

## **DRESS CODE AND GROOMING GUIDELINES (Updated 7/19/18)**

St. Mary's School believes that performance in school is improved by setting standards of dress that reflect pride in one's self and in our school. St. Mary's students are required to abide by the following dress code for the following reasons:

1. Appropriate dress for school identifies one with and shows pride in our school.
2. A student's economic status should not be distinguishable based on attire; school dress should be more affordable.
3. School dress must promote an environment conducive to study and appropriate behavior.

Parents and guardians must strive to understand and support our dress code and grooming guidelines. If there is a family reason for a student to be out of uniform, the parent or guardian must call the school office prior to the beginning of classes for the day. If no call is received, consequences may be applied.

### Uniform tops

1. Polo style with either long or short sleeve, properly buttoned with a collar.
  - a. **K-5** polo shirts are true red or light blue.
  - b. **6-8** polo shirts are true red or light blue with St. Mary's logo.
  - c. **9-12** polo shirts are navy, black, white or gray, with St. Mary's logo.
2. Polo shirt must be appropriate length so they are tucked in at all times.
3. **K-8** Red crewneck sweatshirt or red fleece jacket with St. Mary's logo may be ordered through [www.walloffame247.com](http://www.walloffame247.com) or from Rust's Western Shed <http://rustswesternshed.com/stmarys/> worn over a red or blue polo.
4. **9-12** Black V-neck sweater/vest or black 1/4-zip pullover with St. Mary's logo may be purchased from Rust's Western Shed (<http://rustswesternshed.com/stmarys/>) worn over uniform polo, plain white t-shirt or white collared dress shirt.

### Uniform bottoms

1. Students must wear solid dress style pants/shorts, free of decoration or embroidery.
2. Pants/shorts must be of appropriate size, worn at the waist, hemmed, with no rips/tears.
  - a. **K-8** Solid black or navy pants/shorts (twill or corduroy) but no knit pants, leggings, skinny jeans or sweat style pants.
  - b. **9-12** Solid black, navy or tan khaki pants/shorts (twill or corduroy) no knit pants, leggings, skinny jeans, sweat style pants or cargo style pants/shorts.
3. **Uniform walking shorts may be worn from the beginning of the school year until November 1 and then again beginning March 20 to the end of the school year.** Girls may also wear capris during the short season.
4. Length of shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh or longer in length, measured when the longest finger of the hand touches thigh when in a standing position with arms and hands extended by the side.
5. All **6-12 students** must wear belt with pants and shorts (if loops) every day.
6. **K-8** (girls only) may wear uniform navy jumper or uniform navy skirt during short season.

### Shoes

1. **K-5** all shoes must have backs, worn with socks and laces tied.
2. **6-12** shoes in good repair with laces tied. Nov. 1 - March 19, socks must be worn with shoes.

### **Miscellaneous Dress Code and Grooming Guidelines:**

1. Cut, ripped or revealing clothing is never permitted.
2. Apparel depicting or promoting the use of alcohol, tobacco or that demeans another person is not allowed.
3. Clothing with bare-midriff, sleeveless, bare-shoulders, spaghetti straps, halter, or tank styles are never permitted.
4. Hats, caps, bandannas, coats, jackets or hooded sweatshirts are not permitted during the school day.
5. All hairstyles must have a conventional color and cut and not interfere with the education process.
  - a. Boys are to be clean-shaven (no facial hair) with hair trimmed above the eyebrow, around the ears and above the collar.
  - b. Hairpieces, weaves and extensions for men and women must be natural color only.
6. Unacceptable body piercing includes, but may not be limited to, eyebrows, lips, tongue, and nose.
7. Writing on hands, arms, legs, etc. is not allowed.
8. Tattoos are discouraged and must not be visible; this applies to all school activities.
9. Jewelry should be kept to a minimum and the appropriateness shall be at the discretion of administration. Excessive jewelry may be considered a safety hazard or distraction. Students will be asked to remove it.

The uniform is worn throughout the year unless an exception is made on specific occasions.

