

# MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

## Uniform and Dress Code 2018-2019



Mother of God School is a professional learning environment. Our school uniform appearance helps to reinforce this environment for our students and visitors. The neat appearance in our students' dress exemplifies the dignity they have as children of God. We ask our parents to ensure that our students are dressed in a clean, proper uniform each day.

- All students (K-8) must be in uniform every day. Out-of-uniform days will be announced during the course of the school year (a dress code for such days is included in this handbook).
- If there is a time when the prescribed uniform cannot for some legitimate reason be worn, **a note from the parent/guardian must be written or emailed to the Homeroom Teacher.**
- Students who are out of uniform without this excuse will be given a demerit. Demerits will also be given, by homeroom teachers (grades 4 thru 8), for uniform dress code violations.
- All PE uniforms will now be purchased through Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms, not through the school

### UNIFORM DATES

- SHORTS: may be worn until **October 31** and again beginning **April 1**.

Uniform apparel may be purchased through **Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms and Lands' End**

- Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms, Rockville, MD: 301-838-8958 or [www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)
- Lands' End Catalogue: 1-800-469-2222 or [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)  
MOG School Number: 90003467-9  
MOG Logo Number: 9838393K

There is an additional charge for the logo embroidering when placing orders with Lands' End. Lands' End will return 3% of all sales to the school for orders from our school families when the preferred order number and logo number are used to purchase uniforms.

### THE DRESS CODE

#### GIRLS & BOYS IN PRE-K

Boys and girls in Pre-K may wear play clothes. Closed toe shoes and socks are required. No sandals, high heels or open-toed shoes are allowed. All other school uniform policies apply (i.e. hair, makeup, nail polish, etc.).

#### BOYS K-8:

- **Shoes:** **Solid black or solid dark brown** leather, low-top, flat-soled (1/2" heel ok), lace, Velcro or slip on style shoe (Velcro or slip on shoes are recommended for younger students). Laces must be black in the black shoe; laces must be dark brown in the dark brown shoe. **Not permitted: boot-style, sneaker, canvas, high top, moccasin or open toe** (boat shoe is ok but not moccasin).
- **Socks:** plain navy, black or white socks. Socks must cover the ankle/no logo permitted.
- **Pants & shorts:** khaki-colored (NOT stone-colored, NOT cargo-style). Elastic waist pants are permitted for boys in Kindergarten and First Grade. Shorts are not required, but permitted in warmer weather.
- **Belt:** black or brown belt **REQUIRED** for grades 2-8
- **Shirt:** SS or LS navy blue polo **with school logo**, tucked in at all times. Only white undershirt or T-shirt, if one is worn.
- **Sweater/ sweatshirt/ fleece-** Allowed, but not required,
  - Navy cardigan or crew neck sweater **with school logo**
  - Navy or red PE sweatshirt **with school logo**
  - Navy fleece **with school logo** (Lands' End item #430912-AK7)

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## GIRLS K-5:

- **Shoes:** *Solid black or solid dark brown* leather, low-top, flat-soled (1/2" heel ok), lace or slip on style shoe. Laces must be black in the black shoe; laces must be dark brown in the dark brown shoe. **Not permitted: boot-style, sneaker, canvas, high top, moccasin or open toe** (boat shoe is ok but not moccasin). Black or brown, Mary Jane style of shoe or saddle shoe is also permitted. In this case, it should still be a flat-soled shoe (1/2" heel ok).
- **Socks:** plain/solid navy, red or white knee socks, tights or socks. Socks must cover the ankle/no logo permitted.
- **Leggings:** Solid/plain/logo free navy, red or white leggings (matching navy, red or white socks covering the ankle w/no logo must be worn with leggings)
- **Jumper:** plaid uniform jumper\* (must be no shorter than one inch above the top of the knee throughout the school year) \* (available only from Flynn & O'Hara)
- **Shirt:**
  - **With jumper-** SS or LS white collared blouse, a red or white turtleneck under a sweater or sweatshirt may also be worn.
  - **With Slacks-** SS or LS navy blue polo **with school logo** tucked in.
- **Slacks:** khaki-colored (NOT stone-colored, NOT Cargo-style) slacks of proper fit. NOT required, but permitted from November through April
- **Belt:** black or dark brown (required if slacks are worn)
- **Sweater/ sweatshirt/ fleece-** Allowed, but not required,
  - Navy cardigan or crew neck sweater **with school logo**
  - Navy or red PE sweatshirt **with school logo**
  - Navy fleece **with school logo** (Lands' End item #430912-AK7)

