

## 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** The School Advisory Board has charged the 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.

## UNIFORM POLICY

### TRADITIONAL UNIFORM (October 1st-April 30th)

#### BOTTOMS

- Navy slacks or trousers with a leather belt – no gathered pant legs, or outside pockets. Shirts are to be tucked into pants with a visible belt.
- Plaid jumper (2 choices available for Grades K – 4)\*
- Plaid skirt or skort (for Grades 4 – 8)\* Skirts may not be rolled at the top and should be no more than 3" above the knee.
- Girls may wear solid black leggings or white/red/gray/black tights under their skirt during the cold weather months (October 1-April 30th)

*\*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 blouse depicted below. Shirts are to be tucked into pants/skirt/skort.
- Red V-neck or cardigan sweater
- Gray fleece mid weight or heavy weight 1/4 zip with MHR logo
- Gray performance poly 1/4 zip with MHR logo
- Gray hoodie with MHR logo
- Articles of clothing worn under the uniform shirt must be white, gray, or black—colored or printed shirts must not be worn under uniforms

#### SHOES / SOCKS

- 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 athletic shoes upon arrival in the classroom during the winter months
- Solid-colored \*crew socks (red, white, gray, or black)
- Solid-colored tights (red, white, gray, or black)

## GYM UNIFORMS, K-8

- Uniform red sweat pants or shorts (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.
- T-shirt with MHR logo
- Solid-colored socks
- Gym shoes that secure with laces or Velcro (no flashing/constant lights on gym shoes) *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.*

Approved K-8 Traditional Uniform (October 1st - April 30th)					
 *May be long sleeved	 *May be long sleeved	 *May be long sleeved or pointed collar	 *Shirt, Skort, or Jumper		 *black or brown
Approved K-8 Gym Uniform (October 1st - April 30th)		Approved Pre-K Uniform (October 1st - April 30th)			
					
Approved Pre-K-8 Layers for Warmth (October 1st - April 30th)					
		 *Students may also wear approved MHR Lemolade crewneck sweat shirts			

**SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS** - Students may wear MHR spirit wear tops paired with uniform bottoms every Friday. Tops should display MHR School, Parish, Team/Activity, or charity events coordinated by MHR.

**Note on Hoodies:** The only hoodie sweatshirt allowed during class time Mon - Thurs is the MHR specific gray hoodie. Students may wear normal hoodies to school and at recess, but they are to be hung up during class time. MHR spirit wear hoodies are allowed on Fridays.

## **WARM WEATHER GYM UNIFORM, K-8 (May 1 – September 30th)**

- Red gym shorts
- T-shirt with MHR logo (purchased in our Uniform Shop)
- Solid-colored socks (red, white, or black)
- Athletic shoes that secure with laces or Velcro (no flashing/constant lights on gym shoes)



## **GUIDELINES FOR APPEARANCE**

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

1. 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.
2. In general, facial make-up may not be worn. Creams and powders designed to mask acne are permissible.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Body piercing as well as temporary/permanent tattoos are not permitted. Nor is writing anywhere on the skin.

## **GUIDELINES FOR OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS**

At times, students will be allowed to attend school out of uniform. Families will be notified of these occurrences in advance. 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. As on regular-uniform days, feet must be completely covered by shoes.

Inappropriate choices include, but are not limited to:

- Short shorts/skirts
- Immodest/revealing pants
- Immodest/revealing shirts
- Shirts depicting violence/drug use/inappropriate messages.