

UNIFORM and APPEARANCE POLICY

The purpose of the school uniform policy is to encourage an appropriate, respectful environment for the entire school community, and to acclimate students to dressing and presenting appropriately for the professional world. The uniform and appearance policy is designed to instill a sense of self worth in yourself and pride in your community. Students should always present a neat, clean, respectful presentation and wear the uniform items appropriately as designed without alterations. Makeup, jewelry or other items should be conservative in nature, in line with our mission and not be distracting or designed to take away from a clean, neat and appropriate uniform appearance. *All attire should be free from any messages and properly modest to be reflective of our School community and mission.* The uniform requirements for regular attire, liturgy attire and spirit days are delineated in this policy. Students need to follow the entire uniform policy from arrival on campus until departure, including liturgy days, lunch and afterschool activities. Students are not allowed to wear outer garments, inclusive of jackets, coats; those items must be stored in the student's assigned locker. The uniform blazer, sweater, ¼ zip and full zip fleece are authorized as the uniform outerwear. Any student violating the uniform policy may be subject to disciplinary action. Some items must be purchased through either Donnelly's School Apparel, Blake's School Uniform Company, or Tommy Hilfiger. These items are identified in the uniform expectations given below. Sporting uniforms, club attire or spirit wear are issued or available for purchase and may be worn at sporting and club events or outside of school and after the academic day; the mere presence of a Pope Francis Preparatory logo does not make it permissible to wear as part of the school uniform.

Specific exceptions are noted below in the "Spirit Days" section.

Note on skirts and skorts:

Ladies in the sophomore, junior and senior classes for the 2022-2023 school year may continue to wear appropriately fitting skirts. Ladies in the freshman class for the 2022-2023 school year are required to wear the skort or appropriate dress pants. At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year skirts of any style will no longer be an authorized uniform item.

Masks/Face Coverings

Students may choose to wear masks/face coverings. The mask/covering must:

- be a solid color (only exception is official PFPS logo)
- be made with at least 2 layers of breathable material (fabric or disposable)
- fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin
- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops

Neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas and face coverings containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind are not acceptable face coverings. Plexiglass face shields are acceptable in addition to, but not instead of, a mask as defined above.

REGULAR ATTIRE

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bottoms</p> <p>~ Full length loose fitting dress pants/docker/chino style; Light Khaki or Black. Dress pants do not have exposed seams, pockets or rivets. The delineation of what is appropriate as dress pants rests with the office of the Dean of Students. Suggested to be purchased through Donnelly’s, Blake’s, or Tommy Hilfiger. Pants cannot have drawstring waists, elastic bottom cuffs or external pockets.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bottoms</p> <p>~ Full length loose fitting dress pants/docker/chino style; Light Khaki or Black. Dress pants do not have exposed seams, pockets or rivets. The delineation of what is appropriate as dress pants rests with the office of the Dean of Students. Suggested to be purchased through Donnelly’s, Blake’s, or Tommy Hilfiger. Pants cannot have drawstring waists, elastic bottom cuffs or external pockets. ~ Skort, knee length; grey. Must be purchased from Donnelly’s, Blake’s, or Tommy Hilfiger (may not be rolled or worn in any manner not designed)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tops, from Donnelly’s, Blake’s, or Tommy Hilfiger</p> <p>~ Pope Francis Prep polo (long- or short-sleeve), either Cotton or Performance Fabrics; White, Black, or Wine. ~ <i>Option for Seniors: Class Color polo</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tops, from Donnelly’s, Blake’s, or Tommy Hilfiger</p> <p>Pope Francis Prep polo (long- or short-sleeve), either Cotton or Performance Fabrics; White, Black, or Wine. ~ <i>Option for Seniors: Class Color polo</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Shoes</p> <p>~ Sneakers or dress shoes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shoes</p> <p>~ Sneakers or dress shoes</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Optional Items</p> <p><i>These items may be worn in addition to, but not instead of the items above.</i></p> <p>~ V-Neck pullover sweater or sweater-vest, black, from Donnelly’s, Blake’s, or Tommy Hilfiger ~ ¼ zip pullover or full zip black fleece jacket purchased from Donnelly’s, Blakes, or Tommy Hilfiger ~</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Optional Items</p> <p><i>These items may be worn in addition to, but not instead of the items above.</i></p> <p>~ V-Neck pullover sweater or sweater-vest, black, from Donnelly’s, Blake’s, or Tommy Hilfiger ~ ¼ zip pullover or full zip black fleece jacket purchased from Donnelly’s, Blake’s, or Tommy Hilfiger ~ Full length leggings/stockings/tights (solid and of solid colors only), knee high socks (solid and of solid colors only) as an additional layer under the skort</p>

<p>Inappropriate Items</p> <p><i>The following may never be worn or carried in school or at school functions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Sandals, moccasins, slippers, open toed footwear ~ Hats, hoods, or any other headwear. ~ Facial or visible body piercings, visible tattoos, excessive jewelry, gauges, pocket chains ~ Unnatural hair color ~ Anything ripped, stained, immodest, tight, or with messages at odds with the school's character ~ Outdoor jackets ~ No visible shirts or sweatshirts may be worn underneath the polo. ~ Form-fitting bottoms 	<p>Inappropriate Items</p> <p><i>The following may never be worn or carried in school or at school functions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Sandals, moccasins, slippers, open toed footwear ~ Hats, hoods, or any other headwear ~ Facial or visible body piercings, visible tattoos, excessive jewelry, gauges, pocket chains. ~ Unnatural hair color ~ Anything ripped, stained, skintight, immodest, or with messages at odds with the school's character ~ Outdoor jackets ~ No visible shirts or sweatshirts may be worn underneath the polo. ~ Form-fitting bottoms without a Skort, knee length; grey. Purchased from Donnelly's, Blake's, or Tommy Hilfiger
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LITURGY ATTIRE

