

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
DRESS CODE 2011-2012

There is increasing evidence that the type of dress students wear to school affects their attitude toward their relationships with others and their concern for the educational experience. It needs to be understood that the Dress Code covers the most common areas of the uniform policy. **Should a question arise about something not directly covered in the dress code, the decision as to appropriateness of dress or grooming will be made by the school. If you are unsure of an acceptable style for a uniform item, please do not remove the sales tags until you have contacted the school office.**

GIRLS, GRADES K - 5

- Jumpers Regulation blue plaid
Skort Regulation blue plaid
Skirt Regulation blue plaid kick pleat skirt, Grades 3-5 only
All skirts and jumpers may be no shorter than 1” above the knee in length.
Blouses/ Cotton solid, plain white with oxford or peter pan collar (no frills or ruffles) or collared white
Shirts knit shirt (no logos). Blouses and knit shirts are to fit properly. Excessively oversized blouses or knit shirts are not acceptable. All blouses/shirts must be tucked in.
Slacks Regulation blue plaid or solid navy blue. Slacks must fit at the waist and may not be pegged, rolled or have elastic cuffs. **Slacks with belt loops require a black, brown, or navy blue dress belt.**

GIRLS, GRADES 6 - 8

- Skirts Navy blue A-line or pleated (no straight skirts), no shorter than 1” above the knee in length. Skirts must fit at the waist.
Blouses/ Cotton solid, plain white or light blue with oxford or peter pan collar (no frills or ruffles) or
Shirts collared white or light blue knit shirt (no logos). Blouses and knit shirts are to fit properly. Excessively oversized blouses or knit shirts are not acceptable. All blouses/shirts must be tucked in.
Slacks Solid navy blue **dress** slacks. Slacks must fit at the waist and may not be pegged, rolled or have elastic cuffs. **Slacks with belt loops require a black, brown, or navy blue dress belt.**

ALL GIRLS

- Leg wear Solid navy blue, black or white socks/tights. Socks must cover the ankle. Girls in grades 6-8 may also wear neutral colored nylons.
Sweaters Solid navy blue or white - must be collarless cardigan, or pullover; plain or cable knit only.
Shoes Appropriately colored, soft-soled DRESS shoes with dark or matching ties/straps or loafer. NO TENNIS OR ATHLETIC SHOES OF ANY COLOR, WORK BOOTS, PLASTIC SHOES, FASHION BOOTS, UGG BOOTS, SANDALS, OR HIGH HEELS ARE ALLOWED. OPEN TOE OR HEEL SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED. **If you are unsure whether a certain style of shoe is acceptable, please bring them into the school office for approval.**
Shorts Navy blue **walking shorts** may be worn April 1st through October 31st. Shorts need to be between mid-thigh and knee length.

No make-up for girls in grades K-6. Girls in grades 7 and 8 may wear make-up. Excessive make-up is not allowed. No dangling or hoop-style earrings, false nails, fingernail polish, or excessive jewelry are allowed. Only one earring in each ear lobe is permitted. Excessive or distracting hair accessories and extreme hairstyles are inappropriate during the school day. Hair coloring of any kind is not permitted. All hair accessory items are to be navy blue, black, or white (examples: small hair bows, pony tail wraps).

BOYS, GRADES K - 8

- Shirts Cotton solid white or light blue dress shirt or collared white or light blue knit shirt (no logos). Shirts and knit shirts are to fit properly. Excessively oversized shirts or knit shirts are not acceptable. All shirts must be tucked in.

- Pants Solid navy blue **dress** slacks. Slacks must fit at the waist and may not be pegged or have elastic cuffs. Cargo pockets, snaps, zippers or labels on pant legs are not acceptable. **Slacks with belt loops require a black, brown, or navy blue dress belt.**
- Sweaters Solid navy blue or white - must be collarless cardigan, or pullover; plain or cable knit only.
- Socks Solid navy blue, black or white only. Socks must cover the ankle.
- Shoes Appropriately colored, soft-soled DRESS shoes with dark or matching ties or loafer. NO TENNIS OR ATHLETIC SHOES OF ANY COLOR, OR WORK BOOTS ARE ALLOWED. **If you are unsure whether a certain style of shoe is acceptable, please bring them into the school office for approval.**
- Shorts Navy blue **walking shorts** may be worn April 1st through October 31st. Shorts need to be between mid-thigh and knee length.
- Hair must be worn at an appropriate length and cut conservatively. Hair coloring is not permitted. Unusual or extreme hairstyles are inappropriate and unacceptable during the school day. Hairstyles cannot be so long that it is in the boy's eyes or extends below the top of the shirt collar. Earrings are not permitted.

Gym Uniform – All Students

The gym uniform is worn to school on the student's assigned gym day.

- Shoes Soft soled tennis shoes that are primarily white or black in color.
- Shirt Solid white or navy blue t-shirt with short sleeves or St. Mary's white or navy blue T-shirt with the knight logo (this t-shirt must be purchased through the Spirit Shop).
- Shorts Navy blue athletic shorts – no stripes or logos other than the St. Mary School logo. The shorts must be mid-thigh to knee length and are worn from the beginning of school through Oct. 31st and then again from April 1st through the end of school.
- From Oct. 31st – March 31st navy blue sweatpants plain or with no logo other than the St. Mary School logo must be worn to school. Grades 5-8 may wear shorts under the sweatpants for gym class. Sweatshirts that are solid navy blue/white or navy blue/white with the St. Mary knight logo may also be worn.

CASUAL DAY

Casual days will be the last Friday of the month and periodically throughout the school year. They will be noted on the monthly calendar or through a special notice. Attire for Casual Days includes jeans, cargo pants, shorts, and khakis in regular lengths. Short lengths may be up to two inches above the knee and may be worn from April 1st through October 31st. Appropriate short styles include cargo, jean, khaki and walking shorts only. Spandex, gym, basketball, and jogging shorts are not acceptable. Capri pants may also be worn from April 1st through October 31st. T-shirts or other shirts with sleeves, sweatshirts or blouses must be of an appropriate length and message. Jogging suits, yoga style pants and leggings are not acceptable. **All clothing must fit properly, not too baggy nor too tight.** Tennis shoes are permitted. WORK BOOTS, FASHION BOOTS, UGG BOOTS, PLASTIC SHOES, SANDALS, BACKLESS SHOES OR HIGH HEELS ARE NOT ALLOWED, NO EXCEPTIONS **If you are unsure whether a certain style of shoe is acceptable, please bring them into the school office for approval. Attire deemed unacceptable by the school will generate a phone call home for a change of clothing.**

DRESS UP DAY

Dress up days will occur at different times during the school year. The monthly school calendar will have the dress up days listed or a special notice will be sent home. Attire for dress up days is a more formal type attire. **All clothing must fit properly, not too baggy nor too tight.** Jeans, t-shirts, sweats, shorts, hoodies, yoga style pants and leggings are not permitted. TENNIS SHOES, WORK BOOTS, FASHION BOOTS, COWBOY BOOTS, UGG BOOTS PLASTIC SHOES, SANDALS, BACKLESS SHOES OR HIGH HEELS ARE NOT ALLOWED, NO EXCEPTIONS. **If you are unsure whether a certain style of shoe is acceptable, please bring them into the school office for approval. Attire deemed unacceptable by the school will generate a phone call home for a change of clothing.**