



2023-2024 SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDELINES: Daily, Dress, and Non-Uniform Days

Students at Cary Christian School wear uniforms to foster a sense of unity in our learning community, allowing students to focus on academics and character.

School uniforms:

- Enhance a “ready to learn” environment - minimizing distractions and promoting equality
- Save time, energy, and money shopping for school clothing
- Make it easy for children to get ready for school
- Improve safety on campus and for off-campus activities
- Promote respect for oneself, for other students, and for learning
- Require learning responsibility to be clean, neat, and modest
- Instill a school spirit and sense of belonging
- Prepare students to be successful - they are part of a team working towards success in school and in life

By joining the Cary Christian School community, all students and parents agree to follow the school uniform guidelines in a respectful, responsible manner.

ORDERING UNIFORMS

All school uniform pieces must be purchased through our uniform supplier, Flynn O’Hara. Uniforms may be purchased directly from their website or from their local store.



<https://www.flynnohara.com/school-landing.aspx?scn=nc040>

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STYLE GUIDES

Style Guides are available at the Front Desk or online at the Flynn O’Hara website.

DAILY UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS: “WHAT SHALL I WEAR TODAY?”

NOTE: “Uniform” Colors are Navy, Gold, White, and Hunter Green

	LOWER SCHOOL (K-5)	UPPER SCHOOL (6-12)
Shoes: Daily Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean • comfortable • solid black, white, navy, and/or gray • acceptable accents: uniform colors • non-marking, non-slip soles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean • comfortable • non-marking, non-slip soles
NOTE: Shoes that may not be worn at school include open-toe, sandals, slippers, boots, clogs, jellies, Crocs, platform shoes, light-up shoes, shoes that make sounds, or shoes with wheels. Shoes with laces must be tied.		
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required • navy, black, gray, or white • acceptable accents/athletic stripe: uniform colors • no patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required
Tights/Leggings - worn under skirts (Girls)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solid navy, black, gray, hunter green or white • no patterns • no pants or bell-bottom leggings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solid navy, black, gray, or hunter green • no patterns • no pants or bell-bottom leggings
Skirts/Pants/Shorts	Not too long, not too short (<= 2-3 inches above knee), not too tight or too baggy	
Bike Shorts - worn under skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suggested for girls to wear <u>under</u> skirts and jumpers • should not be visible beyond the hem of the skirt • navy, black, or hunter green 	
Belts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required for boys and girls on any garment that has belt loops • Daily Uniform: solid brown, black, or navy • Dress Uniform: solid brown 	
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All oxford/dress shirts and polo shirts must be tucked in • Solid white short-sleeve t-shirts may be worn under shirts. 	
Blouses	Peter Pan collar blouses are worn under jumpers.	Girls' blouse (special design) does not have to be tucked in.
Hats	Hats are not permitted in the school building except for special days or events.	
Outerwear (Indoors)	Students may wear dress uniform blazer, letter jacket (9-12), CCS navy or hunter green sweatshirts, navy vests or sweaters, navy fleece jackets or vests, CCS navy windbreakers, CCS hoodies (hood off in the building), or any approved CCS team outerwear.	
Outerwear (Outdoors)	When outdoors for recess or other activities, students may wear any clean and neat coat, jacket, or rain/snow gear.	
Earrings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls may wear one pair, non-dangling earrings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls may wear one or two pairs of earrings.
Accessories	Students may wear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • watches • rings • wrist bands in uniform colors • necklaces, bracelets, and anklets 	
NOTES: Not permitted...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats • Boys may <u>not</u> wear earrings. • No visible body piercings are permitted (except for girls wearing pierced earrings, as permitted above). • Visible body art (tattoos) and pen drawings are not permitted. 	

These Uniform Requirements may also be found on the Parent Portal on the Student Life tab.



CCS Logos (available only at Flynn O'Hara) are required on all button-down oxford dress shirts, polo shirts, polo dresses, sweatshirts, cardigans, V-neck sweater vests, fleece jackets, and blazers.

HAIR AND HAIR ACCESSORIES

Students must keep their hair neat, clean, well-groomed, in traditional styles, and natural colors.

Boys:

K-8: Keep hair short with the back length no longer than the bottom of the shirt collar. Bangs should be trimmed and out of the eyes.

9-12: Rhetoric School boys should be well-groomed and facial hair must be clean shaven or well-kept. Bangs should be trimmed and out of the eyes. No hair accessories.

Girls:

K-5: Barrettes, scrunchies, hair bows, and all hair accessories are allowed in moderate sizes and in uniform colors (white, black, gray, hunter green, gold/yellow or navy).

6-12: Barrettes, scrunchies, hair bows, and all hair accessories are allowed in moderate sizes. Girls' hair may be tastefully and conservatively highlighted with natural hair colorings.

ATHLETIC WEAR

Uniforms will be provided for all athletic competitions. These cannot be worn to school. Practice gear does not have to bear the CCS brand but needs to be modest, practical, and functional for the sport. Students in Physical Education classes must have a CCS team shirt or PE shirt. Shorts need to be CCS athletic shorts purchased from Flynn O'Hara or appropriate team shorts.

Certain other days will be set aside by administration as all school spirit days. Team t-shirts or approved booster store items may be worn.

