

Bears paw Christian School (BCS) is a Christ-centered learning community committed to excellence, respect, and integrity in all that we do. Our uniform policy reflects these values by promoting modesty, unity, and a sense of belonging. When worn properly, the uniform is a visual reminder of our shared purpose—to glorify God through our words, actions, and appearance.

The BCS uniform should be worn with **pride, neatness, and consistency** at all times during the school day and at school functions, unless otherwise directed by the school.

Permitted Uniform Pieces	
BCS Embroidered Tops	<p>** All tops are to be purchased from our uniform supplier, Top Marks.**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy or iris blue t-shirt (long or short sleeve) ● Navy or iris blue polo shirt (long or short sleeve) ● Navy quarter zip sweatshirt ● Navy crewneck sweatshirt ● Navy full zip mockneck jacket ● Navy warm-up jacket ● Navy cardigan sweater (discontinued but grandfathered) <p>Note: BCS Grad Hoodies are the <u>only exception</u> to the above approved tops and are only allowed for the current graduating class. Siblings of the grad class or students in other grades are not permitted to wear them as uniform.</p>
BCS Sanctioned Bottoms	<p>Top Marks Kilt or Skort (plaid style, knee-length)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kilts must be worn at the natural waist and <u>not rolled</u> to shorten the length. ● Students are encouraged to wear modesty shorts (biker shorts or similar) underneath. ● Leggings are permitted under kilts or skorts, but must be solid navy or white. <p>Dress Pants, Capris, or Knee-Length Walking Shorts (Navy or Khaki ONLY)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be a dress pant style in appearance (not denim, corduroy, or sweatpant type fabric or look). ● Cargo-style side pockets are permitted. ● Decorative colored stitching is <u>not permitted</u>. ● Must not be tight-fitted; students should be able to pinch approximately 1 inch of fabric along the thigh. ● All bottoms through Top Marks are permitted and approved (new styles added)

Our desire is to see every student represent Bears paw Christian School with excellence, both in character and appearance. By following the uniform policy, students demonstrate respect—for themselves, their peers, and the God they serve. *“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” – 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Not Permitted in the BCS Uniform:

- Sweatpants or sweatpant looking, joggers, leggings worn as pants, yoga pants, or athletic bottoms.
- Lace, patterned, or colored leggings under kilts.
- Rolled or shortened kilts.
- Black or grey bottoms (only navy or khaki allowed).
- Pants that are frayed, excessively tight, low-riding, or made of casual knit fabrics.
- Grizzly or Barbell clothing are not considered part of the uniform and can only be worn on Spirit wear days.

Other Uniform Considerations:

- Only tops with the BCS logo are acceptable uniform dress.
- Hoodies are not allowed (*except Grad Hoodies for current Grade 12 students only*).
- Hats may not be worn at any time during the school day (students should keep them in lockers).
- Students should be in uniform on class field trips, unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- Families are strongly encouraged to **label all uniform items** with the student’s full name.
- Borrowed or found items from the Lost & Found must be returned promptly and in clean condition.

Sanctioned Gym Strip for PE *(And Courses Involving Physical Activity)*

- BCS Phys. Ed. t-shirts (one t-shirt provided by school)
- Modest shorts (mid-thigh- minimum 5 inch inseam or longer), sweatpants, tracksuit, or athletic pants
- Indoor athletic runners (non-marking soles)

Spirit Wear & Special Days Reminders

On casual days, students may dress in regular clothing. All students are expected to dress appropriately, both for an academic and Christian atmosphere. **Modesty is the key word when deciding what is appropriate.**

Inappropriate casual day clothing includes:

- Short shorts, skirts, dresses (shorts and skirts should be mid-thigh or longer).
- Crop tops (no part of the midriff may be showing).
- Tight or torn clothing.
- Cleavage or undergarments showing.
- Sleeveless tops with straps at less than 1” wide.
- Hats — these may not be worn at any time during the school day.

Specific non-uniform days (Spirit Days, theme events, field trips) will be communicated by the school.

Top Marks Information

All uniform pieces are available through the BCS uniform supplier, [Top Marks](#).

Fitting days are held periodically throughout the school year on Friday afternoons as well as in the Spring (evenings by appointment). If you are unable to attend the fitting days, uniforms can be ordered online at www.topmarks.ca at any time.

You must either login or create a family account to order online through the Top Marks website.

Top Marks Customer Service:

- Telephone: (514) 344-5454
- Toll Free: 1-800-667-7105
- Email: info@topmarks.ca



Used Uniform Sales

BCS hosts bi-annual Used Uniform Sales, at which families can purchase lightly used uniform pieces at discounted prices. These typically run in September and January of each school year and are held in the main entrance lobby during office hours.

- Please note that there is a **limit of 5 items** per family.
- Available sizes vary, and sales are cash only.

If you would like to donate *clean and gently used* uniform pieces to the sale, please bring them to the front office a week prior to the sale.



Prices

- \$5 All Shirts
- \$10 Jackets, Hoodies, Bottoms & Vests
- \$25 Kilts

** Please pay cash at the front office



The goal of the BCS uniform policy is to guide students in respect, responsibility, and community—not to punish. However, consistent non-compliance affects the unity and integrity of our school. The following steps outline the **progressive response** to uniform violations.

First Infraction — Reminder & Correction

- The student is discreetly reminded of the specific violation.
- The student will be asked to **change into an approved item** from the school's uniform supply or **go home to change**.
- The incident will be logged by the divisional Vice Principal.
- Parents may be notified depending on the circumstance.

Second Infraction — Parent Notification

- An **email notification** will be sent home to parents outlining the infraction and the correction needed.
- The student is expected to return the next day in full, correct uniform.
- The incident is logged in the student's file by the divisional Vice Principal`.

Third Infraction — Corrective Action Required

- Parents will be contacted by **phone and email**.
- The family must provide a **compliant uniform item within seven (7) calendar days**.
- If the family does not supply an appropriate item within the timeframe, the school may **purchase or supply the correct item** and **apply the cost to the parent account** (notice will be provided before any charge).
- Continued non-compliance beyond the third infraction may result in further administrative action in line with school behavior policies.