



Mater Boni Consilii Academy

Forming Tomorrow's Leaders

Uniform & Dress Code

At Mater Boni Consilii Academy we desire to create and promote an environment of learning where clothing is not a distraction to the educational process.

Students at MBCA wear uniforms for the following reasons:

- They eliminate distractions, e.g., students concerned about what they or others look like.
- Uniforms 'equate' the classroom, so all students have an increased sense of friendship and participation which is not based on superficial distinctions.
- They bypass complex clothes codes; many schools are opting for uniforms just to avoid the headache of deciding on and enforcing what students can or cannot wear.

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

1) Interconnection and Egalitarianism

- i. MBCA Understand that school uniforms mean that all students wear the same clothing. This removes any prejudiced ideas about what to wear, allowing for greater group unity and harmony. As a result, uniforms demonstrate a clear message of equality.

2) MBCA Identity

- i. When students see their friends wearing the same uniform as them also encourages them to develop a stronger concept of group uniqueness. As such, school uniforms allow students to feel part of something bigger than themselves.

3) Increased Safety

- i. School uniform help MBCA faculty and school administrators identify who is a student and who isn't. Likewise, staff and students can

soon identify anyone on the school grounds without a uniform as an outsider. Increased safety is also a reason why school uniforms are good for field trips, church as well as on-site learning.



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4) Dress Code Equality

- i. School uniforms avoid a lot of this policing by creating a standardized dress code that's easy for all children to follow. Without any possibility of misunderstanding what is and isn't appropriate, children won't spend time awaiting decisions about their clothing choices and will be in the classroom learning instead.

5) Reduced Potential for Bullying

- i. While wearing a school uniform creates a sense of community and equality, allowing students to choose their own school clothes can create divisions and highlight disparities or bullying opportunities. School uniforms help to reduce the chance for bullying, therefore requiring that everyone wears the same uniform every day.

6) Less Distracting Learning Environment

- i. When fashion trends and keeping up with their friends, in the style stakes becomes more of a priority than paying attention in class, a student's progress could easily suffer. By eradicating fashion as a distraction, school uniforms help keep students focused on their work.

MBCA Logo patches are available for \$10.00 through the Parent Advisory Council.

Please contact: pac@mbcahalton.com to place an order.

Students will be permitted to have free dress (Civvies Day) on occasion. Parents are responsible for the dress of their child(ren). However, in keeping with the vision and mission of our school, please use the following guidelines:

- No negative or inappropriate or suggestive slogans / advertising on clothing is allowed.
- No clothing with rips, tears or deliberate markings is allowed.
- No halter tops, tank tops, or muscle shirts for students in grades 4-8. No beach or gym wear.
- Shirts / blouses must have sleeves that cover the shoulder and comes down the arm and covers the armpit.
- No exposure of the midriff or underclothing is allowed.
- Skirts must come down at least to 2 inches above the top of the kneecap.



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- Shorts and skirts are to be half the length to the knees when standing up.
- All clothing needs to be hemmed.
- Hats or caps may not be worn in the school building at any time.
- No leggings, spandex or yoga pants.

Note: *Uniform Infraction slips will be given to students each time following consistent infractions. After 3 slips, a phone call home will be made.*

In order to help keep the school clean, we ask that all students replace their “outside shoes” for indoor non-marking black shoes (no sandals or flip flops as indoor shoes). The indoor shoes are worn inside the classroom. To prevent loss of items, please mark your child’s name clearly on all his/her personal belongings. * *Please Note: Gum chewing is not permitted in the school building or on school property.*



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Uniforms

Girls Kindergarten to Grade 2

Navy Blue Jumper

White Polo Shirt short or long sleeves

White or blue socks/tights

Navy blue Zip Front Cardigan Sweater

Black shoes



Girls Grade 3 and Up

Navy Blue Pleated Uniform Skirt

White Polo Shirt short or long sleeves

White or blue socks/tights

Navy blue zip up sweater or cardigan

Black shoes or black sport shoes





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Boys Kindergarten and Up

Beige Chino School Uniform Pants
White Polo Shirt short or long sleeves
White or blue socks
Navy blue zip up sweater or cardigan
Black shoes or sport shoes

