BRIDGEPORT CATHOLIC ACADEMY
3700 South Lowe Ave; Chicago, IL 60609
Office: 773.376.6223 www.bcachicago.com

It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure that their children are in proper uniform attire each school day. Dress-down or special dress days will be announced ahead of time.

Uniforms can be purchased from:
Big Kahuna Sports & Uniforms
3509 South Halsted Street
Chicago, IL. 60609
773-927-7969
www.bigkahunauniforms.com

Appearance:

Proper grooming is expected of each student. Uniforms must be clean, neat and without holes or ragged hems. All pants and shorts must fit around the waist.

- No facial piercings or visible tattoos are permitted.
- Make-up is not allowed to be worn at school and may not be brought to school. Colored nail polish is okay, however fake nails such as press on/ glue on/ acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Students are not to wear decorative jewelry with their uniform, including hoop or dangle earrings. The wearing of earrings by boys is not allowed. Simple chains or crosses may be worn to school. Smart watches are not permitted.
- All hair must be a natural hair color. For boys, hair must not grow below the collar of their shirt.

Pre School Students:

Preschool students are not required to wear the school uniform, but should be dressed in appropriate school attire.

Boys in grades K-8:

Boys in Kindergarten through 8th grade are required to wear a maroon or white polo shirt embroidered with the Bridgeport Catholic Academy logo and black or gray uniform pants or shorts. Cargo pants, athletic shorts, and gym shorts are not considered part of the school uniform. Official ¼ zip crest logo sweaters/sweatshirts are acceptable.

Shorts:

- Uniform shorts may be worn through October 31 at the discretion of the parent/guardian.
- From November 1 through March 31, uniform pants are required.
- Beginning April 1, students may again wear uniform shorts at the discretion of the parent/guardian.
- Shorts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee.
- Shorts may not be rolled to make them shorter.
- Undergarments must not be visible below the shorts.

Shoes:

- Soft-soled shoes in solid black, gray, or brown, or dress shoes or gym shoes (brands such as TOMS, Sperry, etc are all acceptable).
- All shoes must be one solid color. Shoes that resemble slippers, as well as slides, are not permitted.

Socks:

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- Socks must be worn with all shoes.
- No-show socks are not permitted.
- Socks must be solid white, gray, black, or navy.

Undershirts:

- Only solid white T-shirts may be worn underneath the uniform polo shirt.

General Uniform Expectations:

- Uniform shirts must remain tucked in at all times during the school day.
- Belts are to be worn with both pants and shorts.
- Official BCA quarter-zip crest logo sweaters are permitted. The BCA cardigan or sweater vest is also acceptable.
- Students are expected to arrive at school in complete, clean, and properly fitting uniforms each day.
- Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted even with a BCA logo in the classroom.

Girls in grades K-8:

Girls in Kindergarten through 8th grade follow the same general uniform requirements as boys, with additional uniform options available by grade level.

Girls may wear:

- White or pink button-down blouse.
- White or maroon Bridgeport Catholic Academy crest / logo polo shirt.
- BCA maroon plaid jumper (Grades K–4)
- BCA maroon plaid skirt or skort (Grades 5–8)
- Black or gray uniform pants or shorts

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Shorts, Skirts, and Skorts:

- Uniform shorts may be worn through October 31 at the discretion of the parent/guardian.
- Beginning April 1, pants or shorts may be worn at the discretion of the parent/guardian.
- Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee.
- Shorts, skirts, and skorts may not be rolled to make them shorter.
- Undergarments must not be visible.

Socks:

- Maroon, black, or white knee-high socks or crew socks.
- No-show socks are not permitted.

Shoes:

- Soft-soled shoes in solid black, gray, or brown, or
- Dress shoes or gym shoes (brands such as TOMS, Sperry, etc, are acceptable).
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Physical Education Uniform:

The BCA Physical Education uniform consists of:

Shirt:

- Bridgeport Catholic Academy Physical Education logo maroon or gray T-shirt.

Sweatshirt:

- Maroon or gray BCA logo crest sweatshirt.

Bottoms:

- Maroon or gray BCA logo crest sweatpants
- Gray or maroon gym shorts with the BCA logo crest on the leg

Additional PE Uniform Guidelines:

- Spirit wear, athletic team apparel, or sports committee-issued clothing may not be worn as part of the gym uniform.
- Gym shorts must follow the same length guidelines listed in the uniform policy.

Out-of-Uniform Guidelines

Clothing worn on special occasions and designated out-of-uniform days should be modest, appropriate, and respectful. Students are expected to follow these guidelines while maintaining a positive and respectful school environment.

The following clothing items are not permitted on out-of-uniform days:

- No bare shoulders
- No crop tops
- No spaghetti straps
- No slippers
- No Crocs
- No flip-flops
- No sandals
- No leggings
- No yoga pants
- No ripped jeans
- No altered clothing (example: cut shirts or sweatshirts.
- No inappropriate, offensive, or disruptive graphics or words