

# Packing Guide

## About Clothing

There are varying dress codes for varying occasions, but the three most common are *class dress* (also seen identified as “school dress” in some of our older publications), *dinner dress*, and *Chapel dress*.

**Class dress** means essentially a collared shirt (like a golf shirt, rugby shirt, or button-down), khakis (no cargo pants), a belt, and leather shoes such as Docksidors (or boots, if the winter weather warrants). Dress shorts (golf-type) and sneakers are permitted in September and May for class dress.

**Dinner dress** means khakis or dress slacks (with leather or other dress belt), sport jacket, dress shirt (button-down Oxford type), tie, dark socks, and leather shoes.

**Chapel dress** means a white dress shirt, polishable dress shoes (more formal than shoes worn to class), dark socks, brown or black leather belt, and either a dark, formal suit (not corduroy) OR dark gray slacks with a Cardigan blazer.

Occasionally there will be “dress down” days (usually associated with a fundraiser for a good cause), and buffet meals (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday dinners, and all Sunday meals) are more casual.

*Note: It is really helpful to label ALL clothing items!*

### **The Cardigan Blazer**

You can arrange to order your son a Cardigan blazer in advance of Registration Day. (See p. 30.) At Registration in September, the blazer may have already arrived—or for latecomers to the admissions process, boys can order one and be measured there and then (at Registration)—though they may have to make due with an alternative for Chapel dress (i.e., a suit) until the blazer comes in.

### **Athletic Clothing and Gear**

Packing plenty of tee shirts and pairs of athletic socks is certainly advisable, but be aware that the boys are issued uniform practice clothing—shorts and tee-shirts referred to here as “greens and grays,” in addition to game attire—which gets washed by our athletic staff via a “laundry loop” system, so packing excessive pairs of “runaround” gym-type shorts is not necessary. Athletic gear can be brought to school, and depending on what it is, kept in the boy’s assigned gym locker. (If, after arrival, your son would like to try a new sport for which he does not have appropriate footwear or other gear, arrangements will be made to get him what he needs, with those charges later appearing on his student account.)



# What to Bring: Required Clothing

Cardigan students need to be prepared with clothing appropriate to the various occasions and settings for which they will dress, and because the laundry service delivers only once each week (on Thursday, after a Monday pickup), they will need nearly a two-week supply of class, dinner, Chapel, and “free” dress.



**CLASS DRESS  
(10-day supply)**

- belt \*
- leather shoes/  
winter boots (when permitted)
- dark socks \*
- collared shirt
- long pants/slacks (with no external pockets)

*and/or*

- knee-length dress shorts (when permitted)

*At the request of E&R Laundry, collared/polo shirts must not be Lacoste brand. Please keep in mind the six-day class schedule. Permission to wear boots to class is subject to weather conditions; dress shorts are permitted before October 1 and after May 1, unless otherwise announced by the director of residential life.*

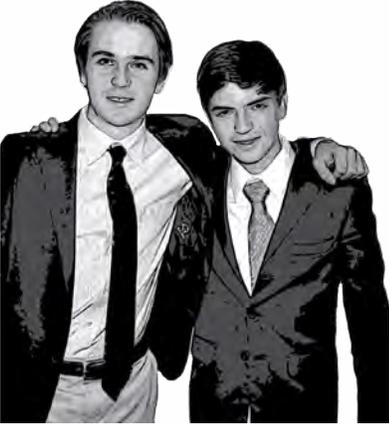
**CHAPEL DRESS  
(2 sets)**

- necktie
- leather belt
- dress shoes
- dark socks \*
- white dress shirt
- Cardigan Mountain School blazer and dark gray slacks

*and/or*

- dark suit

*It is suggested that students bring two (2) sets of Chapel dress clothing, to accommodate the school laundry-service cycle. This means having either two dark suits, or one dark suit and the Cardigan blazer uniform (dark gray slacks), as shown at right.*

**DINNER DRESS**

- necktie
- leather or other dress belt
- leather shoes
- dark socks \*
- Oxford-type dress shirt (light color)
- class dress slacks
- sport jacket

*and/or*

- suit jacket

*Pictures or lettering on dinner slacks are not acceptable. In contrast to class dress, dinner dress standards are the same year-round.*

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- athletic shorts\*
- athletic socks
- underwear
- sweat pants/sweat shirts\*
- pajamas\*
- t-shirts\*
- casual clothes

*Multiple sets are likely to be used during a typical week.*



All items must be clearly marked with the student’s full name.

Extra name labels or a permanent marker should be supplied for items purchased after arrival at school.

\* Indicates items that are for sale in the School Store.

# What to Bring: Suggested Clothing

Cardigan boys will need to be prepared for outdoor activities, and due to the wide seasonal variations in the New England climate, appropriate outerwear is made available for purchase in the School Store.

## OUTERWEAR

- rain jacket \*
- lightweight jacket \*
- heavy winter jacket \*
- gloves or mittens \*
- winter hat \*
- weatherproof boots
- bicycle helmet \* (*required if using bike, skateboard, longboard, or scooter*)
- scarf \* (*optional*)

## ADDITIONAL CLOTHING ITEMS (Optional)

- bathrobe
- bathing suit
- slippers
- flip-flops\* or other slip-on style shoes

All items must be clearly marked with the student's full name.

A permanent/fabric marker should be supplied for labeling items purchased after arrival at school.

\* Indicates items that are for sale in the School Store.

## FREE DRESS

### ("DRESS-DOWN" OR "BUFFET" DRESS)

- sweatpants \*
- jeans or work pants
- t-shirts (several are advisable) \*
- sweatshirt \*
- sneakers
- athletic socks

*Boys may "dress down" for Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday dinner, Sunday brunch, and Sunday dinner. Sandals and flip-flops, tank tops, and cut-off shirts are not permitted. Sneakers are not to be worn to class, except with dress shorts in September and May.*

