

XIII. SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICIES

Mission: The purpose of the school uniform is to minimize distractions and undue focus on clothing and accessories in order to create an environment conducive to learning.

Students should be in the appropriate school uniform throughout the entire school day. [ADW Policy 3580] Students are also reminded that by wearing their school uniform off campus and after the instructional day, their appearance is a reflection of both themselves and our Catholic school's identity. Therefore, uniform items must be worn for their intended purpose. If it is necessary for a student to come to school out of uniform, a written note must be presented to the teacher.

Any questions on what is allowed under the uniform policy should be directed to the school office.

Uniform Seasons: OLV has two different uniforms seasons: Spring/Fall and Winter. Spring/Fall uniforms are to be worn during the entire first quarter and again during the fourth quarter. Winter uniforms are to be worn for the second and third quarters.

Where to Purchase: Some uniform items must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara (www.flynnohara.com), whereas other items may be purchased from either Lands End (www.landsend.com) or Flynn & O'Hara. Generally speaking, watch plaid and gym uniforms can be purchased only at Flynn & O'Hara and most other items may be purchased at either Flynn & O'Hara; please refer to the table at the end of the uniform policies for more information.

Flynn & O'Hara knows OLV Uniform Policies and will only let you purchase approved items. When purchasing through Lands End, please be sure to purchase through the uniform tab on their website because items on other parts of their website may not meet OLV's uniform policy. Most items are available in 100% cotton at both Flynn & O'Hara and Lands End.

Please remember that there is high-demand in late summer and items do sell-out so it is recommended that you shop early.

OLV Uniform Logo: Existing uniform items in good condition will continue to be acceptable until they need to be replaced either due to size or appearance. Existing uniform items that bear an OLV logo must be the circular Our Lady of Victory logo or the new logo (V with Crown & Flower). The former VICTORY logo, shirts with Our Lady of Victory in cursive, or the gym uniforms with the picture of the school on them are now obsolete. Items embroidered with OLV letters are still acceptable.

Uniform Exchange: OLV offers a uniform exchange each school year. Parents are encouraged to contribute uniforms in good condition that their child has outgrown. Families in need of new items can get uniform items via the exchange with the hope that they will also provide contributions to the program over time. More information about the uniform exchange will be published in the school newsletter.

Girls Uniforms

Grades 1 – 5

Watch plaid drop-waist jumper of appropriate length

White Flynn & O'Hara blouse or Lands' End knit top with Peter Pan collar (short or long

sleeve)

Navy Flynn & O'Hara or Lands' End plain walking shorts with black, dark brown or navy leather belt (no cargo shorts)

Navy Flynn & O'Hara or Lands' End slacks with black, dark brown or navy leather belt

Navy Flynn & O'Hara pants or plain walking shorts with elastic waist do not require a belt (please note that the elastic waist is only available in small child sizes).

Navy cardigan sweater (with or without logo) or navy sweatshirt/fleece with OLV logo

Spring/Fall ONLY

Watch plaid skort

Winter ONLY

White turtleneck may be worn for additional warmth in the winter

Leggings the same color as socks may be worn for additional warmth

Grades 6 – 8

Watch plaid kilt (appropriate length – no more than three inches above the knee)

White Flynn & O'Hara blouse with $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves or white tight weave Polo Shirt (short or long sleeve)

Navy cardigan sweater (with or without logo) or navy sweatshirt/fleece with OLV logo

Navy Flynn & O'Hara or Lands' End slacks with black, dark brown or navy leather belt

Navy Flynn & O'Hara or Lands' End plain walking shorts with black, dark brown or navy leather belt (no cargo shorts)

Winter ONLY

White turtleneck may be worn for additional warmth in the winter

Leggings the same color as socks may be worn for additional warmth

Boys Uniforms

Grades 1 – 5

Navy Flynn & O'Hara or Lands' End pants with black, dark brown or navy leather belt

White polo shirt (short or long sleeve)

Navy Flynn & O'Hara or Lands' End plain walking shorts with black, dark brown or navy leather belt (no cargo shorts)

Navy Flynn & O'Hara pants or plain walking shorts with elastic waist do not require a belt (please note that the elastic waist is only available in small child sizes).

