

GENERAL STUDENT APPEARANCE

It is our goal that SMS students reflect the values and traditions of a Catholic school. The expectation is that our students' appearance is conservative and NOT a distraction to themselves or to those around them. With that in mind, Saint Mary's Catholic School has the following policies:

We encourage a simple hairstyle which is consistent with the simple, tailored appearance of our school uniform. **We reserve the right to control extremes in hairstyles. Girls' hair must be neat and (with the exception of bangs) off the face. The maximum acceptable length of hair for boys is above the eyebrows, above the top of the collar at the back, and above the top of the ears.**

The following hairstyles are **not** permitted:

While bleached, dyed, highlighted, or chemically altered (including KoolAid®) hair may be considered appropriate for adults, it is the belief of St. Mary's Catholic School that students should be more natural in their appearance. Therefore, chemically altered hair, shaving all or part of the head, shaving patterns in the hair, cutting or shaving one part of the head and leaving hair long on other parts, excessively teased hair or hair that is unkempt in appearance, ponytails worn by boys, and unusual or trendy hairstyles are not permitted. Headbands with long tails, scarves, and kerchiefs are not acceptable to wear to school with or without uniforms. Students in violation will be given one week to cut their hair. Failure to comply may result in the student not being allowed to return to school until he is in compliance. Boys should NOT have facial hair. Beach style beads and hair wraps are not allowed.

Girls may wear only clear fingernail polish. Middle School girls may wear light makeup. Light makeup is defined as skin tone foundation, a light blush, clear lip-gloss, and brown or black mascara. **Eye shadow, eyeliner, glitter make-up, and acrylic nails are not permitted.** Hair accessories should coordinate with the school uniform. Scarves, headband scarves and bandannas are not allowed.

JEWELRY POLICY

Boys and girls may wear:

- One religious medal or one thin Cross on a thin plain gold or silver chain around the neck
- One small watch
- One small ring per hand

No bracelets of any kind are permitted. Girls may wear one small stud earring or tiny hoop earring per ear. Boys may not wear earrings. All jewelry should be conservative in size, color, and nature. Tattoos, temporary or otherwise, and body piercings are not allowed.

Note: It is advisable for students not to wear jewelry on P.E. days. The P.E. teacher may request a student to remove jewelry for the student's safety. Students should not wear valuable jewelry to school. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen jewelry.

Note: This excludes any necessary medical jewelry including necklaces and medical bracelets. You must have a doctor's note on file.

LOST AND FOUND

The permanent location for lost and found articles is in the storage room just past the cafeteria. **No student or parent may enter this area without a staff member present.** (PTO may use this room for school activities.) Lost articles should NOT be placed in the infirmary. Unclaimed clothing or usable objects may be given away or sold at the Used Uniform Sale.

Money or valuable objects that are found should be turned in to the school office. The school is not responsible for lost articles or money.

We strongly recommend labeling all students' clothing and possessions.

UNIFORM POLICY Implemented 2019-2020

It is a tradition to wear a uniform in Catholic Schools. The student uniform reflects the cohesiveness and unity of the school community. By wearing a Saint Mary's Catholic School uniform, a student immediately belongs to our school. Just as members of the military, police, and fire departments are recognized and respected in their uniforms, St. Mary's Catholic School students are also easily recognized and respected in their school uniforms. When our uniforms are worn in the community, our students thus become walking representatives of Saint Mary's Catholic School. It is our goal that St. Mary's Catholic School students will take pride in their uniforms, looking at them as a way of being a part of a very special family—the Saint Mary's family—and that they will always strive to act and behave in a way that would make the school and their parents proud.

Wearing uniforms serves other purposes, as well. Uniforms prevent the competition associated with brand names and allow students to focus on academics, not peer pressure. Just as nurses and police officers put on their uniforms to go to work, our students put on their uniforms for the same reason—to come to school to learn with as little distraction as possible.

With these ideas in mind, all members of the school community must adhere to the uniform regulations. All new uniforms must be purchased at Uniform Source by calling

1-770-919-9967, by shopping online at www.uniform-source.com, or by visiting their store, 2141 Cobb Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152

St. Mary's Parent Teacher Organization conducts a Used Uniform Sale several times a year, selling gently used uniforms at a reduced price. This provides another way for parents to purchase uniforms for their students.

There are three basic uniforms: Summer Uniforms, Winter Uniforms, and Dress Uniforms.

The Summer Uniform is worn from the first day of school until the Fall time change, and from the Spring time change through the last day of school.

