

## 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 worth in yourself and in your community. Students need to always **present** a modest, neat, clean, respectful **presentation** and wear the uniform items as designed without alterations or modifications. Students need to follow the entire uniform policy from arrival on campus until departure, including liturgy days, lunch and afterschool activities.

The uniform requirements for regular attire, liturgy attire and spirit days are delineated in this policy. All outerwear garments, including jackets and coats, even those bearing a PFPS logo of any kind must be stored in the student's assigned locker. The uniform blazer, sweater, black quarter-zip and full-zip with the PF logo are permitted as the only uniform outerwear. Any student in violation of the uniform policy *is required to immediately correct the deficiency* and will be assigned a disciplinary action.

### **PURCHASING UNIFORMS**

Some items must be purchased online through Lands' End, other items may be purchased locally from Blake's School Uniform Company, or online from Tommy Hilfiger Global Schoolwear. Please see the link on the [school uniforms](#) and policy page. Please make online purchases early, mail order delay is not an excuse to be out of uniform. 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 PFPS logo does not make it permissible to wear as part of the school uniform.

### **REGULAR ATTIRE**

#### **Female Students**

Tops - Long or short-sleeve PFPS polo either cotton or performance fabrics in white, black, or the new garnet red. A polo or a liturgy top must *ALWAYS* be worn. As an addition to the uniform top students may choose to wear the quarter-zip pullover or full zip, both in black or the v-neck pullover sweater or sweater-vest in black.

Seniors have the option of wearing their class color polo.

*Non-permitted items: Outerwear worn indoors.*

Bottoms - Full-length loose-fitting dress pants style in light khaki or black. For the fall of 2026 the only skirt permitted is the Lands' End School Uniform Girls Box Pleat Skirt Top of Knee in the proper size. Skirts must fit in a way that, when standing, the skirt extends *to the top of or below the knee*. Students may choose to wear full length leggings/stockings/tights (solid and of a single solid color), knee high socks (solid and of a single solid color) as an additional layer under the skirt.

*Non-permitted items: Any non-Lands' End skirt, pants with exposed seams, pockets, rivets, or tears, sweat pants, pajama style pants, shorts, form-fitting bottoms, pants with elastic cuffs or waist.*

Footwear - Students may only wear sneakers or dress shoes.

*Non-permitted items: Sandals, moccasins, moccasin style shoes such as, but not exclusive to, Ugg moccasins, slipper style shoes, shoes with heels greater than two inches, open toed footwear, open back shoes.*

Makeup and accessories - 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 and accessories must be free from any messages and properly modest to be reflective of our school community and mission.

*Non-permitted items: Dyed or highlighted hair in an unnatural hair color, extensions or braids in an unnatural hair color, excessive jewelry, facial or visible body piercings, gauges, pocket chains, hats, hoods, any type of headwear, visible tattoos (permanent or temporary).*

### **Male Students**

Tops - Long or short-sleeve PFPS polo either cotton or performance fabrics in white, black, or the new garnet red. A polo or a liturgy top must *ALWAYS* be worn. As an addition to the uniform top students may choose to wear the quarter-zip pullover or full zip, both in black or the V-neck pullover sweater or sweater-vest in black.

Seniors have the option of wearing their class color polo.

*Non-permitted items: Outerwear worn indoors.*

Bottoms - Full-length loose-fitting dress pants style in light khaki or black.

*Non-permitted items: Pants with exposed seams, pockets, rivets, or tears, sweat pants, pajama style pants, shorts, form-fitting bottoms, pants with elastic cuffs or waist.*

Footwear - Students may only wear sneakers or dress shoes.

*Non-permitted items: Sandals, moccasins, moccasin style shoes such as, but not exclusive to, Ugg moccasins, slipper style shoes, open toed footwear, open back shoes.*

Accessories - All attire and accessories must be free from any messages and properly modest to be reflective of our school community and mission.

*Non-permitted items: Dyed or highlighted hair in an unnatural hair color, makeup, excessive jewelry, facial or visible body piercings, gauges, pocket chains, hats, hoods, any type of headwear, visible tattoos (permanent or temporary).*

### **LITURGY ATTIRE**

When the school community celebrates the sacred liturgy (see [Liturgy](#)), more formal attire is required of students, as detailed below. The first day of school for the entire community, academic awards ceremonies, recognition of scholars and most holy days of obligation when a Mass is celebrated are required liturgy attire days. 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. *All other items remain the same as the regular uniform policy listed above.*

### **Female Students**

Tops - Short or long-sleeved Oxford style or peter pan style shirt without shirt tails, with school logo in white, blue or pink. Blazers with the PFPS logo are optional.

Footwear - Clean closed-toe dress shoes in a solid color. Sneakers or any kind of canvas shoes such as Vans or Vans-style slip on or lace up are not considered dress shoes.

## Male Students

Tops - Short or long-sleeved Oxford style or peter pan style shirt without shirt tails, with school logo in white or blue. Shirts must be tucked in, fully buttoned, and worn with a necktie. Blazers with the PFPS logo are optional.

Footwear - Clean closed-toe dress shoes in a solid color. Sneakers or any kind of canvas shoes such as Vans or Vans-style slip on or lace up are not considered dress shoes.

## SPIRIT DAYS

On Fridays, except where the Friday is a liturgy day, and on other days as designated by the President, 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. *OUTER GARMENTS (COATS or JACKETS)* are not authorized for spirit wear without express permission from the Dean of Students. *All other items remain the same as the regular uniform policy listed above.*

## Female Students

Tops - Shirt/sweatshirt/jersey issued by PFPS in good repair or purchased by the family that includes the school's name and/or logo.

## Male Students

Tops - Shirt/sweatshirt/jersey issued by PFPS in good repair or purchased by the family that includes the school's name and/or logo.

## GRADUATION ATTIRE

Commencement is the penultimate school activity recognizing 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 dress 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 honors and 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. All attire should be free from any messages, properly modest and reflective of our school.

## Female Students

Tops - Dress blouse or dress.

Bottoms - Modest skirt, dress or dress pants that are appropriate for wear at a formal function.

Footwear - Clean dress shoes. Heels are not recommended as the graduates walk on the turf field. Sneakers of any kind are *not* permitted.

### **Male Students**

Tops - Dress shirt tucked into belted trousers worn with all buttons fastened and a necktie or bowtie. Blazers and suit jackets are optional.

Bottoms - Full length matching suit pants or dress trousers.

Footwear - Clean dress shoes with socks. Sneakers of any kind are *not* permitted.

### **ATHLETIC AND WELLNESS ATTIRE**

Students are required to wear appropriate and modest clothing when participating in athletic activities, including sports practices and Wellness classes. School spiritwear is encouraged. Non-formfitting modest shorts, sweatpants, school spiritwear and t-shirts, etc. are all appropriate. All attire needs to be free from any message or symbol aligned with Catholic values and be properly modest for our school environment. No tank tops, exposed sports bras, muscle shirts or like attire is allowed. Clothing needs to (1) be modest and (2) be worn only during athletic activities and in athletic areas of the campus, not in the Chapel, dining commons or the Learning Commons. Coaches may require students to wear liturgical attire on days that they have athletic contests. There are no special dress exceptions for game days.

### **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)
- 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.

### **DRESSDOWN OR CASUAL DAYS**

Periodically and often as an award for spirit points or on days designated by the administration, non-uniform attire may be authorized. A message from the Dean of Students will be directed to each class or the school community setting the dress code requirements.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

*Any item not listed as authorized is a prohibited item.*