Navy V-neck sweater (with or without logo) or navy sweatshirt/fleece with OLV logo

Winter ONLY

White turtleneck may be worn for additional warmth in the winter

Grades 6 – 8

Navy Flynn and O'Hara or Lands' End pants with black, dark brown or navy leather belt

Navy Flynn and O'Hara or Lands' End plain walking shorts with black, dark brown or navy leather belt (no cargo shorts)

Navy V-neck sweater (with or without logo) or navy sweatshirt/fleece with OLV logo

Spring/Fall ONLY

White polo shirt (short or long sleeve) for spring and fall

Winter ONLY

White oxford shirt (short or long sleeve) with a navy tie for winter

P.E. Uniforms

All Grades may wear gym uniform, required 1-8

Navy mesh or Navy Cotton/Poly shorts (5", 7", or 9" inseam) with OLV logo

Navy or White t-shirt with OLV logo (short or long sleeve)

Navy sweatshirt/fleece with OLV logo

Navy sweatpants (elastic bottom) – with logo (Flynn and O'Hara) or without logo (Lands' End)

White crew socks that cover the ankles

Athletic shoes – no lights or sounds

Grades 4-8

Swim suit – one piece for girls, swim shorts for boys

Socks:

Girls (Grades 1-8): Plain navy, black or white knee socks, navy, black or white crew socks that cover the ankles, white, black or navy opaque tights (combination of socks and tights must be same color).

Boys (Grades 1-8): Plain navy, black or white crew socks that cover the ankles.

The OLV logo is the only acceptable sock logo for either boys or girls.

All Students N-8

Shoes:

Boys and Girls (Grades 1-8): Black, dark brown or navy, substantial shoes appropriate for uniform use (heels no higher than one inch).

Boots, sandals, shoes with stripes, markings or colored soles are not allowed.

Athletic shoes are to be worn only with the P.E. uniform.

All Students Grades N-8: Shoes with flashing lights or sound effects are not permitted. Please also avoid open toe, canvas or other casual shoes made from lightweight materials as they provide little protection on the playground.

Hair (Girls and Boys Grades N-8):

Hair should be neat with any fringe/bangs above the eyebrows.

Long hair should be tied back.

Boy's hair should be above and not touch the shirt collar and trimmed around the ears.

Scrunchies, hair clips/bands, rubberbands, 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.

Additional Information Regarding Dress Code for Girls and Boys in Grades N-8

- The principal reserves the right to determine what is appropriate.
- Only alterations for size are permitted.
- Make-up, including lip stick/gloss, is not permitted.
- Colored nail polish or French/American manicured nails are not permitted.
- Nail tips or artificial nails are not permitted.
- Plain, white, short sleeve undershirts and tank tops may be worn, but no writing/designs etc. should show through uniform clothing
- No hats may be worn inside the school building.
- Uniforms are to be kept neat and clean at all times.
- Shirts must be tucked in except for grades 6-8 girls ¾ sleeve blouses/shirts.
- Skirts and shorts may not be rolled.
- P.E. uniforms may not be cut or altered in any fashion. All shorts should be fingertip length.
- CYO or Field day shirts are not permitted as gym shirts.
- Items must be safe for gym or playground usage (e.g., no high heels on shoes and no dangling jewelry).
- Lost, damaged or outgrown uniform pieces must be replaced in a timely manner. This also applies to 8th grade students until the end of the school year.
- A limit of one stud earring in the lobe of each ear is permitted. No bracelets, rings, ankle bracelets, necklaces, or large dangling earrings are permitted. Earrings for boys are not acceptable. No electronic watches such as a fitbit or apple watch may be worn.

