

## 2026 - 2027 OLA Dress Code Cheat Sheet

This document addresses only commonly asked questions, changes, and frequent violations. *Please see the complete dress code located in the OLA Parent-Student Handbook on our school website for more details.*

### ENFORCEMENT OF DRESS CODE

- Teachers in grades K-3 will address dress code violations within their classrooms using their own classroom management system and will notify parents for repeated violations.
- Teachers in grades 4-8 will give a verbal warning to students during the beginning of the day at homeroom time to address any correctable violations (hooded sweatshirts, untucked shirts, etc.). Students with uncorrectable violations (unacceptable shoes, skirts too short, etc) will be issued a demerit. After homeroom, students found to have any correctable violations of the dress code will receive a demerit.
- Parents may be asked to bring proper school attire if the student is not in compliance with the dress code.

### SKIRT AND JUMPER FOR GIRLS

- Navy/Green Plaid **V-Neck Pleated** uniform jumper: **Grades K-2** (shorts **must** be worn under the jumper).
- Navy/Green Plaid **Pleated** or **Wrap Around Kilt** uniform skirt worn at natural waist: **Grades in 3-5** (shorts must be worn under skirt). *Parents, please note the "bib" can be removed from the jumpers if the skirt of the jumper still fits your daughter.*
- **Navy Two Kick Pleated** or **Wrap Around Kilt** uniform skirt worn at natural waist: **Grades in 6-8** (shorts must be worn under skirt).
- Length: **ALL Skirts and jumpers must touch the student's knees NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **Optional** solid, plain black leggings or tights (footed or non footed) **can be worn under the skirt or the jumper in colder months. Leggings must reach the ankle and may not have flared ankles.**

### UNIFORM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

#### Pants

- Solid navy or khaki-colored uniform straight leg dress pants. Pants should be of a standard fit (not skin-tight or baggy) and may not be cargo pants **or gathered at the ankle**.
- **A black, brown or navy colored belt must be worn by ALL students in Grades 4 - 8 if their pants have belt loops.** Decorative belt buckles are not permitted.
- Students in Grades K-3 may wear pants with an elastic waistband.

#### Shirts

- Students **must** wear a white or navy blue polo shirt.
- **Male students in Grade 8** may wear a white or navy collared, button-down shirt with a tie. Any words/imagery on the tie **must** be appropriate for a Catholic school.
- Shirts **may not** have writing or pictures on them. Shirts with a small brand logo embroidered on the front breast are permitted (IZOD, Polo, etc)
- **All shirts must remain tucked in throughout the school day.**

#### Sweaters

- Solid-colored (**navy, dark green, red**) cardigan, crew or v-neck sweaters are permitted to be worn over the regular uniform shirt during colder months.
- **Solid Navy or Hunter Green** OLA-branded sweatshirts are permitted to be worn over the regular uniform shirt.
- Non-OLA sweatshirts **must be** solid Navy or Hunter Green with **no** logos or imagery other than a small brand logo on the front breast (IZOD, Polo, etc)
- **Hooded sweatshirts of any kind are NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING.** Hooded sweatshirts are permitted to be worn outside during recess and before/after school.

#### Socks

- Socks **must be** worn and may not extend past the bottom of the knee.
- Socks are not required for girls wearing footed leggings or tights under a skirt or jumper.
- Sock designs or images **must be school appropriate.**

#### Shoes

- **Students are to wear SOLID black or brown shoes.**
- **Shoes' tops, soles & laces must be all one solid color. Stripes, swooshes, logos etc. in a contrasting color are not permitted.**
- Heels higher than 1" are not permitted.

- **High tops and boots are not permitted.**
- **Shoes must cover the students' toes and heels.**

### Uniform Shorts/Skorts

- During the months of August/September and May/June, students are permitted to wear shorts instead of pants, jumpers or skirts. Girls may also wear skorts (hybrid skirt/shorts) during these months.
- Shorts/Skorts **must be** solid navy or khaki in color and may not have cargo style pockets on the sides.
- Length: **ALL Shorts/Skorts must reach the top of the students' knees.**

### Accessories/Make-up

- Students are **not permitted** to wear any make-up other than light concealer for acne or skin issues.
- **Girls are permitted** to wear a single post earring or small hoop earring (small enough that a finger cannot fit through the hoop) **in the lobe of each ear.** *No other piercings are permitted.*
- Boys **may not** have piercings of any kind.
- A single necklace worn under the shirt is permitted.
- **Smartwatches that are capable of sending and receiving text messages are not permitted.**
- **A single ring and bracelet is permitted to be worn on each hand.**
- **The only fingernail polish that is permitted is clear.**
- **The fingernail may not extend more than one-eighth inch past the tip of the finger.**
- Hats and other outerwear **may not** be worn in the building during the school day.
- Tattoos, whether temporary, permanent, or **hand-drawn** are **not** permitted.

### Hair

- Hair may be dyed or highlighted but it must be a natural color and any highlights must be a natural color. For example, hair or highlights that are pink, blue, unnatural red, orange, etc. are not permitted.
- Extreme changes from one color to another, like ombré, are not permitted.
- **Haircuts should not impede the vision of the student.**
- Designs, patterns, words, etc may not be cut into hair.
- **Excessively styled, spiked, mohawk, or unkempt hair is not permitted.**
- **For boys, hair must be cut above their collars, ears, and eyebrows.**
- Facial hair is not permitted.
- Any student not in compliance with the uniform code regarding his/her hair will be issued a demerit and will be given one weekend to correct the problem. If the student is not in compliance after the weekend, they will not be permitted to return to school until they are in compliance.

### PE Uniform

- **Shirt** - Students **must wear** the official gray OLA gym shirt or a solid gray t-shirt. Shirts worn inside out will **NOT** be permitted.
- **Shorts** - Students may wear official OLA branded gym shorts or plain gray or navy blue shorts with no logos, different color stripes, or writing. In the months of October through April, shorts may be worn under sweatpants which can be removed for gym class.
- **Sweatpants** - Students may wear official OLA branded sweatpants or plain gray or navy blue sweatpants with no logos, different color stripes, or writing.
- **Shoes** - Athletic shoes with non-marking soles are permitted.

**The PE Uniform is to be worn to school by students in grades K-8 on days that they have physical education class. They will not be changing their clothes during the school day.**

**Condition of Uniforms:** Shirts, pants, gym uniforms and shoes should be clean, neat and in good condition. No ripped, torn, or excessively worn clothing may be worn. All uniforms should fit the student comfortably.

Any clothing or accessories not addressed in this policy are not permitted to be worn/used at school. **The principal and the pastor of OLA reserve the right to alter the policy** and will make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of student appearance while at school.

OLA School and Physical Ed. uniforms may be found at:

**SCHOOLBELLES**, 4747 W. 160 Street, Cleveland, Ohio, 44135

(216) 898-5500 [www.schoolbelles.com](http://www.schoolbelles.com)

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