## GIRLS 6-8:

- **Shoes:** *Solid black or solid dark brown* leather, low-top, flat-soled (1/2" heel ok), lace or slip on style shoe. Laces must be black in the black shoe; laces must be dark brown in the dark brown shoe. **Not permitted: boot-style, sneaker, canvas, high top, moccasin or open toe** (boat shoe is ok but not moccasin). Black or brown Mary Jane style of shoe or saddle shoe is also permitted. In this case, it should still be a flat-soled shoe (1/2" heel ok).
- **Socks:** plain/solid navy, red or white knee socks, tights or socks. Socks must cover the ankle/no logo permitted.
- **Leggings:** Solid/plain/logo free navy, red or white leggings (matching navy, red or white socks covering the ankle w/no log must be worn with leggings)
- **Skirt:** plaid uniform skirt\* (must be no shorter than one inch above the top of the knee) \*(available only from Flynn & O'Hara)
- **Slacks:** khaki-colored (NOT stone-colored, NOT Cargo-style) slacks of proper fit. NOT required, but permitted from November through April.
- **Belt:** black or dark brown (REQUIRED if slacks are worn)
- **Shirt:** SS or LS navy blue polo **with school logo**, tucked in at all times. A red or white turtleneck under a sweater, sweatshirt or fleece may also be worn.
- **Sweater/ sweatshirt/ fleece-** Allowed, but not required,
  - Navy cardigan or crew neck sweater **with school logo**
  - Navy or red PE sweatshirt **with school logo**
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For modesty, the hem of the jumper or the skirt should be no more than an inch above the top and back of the knee and **girls should wear shorts** (that will not show below the hem) **underneath the jumper or the skirt**. The waist band of the skirt may not be rolled over. Pajama type pants may not be worn.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION (GYM) UNIFORM

PE uniforms are now purchased through Flynn & O'Hara (not from school)

- Navy mesh uniform shorts **with school logo**
- LS or SS T-Shirt **with school Logo**
- Sweat shirt: navy blue or red sweat shirt **with school logo**
- Sweat pants: solid navy blue fleece sweatpants\*, with or without pockets (NO logo, image or writing on pants and NO Cargo Pockets)
- Gym shorts are always worn under sweatpants during winter months.
- Lace up athletic sneakers, not flat soled shoes (like Converse, Vans, Keds). No high top sneakers, no roller skate sneakers, and no sneakers with zippers instead of laces are allowed.
- White socks that cover ankle/no logo permitted

### GUIDELINES

#### SHOES

No sandals, no open-back shoes and no shoes with a heel over 1 inch (measured from the back exterior of the shoe) are permitted. Shoes with laces must be tied at all times. No high top sneakers, no roller skate sneakers, and no sneakers with zippers instead of laces are allowed. Velcro or slip on shoes is highly recommended for younger students.

#### HAIR

- **All students** – hair should be neat with bangs above the eyebrows. Extreme styles (fad haircuts, Mohawk, mullet, razor cut or razor design, etc.) or excessive lengths or color are not permitted.
- Boys' hair should be above and not touch the shirt collar, trimmed around the ears. Facial hair must be close shaved.
- Girls' scrunches' (navy, red, white or school uniform pattern), hair clips, rubber bands, pony tail holders (neutral color), etc. must be in the hair, **not worn on wrists**.
- **Extreme hair coloring** and **bleaching** is not permitted.
- No scarves should be worn in the hair. Uniform plaid, navy, red, white, brown, black or neutral color headbands are allowed.

#### COSMETICS and EXTERNAL WEAR

- No **cosmetics** or artificial **nails** may be worn. Girls may wear clear or light pink nail polish.
- No visible **tattoos** of any kind. No **Hologram** contact lenses.
- No body **piercing** except pierced ears.
- **Girls** may wear one pair of stud earrings per ear not larger than a dime or one very small hoop earring.
- **Boys** may not wear earrings of any type.
- **Jewelry** should be limited to one watch, one ring, one bracelet, and simple necklace.
- **Watches** with a beeping device should be disconnected during the school day. Watches that beep will be taken away and may be claimed on the last day of the school year.

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The uniform should be clean and without holes or grass stains with all buttons attached and hem intact. Shirts should be tucked in while a student is on campus.

### **BROWNIES & SCOUTS**

Brownie/Scout Uniforms – Students may wear the scout uniforms on meeting days.

### **VIOLATIONS**

Students who violate the uniform policy will be given demerits. After 3 demerits they will serve a lunch-time detention and may be denied participation in a free dress day

### **FREE DRESS/ OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS**

Occasionally students are permitted to dress out of uniform. Some days are whole-school events. These days promote school spirit or provide an incentive for participation in a school-sponsored project. Sometimes individual students are rewarded as a thank you for service to the school.

### Rules for dressing:

1. Closed toe shoes and socks.
2. No hair dye or face paint is permitted unless specified. Girls may wear light makeup.
3. Shorts may only be worn during the spring & fall uniform months (September/October and April-June). Shorts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee
4. No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or shirts that expose the midriff.
5. No inappropriate messages on clothing.
6. If leggings/jeggings/yoga pants are worn the students' shirt or skirt must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
7. If students are not dressed appropriately, parents will be required to bring a change of clothes to school and students may not be allowed to participate in future free dress days.