### **Out of Uniform Days:**

Certain days will be designated as 'Out of Uniform' Day by administration. School uniform is always acceptable. The following guidelines are for 'Out of Uniform' days:

1. Students who join in the spirit of an 'out of uniform' day may be assessed \$.50 (K-5) or \$1.00 (6-12) for designated fund raising events.
2. Planning for 'Out of Uniform' day will be in advance and notified via social media, school website and/or school calendar.
3. No holes, rips or tears on any 'Out of Uniform' day clothing.

### Out of uniform tops

1. St. Mary's t-shirt, polo shirt, pullover or crew neck sweatshirt of any color with St. Mary's logo or emblem may be worn.
2. St. Mary's team designed shirts may be worn on 'Out of Uniform' days.
3. Other shirts and t-shirts are permitted; however, sleeveless, bare-midriff, bare-shoulders, spaghetti straps, halter, or tank style tops are not allowed.
4. Apparel depicting or promoting the use of alcohol, tobacco or that demeans another person is not allowed.
5. Shirts do not have to be tucked in, but must be long enough to not show skin.

#### Out of uniform bottoms

1. Jeans or jean shorts or skirts (during shorts season in appropriate length) may be worn and will be worn at the waist.
2. Mesh or denim shorts will be allowed during shorts season with a minimum 7-inch inseam.
3. Athletic or wind pants may be worn, however cotton sweatpants are not permitted.

#### Dress-up Days:

There will be designated dress-up days during the school year, usually chosen in conjunction with a special event or activity (example-school pictures). School uniform is always acceptable. Students choosing to dress-up must follow these guidelines:

##### Girls Dress-up day guidelines:

1. Blouse or dress shirt. No t-shirt, sleeveless, bare-midriff, bare-shoulders, spaghetti straps, halter, or tank style tops are allowed.
2. No sheer, clingy or denim fabrics allowed on dress-up days.
3. Dress, skirt or shorts (during shorts season), mid-thigh or longer in length, when the longest finger of the hand touches thigh when in a standing position with arms and hands extended by the side. Tights or nylon hose must be worn with dresses/skirts between the dates of November 1 - March 19.
4. Dress pants/slacks (with belt, if loops)
5. Dress shoes preferred.

##### Boys Dress-up day guidelines:

1. Collared dress shirt, tucked in.
2. Belt with dress pants/slacks.
3. Dress shoes preferred.

#### 9-12 Athletic Game Day Expectations:

Students representing our school in athletics, activities or school-sponsored extra-curricular activities may have 'team attire' approved by administration and purchased by team members. Our St. Mary's school colors are black, white or gray/silver. Team attire will be dress code compliant including; 1/4 zip pullover, short or long sleeve polo or full zip athletic jacket. Crew or hooded sweatshirts, cotton sweatpants, or yoga style pants will **not be approved**. School uniform is always acceptable.

1. Administration must provide approval before any clothing is purchased for school teams, organizations or St. Mary's school activities.
2. Athletes may dress as a team on game days as long as guidelines set forth by administration (principal/AD) are followed. Repeated violations by members of the same team may result in the team losing all privileges to be out of school uniform on game days.
3. SLHS/SMHS shared athletic programs (football, swimming, soccer, etc.) may be allowed to wear SLHS team jersey/team apparel tucked into black, khaki or navy pants or shorts with a belt. SLHS game day attire must be approved by St. Mary's administration prior to first scheduled event. Athletes are reminded to check with administration before the first event.

#### 9-12 Homecoming Spirit Days:

These days are restricted to 9-12 students on Homecoming week. On these days out of the ordinary clothing options will be communicated to the St. Mary's community and allowed for grades 9-12 during school hours. School uniform is always acceptable.

#### Dress Code Violation:

1. The acceptability of a student's appearance is reserved to the judgment of the faculty/staff and administration.
2. Students found to be in violation of the dress code will receive a verbal warning for first offense, written warning for second offense, and detention for any continued offenses.
3. Students will have someone bring them the needed clothing from home, will borrow suitable clothing from the 'uniform closet' or may be issued an 'out of uniform' pass for the day.
4. Missed class time will be added to detention time to be served.
5. Repeated detentions for dress code will result in a meeting between parents and administration.