

# DRESS CODE

## PERSONAL APPEARANCE

St. Mary students are expected to dress modestly and display a neat appearance at all times. Hair should be well-groomed, not distracting, and appropriate for school. Make-up and other accessories (artificial fingernails, hair extensions, etc.) may not be worn in school. Students are not permitted to write on themselves. Jewelry, though not forbidden, must be appropriate for school. It should be small and inconspicuous, and not likely to be a distraction. The final decision as to what is and is not appropriate regarding student attire rests with the principal.

## UNIFORMS (K-8)

Sweater	Solid navy or white cardigan or pullover. May not be fleece or sweatshirt material.
Sweatshirt	Only the sweatshirt(s) available for purchase from School Spirit Wear sales may be worn during school. Hoodies are not permitted with the exception of 8th grade sweatshirts ONLY.
Slacks	Navy blue or tan/khaki dress pants. No denim, corduroy, stretch pants, pants with patches, cargo pockets or rivets.
Shorts	Navy blue or tan/khaki uniform shorts. The length is above the knee, but long enough to be touched by the fingertips when one's hands are held at the side. These may be worn from Aug.-Nov. and March-May
Shirts	Undershirts – students may wear only white undershirts beneath their uniform shirts. Regular t-shirts are not permitted.
Belt	Belts are recommended to ensure that pants are worn at the waist. Must blend with pants/shorts if worn.
Shoes	Shoes which are appropriate for running and playing. No Crocs, sandals, slippers, or backless shoes are permitted. Shoes should be clean.
Socks	Socks must be worn
Hair	All haircuts and styles must be deemed school appropriate. No unnatural colors or distracting styles (mohawks, etc.) permitted.

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<b>BOYS</b>	Shirt	Plain light blue/white polo style shirt.
	Hair	Hair must be above the eyebrows in front so face is visible, and kept neat and clean. If longer hair hangs over the face, it must be pulled back into a tight and neat ponytail or bun.
<b>GIRLS</b>	Shirt	Plain light blue/white polo style shirt.
	Jumper	Grades K-3: plaid uniform jumper
	Skort	Grades 4-8: plaid uniform skort. The length must be at least at the fingertips when one's hands are held at the side and no longer than just below the knee.
	Leggings	Navy, black, gray, or white leggings or tights may be worn with the jumper or skort. They should extend to the socks.

When in uniform, blouses and shirts are to be neatly tucked. They should not be rolled over. Only the top button of the blouse or shirt may be unbuttoned. Uniform slacks should not be faded. Uniform clothing may be purchased from the Schoolbelles Company or from area stores that carry items that conform to the St. Mary School dress code. All K-8 students are required to wear the appropriate uniform to school except on selected days. Children will need to call home for additional uniform items if the length is not dress code compliant.

**Smart Watches are not permitted.**

## OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS (“DUDS DAYS”)

On designated days, students may come to school in casual clothes instead of the uniform. Students may come to school in denim pants as long as they are not torn or have holes in them. T-shirts may be worn. However, printed material on the t-shirt must be appropriate for school (no inappropriate or disrespectful wording or symbols, no references to tobacco, drugs, or alcohol). No spaghetti-strap tank tops, crop tops, or sleeveless shirts are permitted. Shorts may be worn on an out-of-uniform day if the day is within the time of the year when uniform shorts are permitted. Shorts must be long enough to be touched by the fingertips when one's hands are held at the side.

## DRESS CODE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

Gym shoes are required for students in all grades.

Students in grades 4-8 are required to wear a gym uniform, which consists of blue or black gym shorts (of appropriate length) or pants and a St. Mary or blue/gold t-shirt. On days when they have PE class, students in grades 4-8 may wear their gym uniforms for the entire day.

Students in grades K-3 are not required to change into gym clothes. However, girls who wear a jumper to school should wear shorts to PE class.

## DRESS CODE NOTIFICATION

In the event of a minor violation of the dress code, a notification will be sent to the parents as an alert/warning. If this occurs, subsequent uniform violations will result in a behavioral violation.