

Dress Code and Overall Appearance:

Bethel Lutheran School bases its dress code upon the desire for a neat and clean appearance. Please double check your child's dress before they come to school and ensure that their attire adheres to school policy and properly represents Bethel Lutheran School. Elementary children are required to wear the approved uniform. You may purchase uniform and logo items at Merry Mart. Some items may need to be special ordered. Several items may be purchased at local retailers such as Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's and J.C. Penney in their uniform department.

Merry Mart

33 Washington Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050

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- Clothing must be clean, in good condition and without holes, tatters, frays or external patches.
- Clothing must be well fitted.
- Outerwear winter jackets must be free of inappropriate graphics and brand names.
- Please use your best judgment and send your child to school in clothing that is appropriate for a Christian school environment.
- Bethel reserves the right to make the decision on the appropriateness of a garment should there be any question.
- If there are repeated occurrences of non-compliance, parents will be contacted by the administration and proper clothing will be requested.

Elementary Boys

- Navy Blue Uniform Pants or Walking Shorts – not cargo pants, jeans or sweats
- Logo-wear Polo Shirts: White, Navy or Burgundy
 - White is the only polo shirt that does not need to be logo-wear
- Logo-wear Turtleneck: White, Navy or Burgundy
 - White is the only turtleneck that does not need to be logo-wear
- Socks: White, Navy, Burgundy or Black

Elementary Girls

- Navy Blue Uniform Pants or Walking Shorts – not cargo pants, jeans, leggings or sweats
- Navy Blue Skort – (no buckles)
- Navy leggings may be worn under a child's jumper, skirt, skort or shorts. Leggings are not a substitute for any bottoms, this includes PE clothing.
- Socks: White, Navy, Burgundy or Black (no designs, polka-dots, plaids, etc.)
- Tights: White, Navy, Burgundy or Black (no designs, polka-dots, plaids, etc.)
- Leggings: White, Navy, Burgundy or Black tight-fitting leggings (no designs, polka-dots, plaids, etc.) (09/2014)
- Logo Polo Shirts: White, Navy or Burgundy
 - White is the only polo shirt that does not need to be logo-wear
 - White button down Peter Pan shirts – available at Merry Mart
- Logo Turtleneck: White, Navy or Burgundy
 - White is the only turtleneck that does not need to be logo-wear

Elementary Unisex and Physical Education

- Logo-wear Sweatshirt, hoodies, cardigan sweater – Navy
 - Non-logo wear items are not allowed
- Logo-wear Sweatpants (only to be worn on P.E. days) - Navy
 - Solid navy sweatpants with elastic waist and leg openings (Only worn on P.E. days)

- Leggings may not be worn as a substitute for PE clothing.
- Logo-wear PE shorts (worn on PE days only) – Navy
- Solid navy mesh shorts
- Logo-wear PE t-shirts (gray with long or short sleeves) for PE days only
- Logo-wear jacket – available in nylon or micro fleece
- Non-logo outer wear winter jackets may be worn, but must be free of brand names, logos, or graphics
Non-logo wear sweatshirts, sweaters, fleece, hoodies, or sweat jackets are not part of the uniform dress code and are not allowed.

Shoes

- Shoes must be flat and non-slip
- All shoes must have closed toes and backs
 - No heellies, crocs, flip-flops, sandals, heels, boots, platforms or shoes not appropriate for running on the playground.

Elementary Free Dress Days/Spirit Days

On Fridays and as directed by Student Council, Bethel will have spirit days. On Spirit Days students should dress appropriately and according to the theme, school colors of Navy or White, or Spirit wear clothing.

Students choosing not to participate in spirit days must wear their uniform clothing.

Clothing must meet the following criteria:

Free Dress:

- All garments must be free of violent images and inappropriate graphics
- Small brand names (2"x2") or smaller is acceptable
- Tops must have at least a 2" wider shoulder strap – no spaghetti straps
- No tops that show midriff
- No muscle tee-shirts
- Unclean, ragged, ill-fitting, clothing with holes or frays are not acceptable
- The dress code for shoes remains the same as uniform days

Spirit Dress:

- Spirit wear clothing with the Eagle
- School colors of navy or white shirt
- Bethel T-shirts listed below:
 - Summer Camp
 - Track Meet
 - VBS
 - Walk a Thon
- The dress code for shoes remains the same as uniform days

Preschool Dress Code:

- Preschool children are required to wear clean clothing in good repair that is free from negative symbols, violent images, and/or inappropriate words or phrases. Children's shoes must be safe non-slipping with closed in shoes. Tennis shoes are preferred. Jellies, boots, crocs, and shoes with heels are not acceptable. All shoes must be closed toe and have a back. **Preschool** students do not require backpacks.

Uniform Exchange:

A uniform exchange is located on campus. If your child grows out of his/her uniform during the school year, please browse the clothing selection. At the end of the year we will take donations. **Please make sure they are clean and gently used.** The school understands it may be difficult to keep up on uniforms for growing children, but it is important for our community that your children wear uniforms that fit properly.