The Winter Uniform is worn from the Fall time change until the Spring time change.

The Dress Uniform is worn on all Mass Days, Prayer Service Days, and other special announced days.

Important Things to Know About the Uniform:

Only standard athletic shoes that are predominantly **white , black , or gray, or a combination of the three colors** may be worn. **NOTE:** There can be no additional colors present on the shoe, the shoestrings, the sole, or the logo.

Velcro tennis shoes may be worn, but they should be white, black, gray, or a combination of those colors, with no additional colors on the shoe, the sole, the shoestrings or the logo.

Athletic shoes may NOT have blinking lights or similar distracting details.

High-tops and Converse-style shoes may NOT be worn with the school uniform.

Students may wear any shoe sold by Uniform Source, such as navy Mary Janes, Sperry Bluefish or A/O, Merrell Jungle Moc; or traditional athletic shoes that are predominantly solid white, black, or grey, or a combination of these colors. For example: solid black shoe with a white sole is acceptable. Shoelaces must be the color of the shoe, or white. Midsoles must be a standard white, black or gray. No shoes may have brightly colored midsoles or inlays in themed soles. Bright laces and/or midsoles are not allowed. Accent colors must coordinate with the uniform and be white, black or grey -- no pink, green, orange, red, neon colors, glitter, etc.

NO roller shoes, slide-on or slip on tennis shoes, shoes that make noise or blink, Crocs, Toms, Vans or Converse, high top athletic shoes, skater style shoes, cowboy boots, UGGS, shoes with cartoon characters or other unusual styles.

On dress uniform days, it is permissible for Middle School boys to remove ties after Mass, and Middle School girls to remove vests.

Heels of shoes should not be more than one inch high.

Socks for students in Kindergarten-5th Grade should be **standard white** crew-style socks, not low or ankle socks. Crew socks are socks that extend over the ankle and up the calf, approximately 4 inches above the top of the shoe. **No logo should be on the socks including Nike and Underarmour.** Girls may also wear the Uniform Source ankle white socks with **the SMS plaid on the ruffle ONLY**. Only Middle School students may wear the ankle style white socks, *but the socks must cover the entire ankle*. Eighth grade students ONLY are allowed to wear the no-show style of ankle socks.

Hats or caps may not be worn with the school uniform during the school day.

Middle School boys **must** wear standard white crew socks on Dress Uniform days.

Middle School girls **must** wear navy knee socks on Dress Uniform days.

Students **must** wear proper shoes on Dress Uniform days: Kids Sizes Sperry Songfish for girls and Sperry Gamefish for boys from Uniform Source. Men sizes must be Authentic Original Sperry Top-Sider in Oatmeal. Women sizes must be Bluefish Sperry Top-Sider in Linen Oat.

Elementary girls may wear navy knee socks or white crew socks with their jumpers.

In the winter, they may wear navy tights (not sweatpants).

Only official Saint Mary's sweatshirts or Saint Mary's fleece jackets may be worn in the building or the classroom.

An outerwear coat of choice may be worn outside and on the playground.

Only navy cardigan sweaters may be worn at Mass. Saint Mary's sweatshirts/fleeces are not acceptable attire for Mass.

Shirts and blouses **MUST** be neatly tucked in, not rolled over the top of pants, shorts, or skirts. The belt must be visible. Only the first, top button of shirts and blouses may be unbuttoned.

Pants and shorts **MUST** be worn at the waist. Underwear must not be visible at any time.

Only plain white short sleeve or sleeveless undershirts may be worn under the uniform.

Girls' skirts length should be not more than 2 ½ inches above the knee.

Skirts should **NOT** be rolled at the waistband.

If a garment has belt loops, a belt must be worn.

The entire uniform must be in good, clean condition, and fit properly, with no holes, missing buttons, ripped hemlines, stains, etc. Uniforms should be worn as the manufacturer intended.

Boys' Uniforms, Grades K-5

Summer Uniform:

White or light blue pique knit short-sleeved **polo** with St. Mary's logo
Navy shorts (Boys in K-2 may wear elastic waist shorts with no belt loops)
Brown leather braided or plain brown leather belt
White crew socks
Appropriate school shoes (see the beginning of this section)

Winter Uniform:

White or light blue pique knit polo shirt in a choice of short OR long-sleeves with St. Mary's logo
Navy slacks (Boys in K-2 may wear elastic waist slacks with no belt loops)
Brown leather braided or plain brown leather belt
White crew socks
Appropriate school shoes (see the beginning of this section)

*Please Note: ONLY St. Mary's sweatshirt OR fleece jacket may be worn in the classroom.
Heavy outerwear coat of choice may be worn outside only.

