



Rationale

St. Catherine's is a Catholic faith community sharing in the mission of the Church to proclaim and build the Kingdom of God and strives to develop Christian leaders and responsible citizens. The New Testament word for Christian community is "koinonia", which means a communion or life-sharing relationship with Christ and others. Our school uniform represents our life-sharing relationship with Christ and identifies our community to the world. We are called to be examples to the world in order to proclaim and build the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, it is important that each student's appearance be consistent to show our community of faith to the world and to each other and exemplifies the Christian philosophy. In this regard, students will wear a school uniform and their appearance will be modest.

Policy

Every student's dress and appearance will conform with this policy.

Procedure

St. Catherine's students will at all times while in attendance at school or any school function, except as permitted by the Principal, wear the approved school uniform. In addition, St. Catherine's families will comply with the following:

Uniform Supplier

All new uniform articles must be purchased from Cambridge Uniforms. St. Catherine's Elementary School is serviced from **Cambridge's Dollarton Highway Store:**

Cambridge Uniforms
#112 – 2455 Dollarton Hwy
North Vancouver, B.C. V7H 0A2

Website: www.cambridgeuniforms.com

Online School Code: CAT579

Email: orders@cambridgeuniforms.com or info@cambridgeuniforms.com

Telephone: 604-924-9069 ext:1

Used Uniform Pieces

Used uniforms approved by the Principal may be worn. There are used uniform items available at no cost from the school. Contact the school office for more information. Gently used uniforms for donation can be given to the school office.

Uniform Labeling

All articles of clothing brought to school or a school function should be labeled or identified with the student or family name. All articles of clothing found that are not claimed within a reasonable time will be donated to charity.

Girl's Uniform

- The school uniform tunic is mandatory for grades K-3
- Grades 4-7 may wear the school uniform kilt or tunic
- Skirts and tunics must be no more than 2 inches above the knee or 1 inch below the knee
- Uniform girls black pants are acceptable uniform attire
- Girls may wear either the white school logo golf shirt or white school logo blouse
- A school sweater (cardigan, pullover or vest) is mandatory for all special occasions (masses, Para liturgies and assemblies)
- Grade seven students may wear grad hoodies in lieu of the school sweater
- Girls must wear either black knee socks or black tights



- Girls must wear solid black closed-toe shoes (no high heels and no contrasting trim or soles) for indoor use only.
- Students must wear outdoor shoes or boots to and from school and during outside recess so that black indoor shoes and PE runners remain clean.
- Students should not wear indoor shoes or PE runners outside.

Girl's Accessories and Make-up

- Girls may only wear simple watches, small earrings and small simple chain necklaces. Girls are not permitted to wear any other type of jewelry.
- Nail polish and make-up are not permitted.

Boy's Uniform

- Boys must wear the approved uniform black dress pants and school logo golf shirt
- A school sweater (cardigan, pullover or vest) is mandatory for all special occasions (masses, Para liturgies and school assemblies)
- Grade seven students may wear grad hoodies in lieu of the school sweater
- Boys must wear black crew socks
- Boys must wear solid black shoes (no contrasting trims or soles) for indoor use only
- Students must wear outdoor shoes or boots to and from school and during outside recess so that black indoor shoes and PE runners remain clean.
- Students should not wear indoor shoes or PE runners outside.

Gym Uniform

The gym uniform for physical education classes for grades 1 – 7 consists of:

- Black uniform gym shorts
- Black uniform t-shirt
- Runners with non-marking soles for gym use only.
- Black uniform gym hoodie (optional gym strip item that may be purchased through the uniform supplier).

Gym Uniform Supplier

All gym uniform pieces are ordered and purchased through the school uniform supplier: Cambridge Uniforms (see above for contact information).

Boy's Accessories and Make-up

- Boys may only wear simple watches, small earrings and small simple chain necklaces. Boys are not permitted to wear any other type of jewelry.
- Nail polish and make-up are not permitted.

Summer Uniform

During school days from Spring Break to Thanksgiving, including mass and Para liturgy days, students may wear the summer uniform as follows:

- Uniform black dress shorts for boys
- Uniform skort or dress shorts for girls
- White logo golf shirt (or logo blouse for girls)
- Black crew or knee socks

Outer Wear

Appropriate outerwear (jackets, boots, mittens etc) is required on cold and rainy days. The children need fresh air and will be sent out to play whenever possible.



Non-uniform Days

Non-uniform days are at the discretion of the Principal.

Uniform Non-compliance

Parents of primary (Grades K-3) students out of uniform will be sent a note indicating the nature of the problem(s) and the expected date for remediation. Intermediate students (Grades 4-7) will be notified directly by the principal or other staff member of their uniform infraction in addition to having a note sent home to parents. The signed note must be returned to ensure it has been received. If this responsibility is not met, or if there are repeated incidents of non-compliance, a meeting with the parents is mandatory.

If the Principal deems any student's appearance to be distracting to others and the learning environment then it does not meet this policy and the family must remedy the students appearance as soon as possible.

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