When the school community celebrates the sacred liturgy (*see [Liturgy](#)*), more formal attire is required of students, as detailed below. All liturgy days are published in advance on the school calendar and announced on the previous day as a reminder. Liturgy attire must be worn from arrival through departure. **Students may wear liturgy attire on regular school days if desired.**

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
<p>Tops</p> <p>~ Oxford shirt (short- or long-sleeve), with school logo, purchased from Donnelly's, Blake's, or Tommy Hilfiger; White or Blue, tucked into belted trousers worn with all buttons fastened and a, ~ Necktie required</p>	<p>Tops</p> <p>~ Oxford shirt (short- or long-sleeve), with school logo, purchased from Donnelly's, Blake's, or Tommy Hilfiger; White, Blue, or Pink</p>
<p>Shoes</p> <p>~ Solid color clean dress shoes Canvas shoes such as vans or vans style, slip on or lace up are not considered dress shoes</p>	<p>Shoes</p> <p>~ Solid color clean closed-toe dress shoes Canvas shoes such as vans or vans style, slip on or lace up are not considered dress shoes</p>
<p>~ Optional blazer with school logo, from Tommy Hilfiger</p>	<p>~ Optional blazer with school logo, from Tommy Hilfiger ~ Optional necktie</p>

<i>All other items remain the same as the regular uniform policy listed above.</i>	<i>All other items remain the same as the regular uniform policy listed above.</i>
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SPIRIT DAYS

On Fridays, except where the Friday is a liturgy day, students may express school spirit and recognize the many clubs and sports in which they participate by wearing appropriate spirit and athletic tops as detailed below. Periodically students will be encouraged to participate in special events and show support for their class, school and community by wearing a specific color or style of shirt, on these days please refer to the postings for the dress code requirements. When participating in spirit days and special events students need to wear the approved pants or skirt with the spirit attire.

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
<p>Tops Any shirt/sweatshirt/jersey issued by PFPS in good repair that includes the school name and/or logo.</p>	<p>Tops Any shirt/sweatshirt/jersey issued by PFPS in good repair that includes the school name and/or logo.</p>
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GRADUATION ATTIRE

Commencement is a school activity and the culmination of your time at Pope Francis Preparatory School. It is a joyous occasion that celebrates your advancement into adulthood and higher education. It is respectful to attire yourself in semi formal appropriate attire that recognizes the importance of this event for yourselves, your families and our community. Students are asked to note and adhere to the following dress code and information.

Students may only wear graduation regalia; inclusive of sashes, cords, robes and headwear issued by and authorized by the school. Wearing of personalized accessories or items such as pins, cords or sashes that are issued by outside societies are not permitted. Students may not alter the headwear or robes in any manner to include but not limited to: shortening the robe, adding art or text to the academic headwear. Please direct questions to the Dean of Students.

<u>Gentlemen</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
<p>Tops ~ Dress shirt tucked into belted trousers worn with all buttons fastened and a, ~ Necktie Optional seasonal blazer or suit jacket</p>	<p>Tops ~Dress blouse or dress</p>
<p>Bottoms Full length matching suit pants or dress trouser and socks</p>	<p>Bottoms</p>

	Skort, Dress or dress pants that are appropriate for wear at a formal business function
Shoes ~ Clean dress shoes	Shoes ~ Dress shoes
<i>All attire should be free from any messages and properly modest to be reflective of our School</i>	<i>All attire should be free from any messages and properly modest and to be reflective of our School</i>

ATHLETIC AND WELLNESS ATTIRE

Students should wear appropriate clothing when participating in athletic activities, including sports and Wellness class. Knee-length shorts, sweatpants, t-shirts, *etc.* are all appropriate, as long as they (1) follow the guidelines for appropriateness (*see [Inappropriate Items](#) above*) and (2) are worn only during athletic activities and in athletic areas of the campus (not in areas like the Chapel or the Learning Commons).

Students wishing more formal attire on days that they have athletic contests may wear liturgy attire. There are no special dress exceptions for game days.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Campus Ministry program serves to cultivate the spiritual lives of the entire school community. It does so by drawing from the riches of our Catholic tradition, without prejudice to members of the school community who come from other faith traditions.

PRAYER

The school day, and every class begins and ends with prayer. In addition, prayer services are occasionally conducted for the whole school, individual grades, or smaller groups (*e.g.* sports teams).

CHAPEL

The school Chapel is located in the main lobby. It is always open and available as a place for prayer and/or meditation, either to individuals or to groups. Students are encouraged to visit the Chapel frequently.

LITURGY

“The Eucharist is the source and summit of our life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1324). Therefore, several times a year, the school sets aside time from its ordinary activity to celebrate the Eucharist as a community. All students are required to reverently attend these celebrations, and members of our wider school community - including family members of current students - are invited to attend as well.

RETREATS

Campus Ministry hosts four retreats per year, one per grade. These retreats help the students of each grade to relate to one another spiritually and thereby strengthen the entire school community. Therefore, these retreats are required of all students. Students who are absent or otherwise miss