

UNIFORM POLICY: DRESS CODE

Catholic uniform code promotes discipline, equality of students, and school pride. The principal and the faculty shall determine the correctness of any form of student dress. We ask that parents assist us in promoting the Catholic philosophy of respect, modesty, and equality. Students are to wear neat and clean clothes daily whether on uniform days, free-dress days, spirit days or field trips.

Students plaid uniform clothing is available from Fischer's Uniform Co., Land's End or French Toast. Parents are free to purchase other uniform items from other stores, but clothing must be similar in style and fabric to the uniform clothing. Call the school office for clarification of appropriate uniform items.

Only the following items may be worn:

Girls & Boys:

Slacks:

- Grades K-5 Plain solid navy parochial uniform-style slacks with hem of slacks above the floor. Cargoes, sweats, athletic or nylon wind pants, etc. are not allowed.
- Primary students – gr. K-2 – may need elastic waists on their slacks due to size.
- Grades 6-8 – Khaki and navy parochial uniform-style slacks are allowed as described above.

Belts: Boys in grades 3-8 must wear a dark-colored belt at all times even with shorts. Belt buckles may not be oversized. Girls who choose to wear belts must wear a plain, dark-colored belt.

Shorts: Navy shorts and culottes may only be worn from start of school through Oct. 31 and again from April 1 through end of school year. Cargoes, athletic or nylon shorts are not allowed. Length is to be no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee, but can be longer.

- Grades K-8 - Plain solid navy parochial uniform-type shorts (boys & girls) & skirts, skorts, capris & culottes (girls).
- Grades 6-8 – Khaki and navy parochial shorts are allowed (boys & girls) & capris (girls)

Jumper/skirt/skort: Parochial maroon and gray plaid uniform jumpers and plaid or navy skirts & skorts must be no more than 3 inches above the knee.

- **Grades K-5** Plaid jumpers and plaid or navy skorts may be worn all year.
- **Grades 6-8** Plaid uniform skirt or jumper & navy or khaki skirts or skorts may be worn all year.

Leggings: Gr K-8: Girls may wear ankle length (not capri length) leggings in black, grey, white or maroon under jumpers/skirts.

Parochial **uniform** shorts may be worn under jumper/skirts.

Shirts – Parochial uniform-style shirts may only have St. Mary logos. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

- **Girls: K- 5th grade** : White or light blue uniform-style polo shirt, plain, tailored collared blouses long or short sleeved, turtleneck or mock turtleneck shirts.
- **Boys: K-5th grade**: White or light blue uniform-style polo shirt, plain, tailored collared shirts long or short sleeved, turtleneck or mock turtleneck shirts.
- **Grade 6-8 uniform shirts:** Plain burgundy, navy, white, light pink, or light blue uniform-style polos, collared blouses or shirts, turtleneck or mock turtleneck shirts. Only white shirts may be worn light colored shirts.

Activity shirts & uniforms: Band students, athletes and scouts may wear their uniforms on their group's meeting/activity day. Other approved activity shirts may only be worn (such as DARE, etc) as designated. Short, slack or skirt length must comply with school regulations.

Sweatshirts: St. Mary's logo sweatshirts are available through school order and may be worn over blouse/shirt. Hoodies are not dress code.

Sweaters: Plain sweater vests, cardigans or pullovers may be worn over the uniform shirt/blouse.

- Grades K-5: Maroon logo sweatshirts or sweaters.
- Grades 6-8: Maroon or gray logo sweatshirt or sweater.

Sweatshirts or sweaters are not to be worn tied around the neck, waist, or other body parts.

Socks are to be plain white, navy, black or maroon and must be knee high, crew or ankle. Socks must always be worn and visible. Girls may also wear white, navy, or maroon tights. Socks need to be plain – no visible logo.

Shoes –Athletic shoes with laces must be worn at all times and must be laced and tied. Velcro closures are acceptable for grades K & 1. No slip-ons, loafer styles or platform shoes are acceptable. Shoes with modified soles are not allowed. Shoes must have a closed toe and heel and fit the child securely.

Outerwear: may never be worn in the classroom or in church.

Hair: Haircuts or hairstyles that demonstrate any radical fad will not be allowed including unnatural hair colors. No logos, designs, etc. may be cut into student's hair. Hair must not cover eyes. Boy's hair must be no longer than the top of the shirt collar. No facial hair for boys. No hair extensions for girls or boys.

Adornments: In keeping with the Catholic school philosophy, students wearing adornments considered provocative, offensive, inappropriate, or unsafe by school personnel will be asked to remove those items during school hours and not return to school with them in the future.

