



## ***Uniform Policy/Code***

A uniform policy/code promotes an atmosphere conducive to academic focus by reducing distractions as well as time and energy to interpret and enforce. It provides clear expectations for and consistency among students. It simplifies decision-making and reduces peer pressure. Ultimately, *Collegiate* believes a uniform policy/code will enhance relationships by reducing conflicts that extend from home to the hallways to the classroom. The Administration of *Collegiate School of Memphis* reserves the right to address any fashion item, clothing item, or appearance that detracts from the spirit of the uniform policy/code. In all cases, the Administration has the right and the responsibility to determine what is appropriate.

**Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, all items must be purchased from Dennis-Larose Uniforms unless denoted by an asterisk \*.** All uniform blouses, shirts, sweaters, and jackets must have the **CSM** school logo or monogram present unless specifically indicated otherwise. All clothing should be labeled with the student's name or initials (especially sweaters and jackets).

- Only uniform apparel may be worn. Embellishments on or additions to the uniform, such as scarves or mufflers, for example, are not permitted.
- Young ladies may wear small pieces of jewelry including a wristwatch, small earrings, and small necklaces. Young ladies' makeup must not call undue attention. Young gentlemen may not wear earrings. Body piercing is not permitted, other than young ladies' ears (maximum of two earrings per ear). Visible tattoos, real or fake, are not permitted.
- All buttons on young gentlemen's oxford shirts and young ladies' blouses must be buttoned.
- All undershirts (young gentlemen and young ladies) must be all white and have no designs or embellishments.
- Young ladies' undershirts must not appear below their blouses.
- Hats, hoods, and caps may not be worn inside the buildings.
- Sweatshirts, including hooded sweatshirts, may not be worn in the buildings at any time.
- There will be special occasions when students will be permitted to wear clothing other than uniforms. On these occasions (Spirit Days, for example), clothing will be expected to be modest, neat, clean, appropriately fitting, in good repair, and in keeping with the principles of a Christian school. Specific guidelines will be given for the special days.
- Students may be asked to wear the required uniform for field trips or special events.
- Students must keep their shirts/blouses on, even when school is not in session, in the parking lot, on the bus, etc. They may not unbutton shirts/blouses or take them off, exposing an undershirt.
- Any outerwear may be worn to school, but any item worn inside the classroom must be from Dennis-Larose Uniforms.

- Shirts for young gentlemen must be worn tucked-in, and a black or brown belt must be worn.
- Blouses (button-down) for young ladies must be worn tucked-in.
- Hair must be conservative and professional in appearance. This includes, but is not limited to, being clean, neat, and combed. Hair must not be extreme or unusual in style (designs, lettering, symbols, etc.). Unnatural hair coloring or an unnatural combination of hair colors is not permitted. Reasonable highlights are acceptable.
- Writing or drawing on the skin is not permitted. Visible tattoos, real or fake, are not permitted.
- Eyebrows and sideburns should be neat and properly trimmed with no designs of any kind.
- Male students must be clean-shaven each school day and at all school events.
- Male students' hair must not hang below the collar, touch the eyebrows, or extend below the middle of the ear. Sideburns should not extend below the base of the earlobe. If the Administration determines a haircut is needed or sideburns should be trimmed, students will have ONE DAY to remedy the situation before discipline action is taken.

## **Uniform Guidelines**

### **Lower School Young Ladies (Grades 6-8)**

#### **Blouses and Tops**

White oxford blouse short-sleeve/long-sleeve with CSM logo on sleeve (must wear on Mondays for Chapel).

Navy or yellow knit polo, short-sleeve/long-sleeve with CSM logo.

#### **Skirts and Skorts**

Solid navy or khaki skort; length must be one inch below the knees.

Plaid poly/cotton pleated skirt; length must be one inch below the knees (must wear on Mondays for Chapel).

\*Full-length tights/stockings or knee-hi socks are required for young ladies wearing a skirt or skort. (Solid colors of navy, white, or black only.) No emblems or decorations. No leggings are allowed. All tights must be full length, should not stop mid-calf or above the ankle, and must cover the entire foot.

#### **Pants**

Navy or khaki pleated or flat front pants.

Navy or khaki capri pants.

#### **Outerwear for classroom (must be purchased from Dennis-Larose)**

Solid navy cardigan sweater with CSM logo.

Navy v-neck sweater vest with CSM logo.

Navy jacket with CSM logo.

Navy half-zip fleece pullover with CSM logo.

#### **\*Tights and Socks**

Solid navy, white, or black ankle, crew, or knee-length socks.

Solid navy, white, or black tights/stockings without texture or patterns.

No emblems or decorations on tights or socks. No leggings are allowed. All tights must be full length, should not stop mid-calf or above the ankle, and must cover the entire foot.

#### **\*Shoes**

Shoes must be low-quarter and low heel (no higher than ½ inch), closed toe and closed heel. Shoes must be solid black, brown, or white; leather, suede, or athletic shoe.

During winter months, solid black or brown low-quarter heel boots are acceptable.

No rain boots or sandals may be worn. Shoes must be worn properly at all times.

#### **\*Belts**

Any solid brown or black belt is allowed but should not have any emblems or decorations.

#### **\*Hair Accessories**

Approved hair accessories are available from Dennis-Larose. Only solid black or brown ponytail holders, headbands, and clips are acceptable.

#### **Special Notes**

The plaid skirt and white oxford blouse must be worn on Mondays for Chapel.

