

DRESS CODE POLICY

The purpose of the school uniform is to promote neatness, discipline, a sense of school identity, and to provide an atmosphere of learning that is free from emphasis on clothing. The enforcement of the dress code is a joint responsibility of parents, students, teachers and administrators. Parents must see that children leave the house properly attired. Teachers and the administrator must see that students follow the uniform policy. **The school administration reserves the right to decide what is acceptable and appropriate** Students' dress reflects their approach to studies, respect for themselves and the members of the faculty/staff, and their behavior as it affects other students.

UNIFORMS

The purpose of uniforms is to ensure that students are dressed appropriately so as to focus on learning. We expect and appreciate assistance from parents in supervising the uniform policy of your own child/children.

- **Shirts:** All students must wear a collared polo, dress shirt, blouse, or turtleneck at all times. Sleeves are required. Approved colors are white, gray, and navy. The shirt must be free from logos unless it is the St. Mary School logo. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- **Sweaters:** Students may wear either full crewneck, quarter or full zip crewneck, or cardigan style sweaters in navy, gray, or white. The sweater must be free from logos unless it is the St. Mary School logo. A uniform shirt must be worn underneath.
- **Pants:** Students may wear either khaki or navy colored uniform pants. No cargo, legging, jegging, sweatpants, jogger, ponte, or jean material styles allowed.
- **Shorts:** Students may wear either khaki or navy colored uniform shorts. Shorts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. No cargo, sweatpant, jean material, or drawstring athletic shorts allowed (unless approved by Principal).

K-5th Grade: Students may wear shorts August - October 31st & April 1st - June.

Principal reserves the right to extend shorts season when temperatures appear to be warmer than usual.

6th-8th Grade: Students may wear shorts all year. Please make your best judgment during colder months.

- **Skirts (Including Skorts):** Female students may wear skirts in St. Mary uniform plaid, navy, or khaki. (Athletic material skirts are not dress code approved) The skirt must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Shorts, tights, or leggings must be worn underneath the skirt. Tights and leggings must be navy, gray, or white.

K-5th Grade: Tights or leggings must be worn under skirts between November 1st - March 31st.

6th-8th Grade: Female students may wear skirts all year. However, shorts, tights or leggings must be worn underneath.

- Jumpers: Female students may wear jumpers in St. Mary uniform plaid or navy. The jumper must be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Shorts, tights, or leggings must be worn underneath the skirt. Tights and leggings must be navy, gray, or white. K-5th Grade: Tights or leggings must be worn under jumpers between November 1st March 31st. 6th-8th Grade: Female students may wear jumpers all year. Shorts must be worn underneath. Please make your best judgment during colder months.
- Quarter Zip Fleece Pullover: Students may wear dress code approved St. Mary quarter zip fleece pullovers only. A uniform shirt must be worn underneath. No outside quarter zip fleece pullovers allowed.
- Crewneck sweatshirts: Students may wear either dress code approved St. Mary crewneck sweatshirts or plain navy or grey. They must be free from logos unless it is the St. Mary school logo. A uniform shirt must be worn underneath.
- Hooded sweatshirts & full zip hooded sweatshirts: Students may wear dress code approved St. Mary hooded sweatshirts and full zip hooded sweatshirts only. A uniform shirt must be worn underneath. No outside hoodies or zip ups allowed.
- Shoes: Shoes must be closed toed and closed heeled. Crocs, sandals, etc. are not allowed.
- Socks: Socks must be white, gray, navy, or black, and must be worn if not wearing tights.
Students may wear low cut socks to fit the style of their shoe choice.
- Belts: Belts are optional but must be black or brown leather style, if worn.
- Outerwear: Students may wear coats, outside/logo'd hoodies, zip up hooded jackets, pullovers etc. during outside recess, outside PE, etc. but must be put away during class time, and Mass.

MASS DAYS

- All school Mass days (including any Holy Days or changes in Mass schedule) - Hoodies are not allowed to be worn during Mass. They may be put on after Mass is over.

SPIRIT DAY/VBRD FRIDAY'S

- Each Friday, we will celebrate our school spirit and VBRD! Students may wear St. Mary approved apparel including t-shirts & VBRD shirts with uniform bottoms. ****Sweatpants are not allowed.***

The principal reserves the right to declare an "OUT OF UNIFORM DAY". 3 inches above the knee still applies when wearing shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. Sleeves are still required on out of uniform days.

Special modifications subject to administration approval.

UNIFORM INFRACTIONS

The neat appearance and positive image presented by our Dress Code Policy is important to the attitude and demeanor of our students.

Grace Period: The dress code policy will not immediately enforce violation offenses upon the first 30 days of the school year. Simple reminders will be provided as we adjust to the new school year. The principal reserves the right to implement the date violations of code will go into effect.

Violations to the code will result in the following:

- First offense: A verbal warning will be given to the student.
- Second & subsequent offenses: Student will be sent to the office; parent/guardian will be called, and asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes. If the parent/guardian is unavailable, students will be sent to the St. Mary Closet to find an appropriate uniform to wear.