Dress Uniform:

White pique knit polo shirt in a choice of short OR long-sleeves (depending on the season) with St. Mary's logo
Navy slacks
Brown leather braided or plain brown leather belt
White crew socks
Appropriate school shoes (see the beginning of this section)

*Please Note: Optional navy V-neck cardigan sweater (note that sweatshirts/fleece may NOT be worn at Mass).

Girls' Uniforms, Grades K-5

Summer Uniform:

White smooth knit short-sleeved polo shirt with St. Mary's logo
Navy shorts OR plaid skort (Girls in K-2 may wear elastic waist shorts with no belt loops)
Brown leather braided or plain brown leather belt (with shorts)
White crew socks OR Uniform Source white and plaid socks
Appropriate shoes (see the beginning of this section)

OR

White short-sleeved Peter Pan blouse Plaid jumper

White crew socks or navy knee socks or Uniform Source white and plaid socks

Appropriate shoes (see the beginning of this section)

OR

Plaid Dress for girls in K, 1st and 2nd grades (dress must be no shorter than 2 ½ inches above the knee) with white crew socks or Uniform Source white and plaid socks and appropriate shoes.

Winter Uniform:

White smooth knit shirt in a choice of short OR long sleeves with St. Mary's logo Navy slacks (Girls in K-2 may wear elastic waist slacks with no belt loops).

Brown leather braided or plain brown leather belt

White crew socks or Uniform Source white and plaid socks Appropriate school shoes (see the beginning of this section)

OR

White Peter Pan blouse in choice of short or long-sleeved Plaid jumper

White crew socks or Uniform Source white and plaid socks or navy knee socks or navy tights/footless tights with crew socks (sweatpants should NOT be worn under jumpers)

Appropriate school shoes (see the beginning of this section)

OR

Plaid Dress for girls in K, 1st and 2nd grades (dress must be no shorter than 2 ½ inches above the knee) with white crew socks or Uniform Source white and plaid socks or knee socks or navy tights/footless tights with crew socks, and appropriate shoes.

*Please Note: ONLY official St. Mary's sweatshirt or fleece jacket with embroidered school logo may be worn in the classroom.

Heavy outerwear coat of choice may be worn outside only.

Dress Uniform:

White Peter Pan blouse in choice of short OR long sleeved (depending on the season)
Plaid jumper

White crew socks or navy knee socks

Appropriate school shoes (see the beginning of this section)

*Please Note: Optional navy crew neck cardigan sweater (note that sweatshirts/fleece may NOT be worn at Mass)

Boys' Uniforms, Grades 6-8 (Middle School)

Summer Uniform:

Red or navy smooth knit polo shirts, short sleeves, with St. Mary's logo Khaki shorts

Brown braided or plain brown leather belt

White crew OR white ankle socks (socks must be visible above shoe tops and cover ankles)

Appropriate school shoes (see beginning of this section)

Winter Uniform:

Red or navy smooth knit polo shirt, either short- or long-sleeved with St. Mary's logo

Khaki slacks

Brown braided or plain brown leather belt

White crew OR white ankle socks (socks must be visible above shoe tops and cover ankles)

Note: While ankle socks are a Middle School privilege, only allowed in Grades 6-8

Appropriate athletic shoes (see beginning of this section)

*Please Note: ONLY official St. Mary's sweatshirt, hoodie, or fleece jacket with embroidered school logo OR solid navy sweatshirt (no designs) may be worn in the classroom.

Heavy outerwear coat of choice may be worn outside only, not in the classroom.

Dress Uniforms:

White oxford-cloth shirt in a choice of short OR long sleeves with St. Mary's logo.

Khaki slacks

Blue and white striped uniform tie

Brown braided or plain brown leather belt

White or navy crew socks (ankle socks are not allowed for Mass) Appropriate school shoes (see beginning of this section)

*Please Note: Optional navy V-neck cardigan sweater (note that sweatshirts/fleece may NOT be worn at Mass) Optional dress jacket with SMS logo from Uniform Source

Girls' Uniforms, Grades 6-8 (Middle School)

Summer Uniform:

Red or navy smooth knit short-sleeved polo shirt with St. Mary's logo Khaki shorts OR khaki skirt (no shorter than 2-1/2" above the knee) Brown braided or plain brown leather belt (with shorts)

White crew OR white ankle socks (socks must be visible above shoe tops and cover ankles)

Appropriate school shoes (see beginning of this section)

Winter Uniform:

Red or navy smooth knit polo shirt, either short- or long-sleeved with St. Mary's logo Khaki slacks OR khaki skirt (no shorter than 2-1/2" above the knee)

Brown braided or plain brown leather belt(with slacks)

White crew OR navy knee socks OR white ankle socks (socks must be visible above shoe tops and cover ankles), OR navy tights/leggings.

