

## St. Bede Catholic School Uniform Policy

**Philosophy:** St. Bede Catholic School takes pride in its tradition of excellence. This tradition should be evident to those who come in contact with representatives of the school. The best representatives of any school are its students; therefore, certain basic uniform regulations exist for dress and grooming. These regulations are in the interest of creating a safe environment, conducive to learning and to demonstrating pride and membership in St. Bede Catholic School. We expect the attire of our students to enhance their self-image, rather than make “statements”. In sum, we have established our uniform policy in the interests of meeting students’ needs for safety, belonging, identity and dignity.

General Considerations: St. Bede Catholic School expects students to be in uniform every day unless excused for a special reason. If your child is not able to wear the uniform on a particular day, send a note to the teacher stating the reason. A student who is out of uniform or whose uniform has been modified out of standards deemed acceptable by teachers or the administration will not be admitted to class. Instead, he or she will be directed to call a parent to bring appropriate uniform clothing.

### **Merry Mart Uniforms**

**Merry Mart is located at:**

**33 Washington St.**

**Santa Clara, CA 95050**

**(408) 296-0423**

[www.merrymartuniforms.com](http://www.merrymartuniforms.com)

### **General Guidelines:**

- Hooded sweatshirts and jackets with the logo must be purchased at Merry Mart
- School sweatshirts and jackets must be worn Monday through Thursday.
- Personal jackets may be worn to and from school and at recess
- Navy blue and white polo shirts without the logo may be worn
- Green polo shirts must have the logo
- White (Only) turtleneck shirts may be worn under the polo shirt
- Label all school clothing.
  
- **Guidelines for Girls:**
  - Dark or neutral colored bike shorts must be worn under jumpers or skirts.
  - Shorts may not hang below the jumper or skirt.
  - Jumpers, Skirts, and/or skorts must be no shorter than 2” above the knee.
  
- **Guidelines for Boys:**
  - Navy blue twill or cord pants.
  - A belt is a requirement for boys in fourth through eighth grades
  
- **Shoes:**
  - Shoes must be tied, fastened with Velcro, or buckled.
  - All shoes must have rubber soles.
  - Acceptable colors include solid navy blue, white, or black.
  - Laces and the soles of the shoes should be the same color as the shoes.

- **Socks:**
  - Both girls and boys are required to wear socks to school with their uniform.
  - Socks must cover the ankle.
  
- **Girls may wear:**
  - Navy blue, white or dark green crew, socks, knee socks or anklets
  - White or navy blue tights
  
- **Boys may wear:**
  - Navy blue, white or black crew socks or sport socks that cover the ankle
  
- **Physical Education attire:**
  - Uniform shorts or pants must be worn
  - Athletic shoes are strongly recommended
  
- **Casual Friday**
  - Green Hornet and Science camp sweatshirts may be worn .
  - St. Bede T-Shirt with uniform pants or shorts may be worn.
  
- **Free Dress**
  - Must be appropriate and in compliance with the philosophy of the school.
  - Skinny jeans and leggings may be worn with a tunic top or a skirt. (At the teachers discretion)
  - Shorts, skirts, and dresses need to be no shorter than 2'' above the knee.
  - Close-toed shoes must be worn. Sandals, Flip-flops, Crocs etc. may not be worn.
  - Final decisions concerning clothing for free dress rests with the principal and teachers. Students will contact parents at the discretion of the staff.
  
- **Grooming Policy**
  - Girls
    - Hair must be natural color (Dyed, highlighted, streaks, etc. are not permitted)
    - Simple stud earrings, small religious medals (bracelets, and necklaces) may be worn
  
  - Boys
    - Hair may not extend below the shirt collar and it must be kept trimmed above the ears. (Mohawks, fro-hawks or designs are not permitted.
    - Earrings, tattoos etc. are not permitted

Parents will be notified if a student is not in compliance with any section of the uniform policy.