

Uniforms / Dress Code

Purpose Of The Uniform Policy

The purpose of Most Holy Redeemer School's uniform is to create a look of unified equality among our students. School uniforms instill a sense of pride in our school and they help to foster a sense of pride within the student body. MHR believes that a school uniform can improve learning by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment, allowing students to perform better academically.

Uniform Committee

If needed, the School Advisory Board will form a Uniform Committee to make suggestions to the principal concerning a change to the uniform. The decisions will be based on current trends, financial obligations and staying true to our school colors and logos. It is agreed that any changes to the uniform will always have a one year roll-out.

Disregard For Policy

Flagrant disregard for any aspect of the uniform policy may result in disciplinary procedures. Students may be asked to call home for a change of clothing if the uniform issue is severe enough. The fact that some type of clothing, footwear, accessory or hairstyle is not specifically described as unacceptable does not make it acceptable. Families are expected to use good sense in students' grooming and dress choices. Should a question arise regarding the appropriateness of clothing or appearance, the decision of the Principal is final.

Where to Purchase Uniform Pieces

SUPPLIER	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE
Schoolbelles	7763 S. Harlem Ave. Burbank, IL	708-598-8008	schoolbelles.com
MHR	9542 S. Millard Ave. Evergreen Park, IL	708-422-8280	mhrschoool.com
Schools R Us	3146 W. 111th St. Chicago, IL	773-779-0172	shopschoolsareus.com

Warm-Weather Uniform, K-8 (May 1 – September 30th)

Bottoms

- Red gym shorts with MHR logo

Tops

- Gym t-shirt with MHR logo (purchased in our Uniform Shop). Does not need to be tucked in.

Cold-Weather Uniform (October 1st-April 30th)

Bottoms

- Navy slacks or trousers with a leather belt. Shirts are to be tucked into pants with a visible belt. Pants may not be sweatpant material.
- Plaid jumper (2 choices available for Grades K – 4)*
- Plaid skirt or skort (for Grades 4 – 8)*
- Girls may wear solid black leggings or white/red/gray/black tights under their skirt during the cold weather months (October 1-April 30th)

*NOTE: There is a choice in 4th grade as to whether a skirt or jumper is the preferred and most comfortable choice for daily uniform wear. That choice is entirely at the discretion of the parents and child.

Tops

- White or gray Most Holy Redeemer polo shirt (short or long-sleeved) with red MHR logo or plain, white, collared blouse tucked into pants/skirt.
- Articles of clothing worn under the uniform shirt must be white, gray, or black—colored or printed shirts must not be worn under uniforms.

Gym Uniforms, K-8

- Uniform red sweat pants with MHR logo (grades 6, 7, and 8 may wear open bottom sweatpants)
 - Gym shorts can be brought in if there is a warm day, but ONLY to change into before gym class and to change out after. Students may wear the shorts under their sweatpants.
- Gym T-shirt with MHR logo
- Solid-colored socks (red, white, gray, or black)
- Gym shoes that secure with laces or Velcro (no flashing/constant lights on gym shoes)

NOTE: Sweatpants may not be altered. Sweatpants that have been altered must be repaired or replaced. Sweatpants are to be worn at the ankle; sweatpants that are tattered at the bottom, from being worn outside the bottom of the shoes must be replaced.

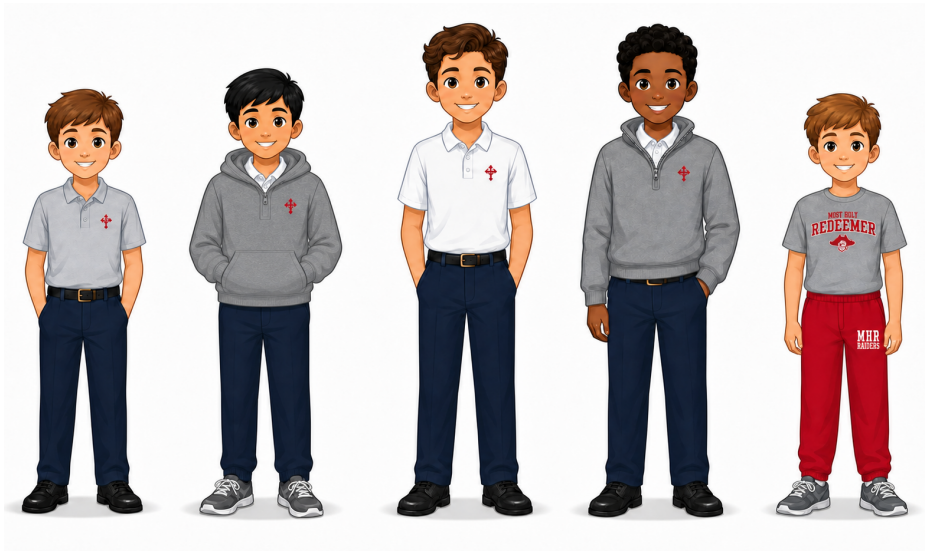
Outerwear (Year-Round)