*Please Note: Ankle socks are a Middle School privilege, only allowed in Grades 6-8 Appropriate school shoes (see beginning of this section)

*Please Note: ONLY official St. Mary's sweatshirt, hoodie, or fleece jacket with embroidered school logo OR solid navy sweatshirt (no designs) may be worn in the classroom.

Heavy outerwear coat of choice may be worn outside only, not in the classroom.

Dress Uniform:

White oxford-cloth shirt in a choice of short OR long-sleeves with St. Mary's logo Plaid skort (no shorter than 2-1/2" above the knee)

Navy sweater vest with embroidered St. Mary's logo Navy knee socks

*Please Note: Optional navy V-neck cardigan sweater (note that sweatshirts/fleece may NOT be worn at Mass) Optional dress jacket with SMS logo from Uniform Source *Please Note: Optional Tie with the vest or blazer.

*Please Note: During the transitional period of the year, it may be cold on mornings when Summer Uniforms are supposed to be worn. If you feel that your child will be cold all day in shorts or the elementary school skort, it is acceptable for your student to wear the Winter Uniform that day. It is NOT acceptable, however, to wear shorts or an elementary school skort instead of the Winter Uniform, even though the weather may be warm. **Shorts and elementary** school skorts are to be worn ONLY as Summer Uniforms.

Physical Education Uniform:

Athletic shoes with non-marking soles and socks as listed under the regular uniform

Students in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade are to wear their regular school uniforms for P.E.

Students in 4th -8th Grades are to change into the P.E. uniform at school just before P.E. class begins.

Only the SMS P.E. shorts, shirt, and sweatshirts may be worn in P.E. class on P.E. days.

P.E. shorts and shirts are NOT available through the uniform company and must be purchased at the school.

SMS reserves the right to adjust/modify the above stated uniform policy.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION DAYS

Mission Days are the days in which a student is not required to wear his or her uniform to school. In order to participate in a Mission Day, the student must bring in 25 cents, which is donated to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mission Days are noted on the school calendar. **Should a day be added during the year, you will be notified in advance through appropriate means of communication.** On Mission Days, students are expected to wear regular casual clothes in a neat and well-groomed manner. Standard policy for shoes, jewelry, etc. is relaxed on Mission Days.

The following clothing is *NOT* permitted:

Short shorts or skirts-----shorts or skirts measuring more than 2 1/2 inches, above the knee.

Strapless or spaghetti strap shirts, halter tops, and tank tops T-shirts or tops that expose the midriff when arms are raised Jeans or pants that expose navel or lower back

Oversized or baggy jeans worn low or below waist

Any clothing containing words referencing alcohol, drugs, or inappropriate language

Beach shoes or flip-flops

NOTE: Leggings are ONLY appropriate worn with a dress/skirt/shorts that meet the length requirement.)

Note: Because of the constant changing nature of fashion, the school reserves the right to classify any style of dress as inappropriate.

Abuse of Mission Day rules may result in any of the following:

- Loss of Mission Day privileges
- Parent called to bring proper clothing
- If parents cannot be located, student will be loaned a school uniform from the used uniform store

Tag Days/Auction Tag Days

Tag Days are the days in which a student is not required to wear his or her uniform to school. **No money is collected for Tag /Auction Days. ALL Tag and Auction Days are noted on the school calendar.** Should a day be added during the year, you will be notified in advance

through appropriate means of communication. On Tag Days, students are expected to wear regular casual clothes in a neat and well-groomed manner. Standard policy for shoes, jewelry, etc. is relaxed on **Tag Days Only**.

The following clothing is *NOT* permitted:

Short shorts or skirts-----shorts or skirts measuring more than 2 1/2 inches **above the knee.**

Strapless or spaghetti strap shirts, halter tops, and tank tops T-shirts or tops that expose the midriff when arms are raised Jeans or pants that expose navel or lower back

Oversized or baggy jeans worn low or below waist

Any clothing containing words referencing alcohol, drugs, or inappropriate language
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