long

sleeve)

o 4-8th grade boys: Light blue oxfordcloth shirt with logo required weekly on Mass

days & other special occasions (short & long sleeve)

o 4-8th grade boys: Navy tie to be worn with oxfordcloth shirt required weekly on

Mass days & other special occasions

• Reminders:

o Girl's hair ties, bows, & headbands MUST be in school plaid colors ONLY: navy or royal blue, black, or white

- o NO headbands with cat ears, puffs or other adornments may be worn at any time.
- Girl's navy blue leggings purchased from Dennis Uniform may be worn under shirts and jumpers
- NON-uniform jackets, sweaters, scarves & hats may ONLY be worn outside for warmth.
 Inside school building ONLY school uniform, sweatshirt & fleece.
- o Socks must be white with NO logos.
- o Shirts must be tucked INTO pants & skirts

Special note:

- Free dress should NOT be worn when students attend Mass weekly on WED, THURS and never on All-School Liturgy days or other special occasions
- o Please note school calendar for All School Liturgy Mass days (K-8th attend)
- \circ 2nd-5th attend Mass on Wednesdays weekly
- o 6th-8th attend Mass on Thursdays weekly

• Mount Carmel Spirit Wear:

- o May be worn on Mondays
- Mount Carmel Spirit Wear sweatshirts & shirts are to be worn with regular uniform pants, skirts & jumpers
- o Mount Carmel Spirit Wear socks may be worn instead of white socks



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniforms

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School uniforms are to be purchased through Dennis Uniform Company*. Students must wear approved school uniforms. We have allowed options to the school uniform for variety. However, any variance from the approved list of requirements will result in disciplinary action. Students will be well groomed at all times, with clean uniforms that fit properly and are in good repair. Shirts shall be tucked in. Skirt and jumper length shall not be shorter than 4 inches above the crease at the back of the knee. Boys pants and girls skirts must be worn at waist level. Crew socks may not be folded or rolled down. Please be aware of these stipulations as you purchase or acquire skirts, jumpers, pants and/or socks. Uniforms are washable, so there should be no child out of uniform. If an emergency arises, please send a written note to your child's teacher. All uniform clothing should always be labeled with a laundry pen/permanent marker for identification.

- * Must be purchased only at Dennis Uniform Store.
 - Online: https://www.dennisuniform.com/schools/M37MTC
 - Redwood City store: 1282 Oddstad Dr., RWC 94063
- School code for online purchases M37MTC
- Remember to use Scrip for both online and in-store purchases.
- Our Uniform Bank is also an option for acquiring used (in good repair) uniforms.

Uniform Bank

As a service to our school families, a Uniform Bank of donated uniforms is maintained. Families may visit the bank to look for previously used uniforms, in good condition, in sizes suitable for their children. Families are encouraged to donate Dennis Uniform clothing, in good condition, in an effort to help keep uniform costs reasonable for all families. Please note that only Dennis Uniform clothing is accepted for donation to the Uniform Bank. The Uniform Bank is available to parents whenever the office is open. Please contact the office for access to the uniform bank.

General Information

The school uniform is purchased from Dennis Uniform Company. Uniforms may be purchased throughout the school year in Redwood City located at 1282 Oddstadt Drive (off Veteran's Blvd.); the phone number is 299-9623. Dennis Uniform Company also carries school-approved shoes, thus there is no excuse for not being able to find uniform shoes. Uniforms are washable, so there should be no child out of uniform. If an emergency arises, please send a written note to your child's teacher. All uniform clothing should be labeled for identification and always be in good repair. Parents will be notified and expected to replace torn, stained or non-uniform clothing.



Girls required

- *Blue plaid jumper (Grades TK-3), also called shift
- *Blue plaid skirt or skort (Grades 4-8)
- *White or royal blue (short or long sleeved) polo with school logo
- *Royal blue school sweatshirt (pullover or ½ zip) (Grades TK-6)
- 7th-8th grade school sweatshirt (Grades 7 & 8) purchased at school
- Socks must be white with NO logo, above the ankle and below the knee.

Boys required

- *Navy blue twill pants or walk shorts
- *White or royal blue (short or long sleeved) polo with school logo
- *Blue Oxford cloth shirt (short or long sleeved) with school logo (Grades 4-8)
- *Navy tie to ear with oxfordcloth shirt (must be from Dennis Uniform)
- *Royal blue school sweatshirt (pullover or ½ zip) (Grades TK-6)
- 7th-8th grade school sweatshirt (Grades 7 & 8) purchased at school
- Socks must be white with NO logo, above the ankle and below the knee.

Special note:

New for 2019-2020, boys in $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ grades will be required to wear the blue oxfordcloth shirt with the navy tie weekly on Mass days & other special occasions (to be announced).

Options

- *Peter Pan blouse (Grades TK-3) (To be worn only under jumper).
- *Navy blue twill slacks for girls (Grades TK-8)
- *Navy blue walking shorts for girls (Grades TK-8)
- *Dark navy leggings (must be from Dennis Uniform)
- *Royal Blue Micro fleece jacket with school logo
- *Light blue oxfordcloth shirt (optional for girls)
- White bobby socks for girls
- White short or long-sleeved t-shirt (to be worn under blouse or polo)
- White, black or navy-blue footed tights (to be worn without socks)
- Plain, unadorned, navy blue or black belt for shorts, pants, or slacks

Shoes (boys & girls):

• Sturdy tie or Velcro, tennis, sport, or Ked style shoes (no slip-on shoes) in solid (black, white, navy blue or royal blue). Velcro T-strap plain (no decorations) Mary Jane type shoes with plastic buckles are acceptable for grades TK-3 only. Shoes must remain tied with the bow showing at the top of the shoe. All shoes must be cut below the anklebone no high tops or midcuts. (Laces must be the color of the shoe or white). Shoe designs, including stripes, logos or embellishments, must be in school colors (black, white, navy blue or royal blue). Shoes may be purchased through Dennis Uniform Company.



