

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 (hair extensions, false eyelashes, face/blemish stickers, etc.) may not be worn in school. Students are not permitted to write on themselves. The final decision regarding what is and is not appropriate regarding student attire rests with the principal. If a dress code violation occurs, students may be required to call home for compliant clothing.

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 Spirit Wear sales may be worn during school. Hoodies are not permitted, except for 8th-grade sweatshirts.
Slacks:	Navy blue or tan/khaki dress pants. No denim, corduroy, stretch pants, pants with patches, cargo pockets, or rivets, sweatpants
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.
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, clogs, 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 by administration. No unnatural colors or distracting styles are not permitted.
Jewelry:	Jewelry should be modest, appropriate for a Catholic school environment, and should not interfere with learning, safety, or school activities. Female students may wear earrings in the ears only. No other visible body piercings are permitted. Male students may not wear earrings or any other visible body piercings. Large, bulky, excessive, or distracting jewelry is not permitted. Jewelry that creates safety concerns, causes distractions, or disrupts the educational environment may not be worn. Students may be asked to remove any jewelry deemed inappropriate or in violation of this policy. The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any jewelry or accessory and may require its removal at any time.
Fingernails:	Fingernails should be neat, clean, and appropriate for the school environment. Nail polish is permitted. Fingernails must be maintained at a length that does not interfere with learning, writing, participation in classroom activities, or the safe use of school materials and equipment. Excessively long nails are not permitted. Nail charms, gems, ornaments, or other decorative accessories that are distracting or interfere with learning are not permitted.

DRESS CODE (cont.)

BOYS	Shirt	Plain light blue/white polo style shirt.
		Hair must be above the eyebrows in front, so the 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.
GIRLS	Shirt	Plain light blue/white polo style shirt.
	Jumper	Grades K-3: plaid uniform jumper
	Skort	Grades 4-8: plaid, Grades K-8 solid navy, or solid khaki uniform skorts. 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. Athletic material skirts are not permitted.
	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. 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 wear denim pants to school as long as they are not torn or have holes. 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 out-of-uniform days if they are 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 navy or black gym shorts (of appropriate length) or pants and a St. Mary or blue/gold t-shirt/sweatshirt/hoodie. On days when they have PE class, students in grades 4-8 may wear their gym uniforms all 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 dress code violation, a notification will be sent to the parents as an alert/warning. If this occurs, subsequent uniform violations will result in a behavioral violation.

If a child is out of uniform, parents will be called to bring up compliant clothing.