

# St. Edmund's Academy School Uniform

*"A uniform makes you look at the person instead of what he or she is wearing."* — 6th Grade Student

Wearing a school uniform is a valued tradition at St. Edmund's and has long instilled pride in being part of the St. Edmund's community. A school uniform adds to an atmosphere conducive to learning, as clothing is not a distraction. The school uniform code is intended to accommodate the active school lives of our students, while distinguishing between school and leisure time. All clothing is expected to be kept clean, neat, and in good repair, **with name clearly marked on each item.**

## Required Uniform Items

**PreKindergarten** – Students at this level do not wear prescribed uniforms. They should wear suitable school or play clothes and shoes.

**Kindergarten** – Students should follow the **weekday guidelines for Lower School** students, listed below, with the following exceptions and additions: on days when girls have Physical Education class, a pair of shorts should be worn with the jumper. Chapel uniforms are not required for Kindergarten students.

## Lower School: Grades 1-4

### Girls –

**Chapel (Thursdays) and Field Trips** – Gray jumper; white, button-down collared blouse; maroon blazer; bow tie; white socks or tights; dress shoes.

**Weekday** – Gray or plaid jumper OR gray pants; navy, white or maroon polo shirt or turtleneck OR white collared blouse; navy or white socks or tights; dress shoes or sneakers.

### Boys –

**Chapel (Thursdays) and Field Trips** – Gray pants, white button-down collared shirt, maroon blazer, school tie, white/black/navy socks, dress shoes.

**Weekday** – Gray pants; navy, white or maroon polo shirt or turtleneck or white dress shirt; navy or white socks; dress shoes or sneakers.

## Weekday wear for both boys and girls in Lower School –

Navy sweatshirts with the SEA logo are optional. Optional sweaters: properly fitted, solid color pullover crew, v-neck, sleeveless sweater-vest or cardigan in white, navy, or maroon. Students may wear gray shorts September through October and April through June.

## Upper School: Grades 5-8

### Girls –

**Chapel (Thursdays) and Field Trips** – Gray kilt; white, button-down collared blouse; maroon blazer; crossover tie; white socks; dress shoes.

**Weekday** – Navy or maroon blazer; gray or plaid kilt OR gray pants; navy, white or maroon polo shirt or turtleneck OR white collared blouse; navy or white socks; dress shoes or sneakers.

### Boys –

**Chapel (Thursdays) and Field Trips** – Gray pants, white button-down collared shirt, maroon blazer, school tie, white/black/navy socks, dress shoes.

**Weekday** – Navy or maroon blazer; gray pants; navy, white or maroon polo shirt or turtleneck or white dress shirt; navy or white socks; dress shoes or sneakers.

## General Uniform Requirements and Specifications

- Gray pants may be corduroy, twill, or flannel in **conservative styles only**. No cargo pants are permitted.
- Belts must be worn with pants having belt loops.
- Polo shirts and dress shirts may be long or short-sleeved. White girls' blouses must have a top button to accommodate a tie on Thursdays.
- Uniform shirts are to be tucked in at all times and therefore a colored or imprinted t-shirt or camisole worn under the uniform shirt should not be visible.
- Sneakers/athletic shoes should be as conservative as possible (i.e., no lights, etc.)
- Jumpers and kilts may not be more than two inches from the top of the knee.
- Hair accessories should be simple and in good taste.
- Dress shoes are not to exceed 2 inch heels including platform. **Dress shoes should be brown, black, cordovan, or navy**. Clogs and low or hi-cut boots are not permitted.
- Maroon blazers will have the SEA emblem affixed to the upper pocket.
- SEA pins (Lead, Electives, Honors, etc.) may be worn on the left lapel of Chapel jackets.
- Neckwear must be properly tied.
- Jewelry must be conservative, small, unobtrusive and complimentary to the dignified appearance of a school uniform.
- Periodically, the Student Council will sponsor a "Dress Down Day" as a fundraiser. Fifty cents is generally charged. Casual slacks, jeans, sweaters, rugby shirts, sweatshirts or T-shirts and sneakers are permitted. **(Sweat pants, athletic pants, tank tops and flip flops are not permitted.)**

**The School reserves the right to require a student to change an article of clothing which it considers inappropriate.**

**Special Note:** Chapel is a special and valued tradition of St. Edmund's. Please remember that dress shoes are to be worn on Chapel Day. **Absolutely NO tennis shoes (including black leather), jogging shoes, clogs, low or hi-cut boots or similar footwear is permitted.**

## Dress-Down Days

Over the course of the year, there are several dress down days. They are called by:

- A fundraiser - anyone wishing to dress down pays the nominal charge of \$.50.
- The Head/Associate Head as a reward or celebratory moment
- A classroom teacher for that specific grade only when a scheduled activity or field trip requires more casual clothing
- The 8th grade, as a privilege, one per month, and for that grade only

**NEVERTHELESS...** there are some items that may **NOT** be worn:

- Shorts
- Sweatpants or athletic pants of any sort
- Hats
- Tank tops; sleeveless shirts, camisoles, half-shirts
- Ripped jeans (although jeans are permitted)
- Flip-flops

## Primary Sources for Uniform Items

**School Belles**, 7440 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 (412)630-8480, is the "official" school outfitter for most of St. Edmund's Academy uniform articles.

**The PTA Store**, located by the SEA field house, is your source for school ties and approved SEA logo sweatshirts. Parents may also wish to check the PTA Store at school for clean, reasonably priced "previously owned" items.

**Land's End** – 1(800)469-2222 or email at [landsend.com/school](http://landsend.com/school) for boys' gray pants, navy blazers, polo shirts, turtlenecks and white dress shirts. Catalogs are available in the PTA Store. When ordering, please give them **our customer number 9000-3712-8**, as St. Edmund's receives a rebate for uniform items purchased.

# Physical Education Uniform

Physical education uniforms are required for all students in 1st through 7th grade. Uniforms will be provided by the school. This uniform will consist of a gray St. Edmund's Academy T-shirt and maroon school trunks. Students are expected to have white athletic socks and non-marking gym shoes for each physical education class. Gym uniforms need to be laundered on a regular basis. Please remind your child to bring his/her uniform home for cleaning.

An eighth grade privilege is to wear personal shorts and t-shirts for physical education class. Guidelines for these clothes are the same as for the regular SEA Physical Education Uniforms: shorts may sit at or slightly below the waist and must have a minimum 6 inch inseam. T-shirts with short sleeves must fit comfortably and loosely so as not to restrict physical activity, and t-shirts must be long enough to cover the waist band of the shorts.

This privilege is also extended to the members of school athletic teams for practices, and the aforementioned guidelines are expected to be followed.