 Students who have a doctor's note to wear corrective shoes to school should adhere to the school policy as much as possible. To wear corrective shoes, a doctor's note must be submitted annually.

Hair

Hair is to be neat, clean and combed. Hair color must be natural and styles reasonable rather than extreme, including but not limited to corn rows, shaved heads, faux hawks, excessive braids, tails, etc. The faculty and staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School reserve the right to make a determination about whether a student's hair style or adornment is appropriate or not. Consequences: students who choose to ignore the hair policy will receive disciplinary action beginning the first day of school.

- Girls Long hair should be held in place and out of the face. Extreme or faddish hairstyles and adornments are not permitted. Bangs need to be above the eyebrows.
- Boys Hair shall be around the ears above the shirt collar, and above the eyebrows. Curls shall be cut short enough so they are not flipping out. Sideburns, tails or extreme spiked hair styles are not allowed. Nothing less than a blade cut of two (2). (When using different blades, the hair length differences must blend). Hair may not extend more than 1½ inches above the scalp.
- Boys No facial hair is allowed.

Tattoos (body graffiti)

Tattoos of any type are not allowed on any part of a student's body. This includes the use of ball point pens, markers, etc.

Jewelry

Reasonable articles of jewelry such as a watch, a ring, or a simple chain with a religious symbol may be worn. Only one bracelet may be worn at a time, and those that support a cause must carry a positive message.

- Girls For safety reasons, simple small post style earrings of single color or plain silver or gold loops that hug the earlobe are acceptable. No dangle earrings are allowed, and only one earring may be worn in each ear. (Earrings may only be worn on the ear lobe.)
- Boys Earrings are not permitted.

Nails

Acrylic nails, French manicures or any other type of nail treatment including markers that can be distracting to the student or classmates are not acceptable and not part of the school uniform. Only clear nail polish is acceptable.

Make-up

Make-up is not allowed. Make-up, nail polish, hair products, lip gloss, excessive perfumes, etc., are not to be brought or worn to school. (Residual eye make-up must be totally removed.) Students are not allowed to wear colored contacts. If prescription contacts are to be worn, they must be clear.



Undergarments

- Boys' t-shirts must be solid white with no markings or patterns.
- Girls' bras must be a solid neutral color.

Guidelines for Out-of-Uniform Days

- All school rules regarding the wearing of jewelry and make up apply to out-of-uniform days as well.
- Students involved in scouting may wear their scout uniforms on days when meetings are scheduled. If only a partial uniform (i.e., Girl Scout vest or sash, Cub Scout shirt, etc.) is worn, it must be worn in conjunction with the regular school uniform. School uniform shoes, unless replaced with shoes that are part of the official Scout uniform, must be worn as well.
- Out-of-uniform attire should conform to the standards of good taste and gender and be appropriate for an elementary school environment. Some guidelines include but are not limited to:
 - Shirts will be in good taste with no spaghetti straps, tank tops, "muscle shirts", cropped tops, extremely low neck, off the shoulder, or one shoulder, etc.
 Sleeveless shirts must have at least a "3 finger" width at the shoulder. Bra straps must not show. (No bare backs)
 - Jeans, pants, shorts, capris, etc. may be worn if they are in good condition, with no tears, rips, patches, ragged hems, or ragged edging, and fit properly. Extremely baggy pants are not acceptable.
 - o **Tightfitting (form fitting) leggings, "jeggings", tight fitting jeans, or yoga pants** may only be worn with tunic length tops or dresses
 - o **Sweat outfits** (pants and tops as a set) for grades TK-3 are acceptable.
 - o **The bottom edge** of all garments must be finished. No frayed hems or cuffs. All pants, shirt sleeves, shirt bottoms, skirts, shorts or skorts will be hemmed.
 - o **No article of clothing** may have writing across the buttocks.
 - o **Shirts/tops** must be **long** enough so that there is no bare midriff showing at any time. Shirts may not be clipped or tied to form fit the body.
 - o **Shoes** can be uniform or casual. (No wheels or lights on shoes.)
 - o **Boots** are acceptable, but tennis shoes must be worn to participate in P.E.
 - o **Sandals** may not be worn, for safety reasons.
 - o **Shorts/Skorts** must have an inseam of at least 5 inches
 - o **Skirts/Dresses** may not be more than 5 inches above the crease at the back of the knee.

The faculty and staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School reserve the right to make a determination about whether a student's uniform, adornments, or out of uniform attire meets the guidelines given. Please check your child's choice of clothing before he or she leaves for school to ensure that it meets the guidelines and is appropriate for an elementary school environment, as students who are not in compliance of the guidelines will be asked to call home, change into appropriate attire or given T-shirts or clothes from the uniform bank to wear over, or instead of the clothing worn upon arrival at school.