Shoes: Since you are participating on a team, please consider shoes that are more traditional, avoiding bright colors that draw attention to one individual.

AFTER-SCHOOL WEAR

Students remaining on campus after school must remain in uniform.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students attending after-school sporting events or other activities should be dressed neatly, cleanly, and modestly.

DRESS UNIFORMS

What we wear is often the first impression we make with people. We encourage our students to make an excellent first impression by proudly wearing their school uniform, and then to reflect this excellence in their character and conduct.

We have two types of uniforms at CCS: the dress uniform and daily uniform. Dress uniform requirements are listed below by grade level. All students will be expected to dress according to these specifications on dress uniform days throughout the school year.

Here is a partial list of occasions where participating students will be required to wear the dress uniform.

- First day of school
- Field trips (unless otherwise noted)
- School assemblies
- Group and individual picture days
- Christmas programs/concerts
- Oral presentations in class (Grades 6-12)
- School competitions or presentations (ex. Spelling Bee, Senior Theses)
- Last day of school/Year-end Awards Assemblies
- (9th-11th grade students are exempt due to exams)



K-5 DRESS UNIFORMS

K-2	3-5
Girls K-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaid Jumper • White Peter Pan Collar Blouse • Dress Shoes: Black or Navy; flat or low-heeled <= 1 inch • Socks (if worn): navy, black, gray, or white; no patterns 	Girls 3-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaid Skirt • White Oxford Button Down Collar Blouse • Optional: Solid Navy V-Neck Vest • Dress Shoes: Black or Navy; flat or low-heeled <= 1 inch • Socks (if worn): navy, black, gray, or white; no patterns
Boys K-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khaki Pants, with Brown Belt • White Oxford Button Down Collar Shirt • Plaid Tie or Plaid Bow Tie • Dress Shoes: Brown • Socks: brown or black 	Boys 3-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khaki Pants, with Brown Belt • White Oxford Button Down Collar Shirt • Plaid Tie or Bow Tie • Dress Shoes: Brown • Socks: brown or black

6-12 DRESS UNIFORMS

6-8	9-12
Girls 6-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khaki Skirt or Kilt • White Oxford Button Down Collar Blouse • White Trim V-Neck Vest • Socks (if worn): navy, black, gray, or white; no patterns • Dress Shoes: Black, Brown or Navy; flat or low-heeled <= 2 inches 	Girls 9-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khaki Skirt or Kilt • White Fitted Dress Shirt • Navy Blazer • Socks (if worn): navy, black, gray, or white; no patterns • Dress Shoes: Black, Brown or Navy; flat or low-heeled <= 2 inches
Boys 6-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khaki Pants, with Brown Belt • White Oxford Button Down Collar Shirt • Navy Tie or Plaid Bow Tie • Socks: brown or black • Dress Shoes: Brown 	Boys 9-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khaki Pants, with Brown Belt • White Oxford Button Down Collar Shirt • Navy Blazer • Striped Tie or Plaid Bow Tie • Socks: brown or black • Dress Shoes: Brown
NOTE: Tennis shoes are not dress shoes and may not be worn on dress uniform days.	

NON-UNIFORM DAY DRESS CODE GUIDELINES



Throughout the year, CCS students celebrate with special theme days, including, but not limited to: Homecoming, All-School Spirit Days, Senior Theme Days, and Knights Fest.

As in everything we do, we strive to be a respectful, responsible, and thoughtful community. We have this same expectation on our non-uniform days, and therefore, students should refrain from clothing/costumes with politically or culturally divisive symbols or messaging. Remember our Key to Success which reminds us to be aware of how our behavior affects our community.

The Non-Uniform Day Dress Code Guidelines are as follows for male and female students.

▪ **Hats**

- All School Spirit Days: No hats.
- Senior Theme Days/Knightsfest: If a hat is part of a costume, then students may wear their hat in the building.

▪ **Pants/Shorts**

- All pants/shorts should be modest.
- If shorts, only uniform shorts or Athletic/PE shorts purchased at Flynn O'Hara or knee length athletic shorts are permissible.
- Jeans, joggers, and sweatpants may be worn.
- Jeggings, yoga pants, workout leggings, and tights may not be worn unless completely covered where a school uniform skirt or shorts would cover.
- If pants have holes, the holes may not be in places where the school uniform skirt or shorts would cover.

▪ **Tops**

- All School Spirit Days: Only CCS approved Spirit Wear.
- Senior Theme Days/Knightsfest: No spaghetti straps, tank tops, or halter tops.
- Hoodies are allowed; however, hoods must be removed or down in the buildings.

▪ **Shoes**

- All School Spirit Days: Shoes and socks should follow the daily uniform guidelines.
- Senior Theme Days/Knightsfest: If shoes other than uniform shoes are part of a costume, then they are approved for the day.

▪ **Props**

- All School Spirit Days: No Props.
- Senior Theme Days/Knightsfest: No weapons or oversized props.

NOTES:

- Participation in non-uniform days is optional. Students may always choose to wear their school uniforms.
- House Days are not non-uniform days. House shirts will be worn with uniform bottoms.
- Students who are not following these guidelines will be asked to change into their daily uniform, given an alternative uniform item to borrow, or will call parents to bring clothing items needed. Please have an extra uniform at school in case this situation occurs.