Non-uniform days

On free dress days, students must wear clothing and shoes appropriate for school/recess (no tank tops, short shorts, unsuitable writing on t-shirts, flip flops, etc.). All shorts should be fingertip length. All tops need a shoulder straps which need to be at least the width of at least two adult fingers. Students who wear leggings must wear a suitable top which reaches at least to their mid-thigh. Please be mindful that students will have recess and may have gym on a free dress day and need suitable footwear.

| GIRLS 1 – 5 | F&O | LE |
|--|----------------|-----------|
| YEAR ROUND | | |
| White blouse, Peter Pan Collar (short or long sleeve) | ✓ | |
| Peter Pan Knit Top (short or long sleeve) | | ✓ |
| Watch plaid drop-waist jumper (appropriate length) | ✓ | |
| Navy slacks with black, dark brown or navy belt | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy walking shorts (no cargo) with black, dark brown or navy belt | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy slacks or shorts with elastic waist (no belt required) | ✓ | |
| Navy cardigan sweater | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy sweatshirt/fleece with OLV logo | ✓ | |
| SPRING/FALL ONLY (First and Fourth Quarters) | | |
| Watch plaid skort | ✓ | |
| WINTER ONLY (Second and Third Quarters) | | |
| White plain turtleneck (may purchase anywhere) | | ✓ |
| Plain leggings – same color as socks (may purchase anywhere) | | ✓ |
| GIRLS 6 – 8 | F&O | LE |

| YEAR ROUND | | |
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| White blouse with ¾ length sleeves | ✓ | |
| White tight weave polo shirt (short or long sleeve) | ✓ | |
| Watch plaid kilt (appropriate length) | ✓ | |
| Navy slacks with black, dark brown or navy belt | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy walking shorts (no cargo) with black, dark brown or navy belt | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy cardigan sweater | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy sweatshirt/fleece with OLV logo | ✓ | |
| WINTER ONLY (Second and Third Quarters) | | |
| White plain turtleneck (may purchase anywhere) | | ✓ |
| Plain leggings – same color as socks (may purchase anywhere) | | ✓ |

| BOYS 1 – 5 | F&O | LE |
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| YEAR ROUND | | |
| White polo shirt (short or long sleeve) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy pants with black, dark brown or navy belt | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy walking shorts (no cargo) with black, dark brown or navy belt | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy slacks or shorts with elastic waist (no belt required) | ✓ | |
| Navy V-neck sweater | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy sweatshirt/fleece with OLV logo | ✓ | |
| WINTER ONLY (Second and Third Quarters) | | |
| White plain turtleneck (may purchase anywhere) | | ✓ |
| BOYS 6 – 8 | F&O | LE |
| YEAR ROUND | | |
| Navy pants with black, dark brown or navy belt | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy walking shorts (no cargo) with black, dark brown or navy belt | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy V-neck sweater | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navy sweatshirt/fleece with OLV logo | ✓ | ✓ |
| SPRING/FALL ONLY (First and Fourth Quarters) | | |
| White polo shirt (short or long sleeve) | ✓ | ✓ |
| WINTER ONLY (Second and Third Quarters) | | |
| White Oxford shirt (short or long sleeve) with a navy tie | ✓ | ✓ |

| GYM UNIFORM (BOYS & GIRLS, 1 – 8) – P.E. Days Only | F&O | LE |
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| YEAR ROUND | | |
| Navy mesh shorts (5", 7", 9" inseam) with OLV logo | ✓ | |
| Navy cotton/poly shorts (5", 7", 9" inseam) with OLV logo | ✓ | |
| Navy or white t-shirt with OLV logo (short or long sleeve) | ✓ | |
| Navy sweatshirt with OLV logo | ✓ | |
| Navy sweatpants with elastic bottom (with/ or without logo depending on where purchased) – if purchasing at Lands' End, be sure to purchase from Uniform Department with elastic bottom | ✓ | ✓ |
| White crew socks that cover the ankles (may purchase anywhere) | | ✓ |
| Athletic shoes – no lights or sounds (may purchase anywhere) | | ✓ |