Tuesday - Friday young ladies may wear any of the items listed, including the plaid skirt.

Clothing must be the appropriate size – not baggy, sagging, or tight.

All shirts and classroom outerwear must have a CSM logo.

## **Uniform Guidelines**

### **Upper School Young Ladies (Grades 9-12)**

#### **Blouses/Blazer**

White oxford blouse short-sleeve/long-sleeve with CSM logo must be worn every day.

\*Navy blue blazer with upper left pocket must be worn every day (may be purchased from any vendor; gold buttons are allowed).

Blazer patches will be earned by each student.

#### **Skirts and Skorts**

Solid navy or khaki skort; length must be one inch below the knees.

Plaid poly/cotton pleated skirt; length must be one inch below the knees (must wear on Mondays for Chapel).

\*Full-length tights/stockings or knee-hi socks are required for young ladies wearing a skirt or skort. (Solid colors of navy, white, or black are acceptable.) No emblems or decorations. No leggings are allowed. All tights must be full length, should not stop mid-calf or above the ankle, and must cover the entire foot.

#### **Pants**

Navy or khaki pleated or flat front pants.

Navy or khaki capri pants.

#### **\*Tights and Socks**

Solid navy, white, or black ankle, crew, or knee-length socks.

Solid navy, white, or black tights/stockings without texture or patterns.

No emblems or decorations on tights or socks. No leggings are allowed. All tights must be full length, should not stop mid-calf or above the ankle, and must cover the entire foot.

#### **\*Shoes**

Shoes must be low quarter and low heel (no higher than ½ inch), closed toe and closed heel.

Shoes must be a solid black or brown non-athletic type shoe.

During winter months, solid black or brown low quarter heel boots are acceptable.

No rain boots or sandals may be worn. Shoes must be worn properly at all times.

#### **\*Belts**

Any solid brown or black belt is allowed but should not have any emblems or decorations.

#### **\*Hair Accessories**

Approved hair accessories are available from Dennis-Larose. Only solid black or brown ponytail holders, headbands, and clips are acceptable.

#### **Special Notes**

The plaid skirt must be worn on Monday with the white oxford blouse and navy blazer. Clothing must be the appropriate size – not baggy or tight.

All shirts must have a CSM logo.

## **Uniform Guidelines**

### **Lower School Young Gentlemen (Grades 6-8)**

#### **Shirts**

Oxford white short-sleeve/long-sleeve with CSM logo (must wear on Mondays for Chapel).

Navy or yellow knit polo short-sleeve/long-sleeve with CSM logo.

#### **Shorts and Pants**

Navy or khaki pleated or flat front pants (must wear on Mondays for Chapel).

Navy or khaki pleated or flat front twill shorts.

#### **Outerwear for classroom (must be purchased from Dennis-Larose)**

Solid navy cardigan sweater with CSM logo.

Navy v-neck sweater vest with CSM logo.

Navy jacket with CSM logo.

Navy half-zip fleece pullover with CSM logo.

#### **\*Socks**

Solid navy, white, or black visible length socks.

#### **\*Belts**

Any solid brown or black belt is allowed but should not have any emblems or decorations.

#### **Tie**

Navy and gold striped tie from Dennis-Larose (request the lower school tie). Young gentlemen must make sure that the tie is tied properly. The bottom of the ties should fall just above the belt area (waist).

#### **\*Shoes**

Shoes must be low quarter and low heel (no higher than ½ inch), closed toe and closed heel.

Shoes must be a solid black, brown, or white; leather, suede, or athletic shoe.

During winter months, solid black or brown low quarter heel boots are acceptable.

No rain boots or sandals may be worn. Shoes must be worn properly at all times.

#### **Special Notes:**

White oxford shirt, tie, and khaki pants must be worn on Mondays for Chapel (no shorts).

Tuesday – Friday young gentlemen can wear any of the items listed, including the white oxford shirt.

Clothing must be the appropriate size – not baggy, sagging, or tight.

All shirts and classroom outerwear must have a CSM logo.

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## **Uniform Guidelines**

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### **Upper School Young Gentlemen (Grades 9-12)**

#### **Shirts/Blazers**

Oxford white long-sleeve with CSM logo; no short-sleeve; must be worn everyday.

\*Navy blue blazer with upper left pocket must be worn every day (may be purchased from any vendor; gold buttons are allowed).

Blazer patches will be earned by each student.

#### **Shorts and Pants**

Navy or khaki pleated or flat front pants (must wear on Mondays for Chapel).

Navy or khaki pleated or flat front twill shorts.

#### **\*Socks**

Solid navy, white, or black visible length socks.

#### **\*Belts**

Any solid brown or black belt is allowed but should not have any emblems or decorations.

#### **Tie**

Navy and gold striped tie from Dennis-Larose (request the upper school tie). Young gentlemen must make sure that the tie is tied properly with the top button buttoned while in the building. The bottom of the ties should fall just above the belt area (waist).

#### **\*Shoes**

Shoes must be low quarter and low heel (no higher than ½ inch), closed toe and closed heel.

Shoes must be a solid black or brown non-athletic type shoe.

During winter months, solid black or brown low quarter heel boots are acceptable.

No rain boots or sandals may be worn. Shoes must be worn properly at all times.

#### **Special Notes:**

White oxford shirt, tie, and khaki pants must be worn on Mondays for Chapel (no shorts).

Clothing must be the appropriate size – not baggy, sagging, or tight.

All shirts must have a CSM logo.