Dress Code:

All uniform tops and bottoms MUST come from our Dennis Uniform supplier.

Only female students may wear skirts, skorts, and dresses. Both male and female students may wear shorts and/or pants.

Daily Uniform:

*Uniform Oxfords:

- *Required for chapel
- White
- Monogrammed
- Long or short-sleeved

Uniform Polos:

- Monogrammed
- Colors: Green, Grey, & Black
- Can be worn untucked
- When tucked in, a belt must be worn through belt loops.

Uniform Pants & Shorts:

- Must be Dennis Uniform Brand
- Colors: Khaki & Black

*Uniform Skirts:

- *Plaid required for chapel
- Must be Dennis Uniform Brand
- Length: Must touch the top of the knee
- Colors: Khaki, Black, Dennis Plaid

Uniform Dresses: Grammar School only

- Green Polo Dress with Logo
- Plaid Jumpers

Uniform Skorts: Grammar School only

- Must be Dennis Uniform Brand
- Colors: Black or Khaki

Cardigan: Green Monogrammed Dennis Cardigan

Sweater Vest: Gray monogrammed Dennis vest

• Male and female students may wear the sweater vest

Jackets and sweatshirts:

- Black monogrammed jackets and sweatshirts from Dennis
- Crewneck sweatshirts sold by the booster club or as school spirit wear may also be worn over uniform polos and oxfords except for on chapel days.
- Students must wear their uniform polo or oxford under jackets and sweatshirts

Socks and hosiery:

- Black, white or gray
- Solid-colored and solid-patterned in black, white or gray
- No leg warmers socks and hosiery must be footed

Leggings:

- Worn only under jumpers and skirts for warmth
- Black

Shoes:

- Color: Neutral colors: Black, white, beige, tan, brown, navy, muted tones
- No bright colors or patterns
- Closed-toe (including chapel shoes)
- Must be properly fastened at all times
- No platform soles (bottom of shoe sole cannot exceed 1 inch)
- Rhetoric female students may wear heels at or under 2 inches
- No wheels or lights
- No Crocs or similarly styled shoes
- No slippers
- No ankle wrap straps

Belts:

- Solid colored: Black or brown
- Must be worn through belt loops

Miscellaneous

Hair

- For both girls and boys must be kept groomed and clean.
- Hair may not cover the eyes.
- Must be a natural hair color with a hairstyle that is not distracting.

- Any highlights or lowlights must also be in the natural hair color palette and not starkly different from a student's natural hair color.
- Any violation of the hair color will require the student to correct it as quickly as possible and the student will not be allowed to return to school until that is complete.
- Any absence during this time will be unexcused. This time of correction is not a suspension unless the Dean identifies the behavior to be a blatant act of disobedience.
- Boy's hair longer than the shirt collar must be secured in a ponytail.

Jewelry

- Boys may not wear earrings or other pierced jewelry.
- Girls may wear one set of earrings. No other pierced jewelry is allowed.
- No excessive rings or jewelry to the extent that it becomes distracting.
- No pins, jewelry, or accessories that promote political parties or agendas will be allowed.
- No pins, jewelry, or accessories that promote agendas contrary to Sterling's Code of Conduct or Belief Statement may be worn.

Tattoos and Body Art

- Tattoos are not to be visible either temporary or permanent.
- Students may not draw or write on their skin. Henna designs must be removed before returning to school.

Makeup:

- Only female students may wear makeup.
- No excessively artistic makeup may be worn including glitter, bright-colored eyeshadow, and heavy eyeliner.
- Makeup should be natural.
- Rhinestones, temporary tattoos, and other similar adornments may not be worn as makeup.

Nail Polish

- Only girls may wear nail polish.
- Nail color should not be distracting.
- Nail length must not inhibit students' ability to complete school tasks.

Headwear

• No hats, caps or other head coverings, such as bandanas or winter gear, may be worn in the building unless there is a medical condition that deems it necessary for a temporary time as identified by a Sterling Dean.

Chapel Uniforms:

Boys:

K-8:

- Black pants
- White monogrammed oxford tucked in (long or short-sleeved)
- Black belt secured through pant belt loops
- Solid black or gray socks
- Black dress shoes
- (sweater vest optional)

Rhetoric Boys: 9th-12th

- Khaki pants
- White monogrammed oxford tucked in (long or short-sleeved)
- Navy blazer
- Dennis Uniform striped tie
- Black or brown belt secured through pant belt loops
- Black or brown dress shoes
- Black, gray, or navy socks
- (sweater vest optional)

<u>Girls:</u>

K-12th:

- Plaid skirt
- White monogrammed oxford tucked in (long or short-sleeved)
- Socks and tights (not required) must be opaque in solid black, white, or gray
- Hosiery is allowed in one's natural skin tone
- Hosiery and socks are not required to be worn with chapel shoes
- Closed-toe black shoes:
 - Mary janes
 - Ballet flats
 - *Rhetoric only* Character shoes or pumps with heels under 2 inches
 - No ankle wrap straps

- No platform shoes or soles
- (Green cardigan and/or sweater vest optional)
- No belts including the outside of sweaters or sweater vests.
- **Senior Girls** Add a plaid pearl snap tie.

Spirit Wear Days

- School spirit shirts or house shirts (Logic and Rhetoric) may be worn on Spirit Days
- Uniform bottoms are required.
- No jeans.
- All typical school uniform dress code policies apply.
- Theme day dress codes will be outlined as needed.

Free Dress Days

Free dress days are a privilege. After 2 dress code infractions, any student who cannot abide by the outlined dress code will lose their Free Dress privileges and will be required to wear their uniform on free dress and theme days for the remainder of the year.

- No pajama pants or tops.
- No leggings unless worn under skirts.
- All clothing must be free from rips and tears.
- No clothing may be excessively tight.
- Skirts, dresses and shorts must be uniform length.
 - Skirts and dresses must touch the top of the knee.
 - Shorts must not be shorter than uniform shorts.
- No undergarments may be visible.
- Tops must cover the shoulders.
- Tops must cover the stomach even with arms raised.
- Shoes must meet the typical dress code rules with the exception of color.
- No clothing, pins, jewelry or accessories that promote political parties or agendas will be allowed.
- No clothing, pins, jewelry or accessories that promote agendas contrary to Sterling's Code of Conduct or Belief Statement will be allowed.
- Clothing and accessories must be free from offensive or immodest images, logos, and language.

• Theme Day Dress Codes will be outlined as needed.

PE Uniform 5th-12th

All students participating in PE or Athletics must wear the Sterling athletic uniform available through Dennis Uniforms.

• Uniform shorts may not be rolled to shorten the length