- Red V-neck or cardigan sweater
- Gray fleece mid weight or heavy weight ¼ zip with MHR logo
- Gray performance poly ¼ zip with MHR logo
- Gray hoodie with MHR logo

Shoes / Socks (Year-Round)

- Students may wear traditional Mary Jane/loafer style shoes or Athletic shoes that must be secured with laces or Velcro (no flashing/constant lights on shoes).
- Shoes should have a back that covers the heel. No slippers, slides, Crocs, or clogs.
- Snow boots should be removed and replaced with acceptable in-uniform shoes upon arrival in the classroom during the winter months.
- Solid-colored socks or tights (red, white, gray, or black)

Uniform Example: Cold-Weather



Uniform Example: Warm Weather and Spirit Wear



Guidelines For Appearance

Students are encouraged to present a neat and clean appearance at all times. This includes well-fitting uniforms.

- Jewelry must not be excessive. No dangle, hoop or earrings larger than 1 inch are to be worn. Students may wear only two post earrings per ear. If necklaces are worn, they are to be inside the uniform—out of sight. Choker-type necklaces may not be worn.
- In general, facial make-up may not be worn. Creams and powders designed to mask acne are permissible.
- Hair must be clean, well-groomed, and of a conservative style. Hair combed toward the face may not be worn lower than the eyebrows. Hair color must be natural. Any hair color or style that draws undue/inappropriate attention to the student will have to be changed before the student is admitted to class.
- Boys' hair must not touch the collar of their uniform shirts. Boys may not exhibit facial hair (e.g. beards, mustaches). Sideburns must not extend below the bottom of the earlobes and must not flair toward the face of the students.
- Body piercing as well as temporary/permanent tattoos are not permitted. Nor is writing anywhere on the skin.

Clothing Length and Condition

We recognize that students' bodies grow and change at different rates, and that it can be challenging for families to keep up with the needs of growing adolescents. At the same time, our school's moral values call us to maintain standards of modesty, neatness, and respect in student dress.

For all students, shorts and skirts must reach fingertip length or longer when the student is standing naturally with arms at their sides. Clothing that is shorter than fingertip length may not be worn to school and must be replaced.

Shirts must be long enough to fully cover the midriff during normal movement. If a student raises both arms and the midriff is visible, the shirt is too short and must be replaced.

All clothing should be clean, neat, and in good condition. Clothing with holes, excessive wear, fraying, or a generally unkempt appearance may not be worn to school and must be replaced.

Uniform Exceptions

At times, students will be allowed to attend school in MHR spirit wear, to be out of uniform, or, in the case of the 8th grade class, have a specially-designed uniform shirt. Typically these days are to raise money and awareness for charities, as a reward or celebration; or when on school trips. Parents/guardians are asked to pay close attention to the clothing their children choose for school on those days—inappropriate choices will result in a phone call to the parent/guardian, so that alternate clothing will be brought to school before the child is admitted to class. Any student unable to get alternative clothing, will work in the LRC for the day. As on regular-uniform days, feet must be completely covered by shoes.

Spirit Wear

A student who participates in a school Spirit Day (weekly on Fridays and on occasion throughout the year) is allowed to dress down by wearing any top that has the words MHR, Most Holy Redeemer, or Raiders written on it– including hoodies. The rest of the student’s uniform should follow the MHR dress code– i.e. wearing navy slacks, a plaid jumper, or their gym bottoms (if it is their classes gym day).

Out of Uniform Days

When not in uniform, students are to follow the non – uniform dress code as follows:

- Clothing may not be torn, have holes, or contain or show any offensive logos, images, or text (e.g. profanity, drug/alcohol references, etc).
- Tops must fully meet the waistband of pants/shorts or skirt, have sleeves, and may not be low cut or worn off the shoulder.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses, if worn, should be of at least fingertip length.
- Clothing which is revealing is not allowed, for example: See-through clothing; strapless or spaghetti-strap tops; or clothing which reveals any undergarments.

It is recognized that this dress code will not cover all issues that may arise. Students may seek to wear, for example, items which have not been covered by the above guidelines, but which are against the general sense of the dress code. In such a case, or given any issue of dispute, the final authority is school administration.

8th Grade Specific Attire

Special Occasions (Graduation, Ribbon Mass, etc.)

Modesty, respect, and reverence should guide student appearance for special school events and celebrations. Boys should wear dress slacks, a dress shirt, and tie/bowtie for the entire day. Dress shirts should be tucked in at all times. Sport coats or sweaters are optional but appropriate. Dress shoes are required.

Girls may wear modest skirts or dresses that must be at least fingertip length. Relaxed-fitting dress slacks are also appropriate. Blouses and other types of tops should have sleeves or be worn with a relaxed fitting cardigan or blazer. Necklines must be suitable for church and not revealing. Modest makeup and accessories are allowed, and dress shoes are required.

Graduation Shirt

Every year, our Rising 8th graders design a shirt to celebrate their upcoming celebration. During their 8th grade year, they are allowed to wear that shirt any day of the week in place of their gray/white collared uniform shirt.