- **Make-up :** 6, 7 & 8th grade girls may wear light lip-gloss (natural skin colors) and neutral foundation applied tastefully. Eye shadow, glitter, and mascara are not allowed. In general, make-up is never allowed for grade K-5 (unless medicated and specified with doctor's prescription). Chap stick is allowed for all.
- **Nail polish** is not encouraged. If nail polish is worn, it must be clear or light pastel in color. Only one color of nail polish may be worn at a time
- **Hair color:** No unnatural colors are allowed in hair whether spray in or artificial hairpieces.
- **Hair adornments:** Only uniform-colors (black, white, burgundy, gray, navy, or uniform plaid) are permitted in the form of scrunchies, headbands, bows and barrettes. Flat barrettes may be black or brown. No beads, braids, scarves or other dangling items in the hair may be worn.
- **Jewelry:** only watches, medical bracelets, religious necklaces, or a small modest one-strand necklaces are permitted. Girls may wear pierced earrings, but the earrings may be no larger than the ear lobe. Dangling earrings pose a safety hazard and are not encouraged, but if worn, they may be no longer than 1/8 inch. No earrings at all for boys.
- **Tattoos** – permanent, washable or any other variety are never permitted. Stick-on facial or body ornamentation is not allowed.
- **Hats** – No hats, caps, scarves, bandanas, or any other head covering permitted inside the school building.
- **Body piercing:** No visible piercing of any kind is allowed.
- Hologram contact lenses are not allowed.

SPIRIT DAYS are special days that celebrate St. Mary's and generate school wide support. Students may participate in SPIRIT DAYS without cost or a pass. SPIRIT DAYS are the last Friday in each month and other days to be announced in the Friday Folder newsletter and on the school website. If a student dresses inappropriately, that student will be required to have parents bring appropriate clothing to wear.

Dress code for SPIRIT DAYS: Students may wear a school 'logo' t-shirt, sweatshirt, sport uniform, band sweatshirt, etc. School logo hoodies are permissible. NO MIDRIFF or naval exposure will be tolerated. Undergarments may not be exposed. Shoulders must be covered. No tank tops are allowed. Low necklines are not permitted. Shirts may not show skin

(transparent or opaque), may not be tight fitting, nor have inappropriate logos, pictures, messages or advertising. Non-uniform clothing should always be in good condition and appropriate for school. Tight fitting clothing is not allowed. Other than shirts, FREE DRESS code policies apply on SPIRIT DAYS.

FREE DRESS will be available to students on a Friday attendance day with a pass for:

- Using a Free Dress pass issued to parents attending a PTC meeting the night before
- For students whose families purchased Free Dress for a quarter at the Auction
- Other events designated by the principal

The purpose of **FREE DRESS** is to reward students for their and/or their family's participation in the events listed above to support St. Mary's School. FREE DRESS is a privilege at St. Mary's School, and the Principal may specify those days and determine what is appropriate. Non-uniform clothing should always be in good condition and appropriate for school. **If a student dresses inappropriately, that student will be required to wear the school uniform on the next non-uniform day.** Adornment policy applies on FREE DRESS days.

Dress code for FREE DRESS DAYS:

Slacks: must be modest, hole-free, hemmed, non-clinging, no midriff exposure. Cargo slacks and jeans are acceptable. No torn, laced or grommeted pants allowed. No nylon, athletic or sport shorts or slacks or pajama style pants are allowed.

Shorts must be loose fitting and no more than 3" above the top of the knee and not extend below the knee. No nylon shorts or shorts with metal work (studs, brads, excessive zippered pockets, etc.) Cargo shorts are acceptable. Free dress shorts are only acceptable from the start of school through Oct. 31 and again from April 1, through the end of school

Skirts/Dresses must be appropriate, modest design following regulations. Skirt length must be no more than 3" above the knee,

Shirts: Must have sleeves and crew neck or collar. NO MIDRIFF or naval exposure will be tolerated. Undergarments may not be exposed. Shoulders must be covered. No tank tops or low necklines are allowed. Shirts may not show skin, may not be tight fitting, nor have inappropriate logos, pictures, or advertising. Hoodies may be worn and must comply with the above description.

Shoes and socks: Socks and shoes will follow regular dress code requirements

PE Uniforms grades 6-8: Students will be required to dress out for P.E. every class. PE uniforms may be ordered through the school office at the start of school. Athletic shoes are required. **NO jewelry of any kind may be worn for P.E. This is a safety issue.** Lockers will be assigned to these students with St. Mary's supplying the locks. Students will be charged \$5 for lost locks.

Parents are responsible for ensuring their children adhere to the uniform code. Violations to the code will result in the following:

First Offense : a warning set home to child and parents to be signed and returned to school or parents may be called to bring proper items to school.

Second/Additional Offenses : student will be removed from class; parents will be called to bring proper uniform items to school so that the student may return to class.

Detention : will be given for some dress code violations where the student is obviously choosing to ignore the code (i.e., too tight clothing, wearing jackets/ sweatshirts indoors that are clearly non-dress code; etc.)

**ALL UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT
TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL**

Rev Oct-14

