



DRESS CODE

St. Mary's School is committed to developing in our students a strong sense of Catholic identity. A school dress code complements the teaching of order and discipline, provides for a less distracting environment, and builds community. Uniforms promote a sense of belonging and unity among the student body of St. Mary's School.

The Gospel calls the people of God to live simple lives. In keeping with this, the St. Mary's School Uniform Policy and Dress Code are intended to be guidelines by which students may dress in a respectful manner that reflects the importance of learning in their lives.

Uniform Guidelines

Girls (PK - Grade 8)

Shirt: White, Hunter Green, or Navy knit "polo" style shirt (short or long-sleeved)
White turtleneck shirt worn under jumper, polo, sweater or sweatshirt

Jumper: Khaki or Navy blue (shirt & shorts must be worn underneath)

Skirt: Khaki or Navy blue (shorts must be worn underneath)

Pants, Capris, Skorts & Shorts: Khaki or Navy Blue

Socks & Tights: White or Navy Blue

Sweater, Sweatshirt (with or w/out hood), Cardigans: White, Navy, or Hunter Green
(Not to be worn under a jumper)

Boys (PK - Grade 8)

Shirt: White, Hunter Green, or Navy knit "polo" style shirt (short or long-sleeved)
White turtleneck shirt worn under polo, sweater or sweatshirt

Pants & Shorts: Khaki or Navy Blue

Socks: White or Navy Blue

Sweater, Sweatshirt (with or w/out hood), Cardigans: White, Navy, or Hunter Green

Additional Uniform Requirements:

- All uniform items must be solid in color, and free of any logos or brands with the exception of the St. Mary's School crest or the St. Mary's Church crest;
- "Polo" style knit shirts must be unembellished with plain buttons.
- If a belt is worn it must be Brown, Black, or Navy (unembellished leather or leather-like material)
- Denim, knit, velour, & athletic wear are not allowed;
- All skirts, skorts, and shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee;

- No leggings or footless tights;
- Sleeveless shirts are prohibited;
- Boots may only be worn with pants, and the pant must cover the top of the boot;
- Hair must not impede vision of student;
- Shirt tails must be tucked in at all times;
- Only white undershirts are to be worn under the uniform shirt.
- Necklaces are limited to thin chains with modest pendants only;
- Students may wear one gold-tone or silver-tone bracelet and rings;
- Hair accessories may be worn but are limited to, brown, black, hunter green, navy, or white;

****Mass day for students is Wednesday. On Wednesdays, students will be required to wear the Navy Blue and khaki uniform combination. Cantors are allowed to wear their cantor shirts on Mass day.***

Preschool students, in addition to following the uniform guidelines, have the option of wearing the PreK shirt on any day but first in compliance with the dress code (i.e., if PreK students attend Mass, they may be asked to wear a uniform shirt in compliance with the dress code).

On Fridays students may wear, in compliance with the dress code, casual attire of “Spirit wear” shirts and denim. However, administration and faculty reserve the right to require uniform attire for field trips or other events scheduled on Fridays.

St. Mary’s School Casual Days Dress Code

Clothing items that are **not acceptable** for casual days (Fridays) include, but are not limited to:

- Shorts, skorts, or skirts **no shorter** than 3” above the knee;
- Tattered/torn jeans and other apparel;
- No words or symbols on the seat of the pants;
- No knit sweatpants;
- Shirts that reveal torso when arms are raised above head;
- Halter tops;
- Shirts with shoulder straps less than the width of three fingers;
- Clothing items that display lettering advertising alcoholic beverages or numerical figures which carry connotations of immorality, vulgarity, obscenity, nudity or sexual overtones, both at school functions and at school;
- Clothing items that display lettering contrary to the teachings of Jesus or Gospel values;
- Flip-flops, backless shoes, or shoes with wheels in soles;
- Caps, hats, headbands (for boys), bandannas, or sunglasses worn in the building or classrooms.

General Appearance for Uniform and Casual Dress: Students are expected to look neat at all times. Therefore, when purchasing school clothing, please buy appropriate sizes and refer to these general guidelines:

- All clothing must be appropriately sized – neither too small or over-sized;
- Clothing must be checked for rips, hanging hems, missing buttons, etc. and repairs made;
- Waistbands are to be worn above the hips;
- Slacks should be hemmed as to not fall below heel of the shoe.
- Earrings are not permitted for boys;
- Earrings for girls must be no larger than the size of a dime and must not “dangle” below the earlobe;
- All body piercing and tattoos, with the exception of ear piercing, is unacceptable.
- All clothes should be clean and free of stains.

- No extremes in hair are permitted (color, bleaching, style, or length). Hair deemed bizarre or disruptive is prohibited. The principal will determine what is or is not extreme.

******All final decisions regarding school dress will be made by the Principal.******

St. Mary's Dress Code/School Uniform Violation Policy

First offense: Student will receive a note indicating dress code violation to be signed by parent.

Second offense: Student will receive a note indicating dress code violation to be signed by parent and parent will be contacted.

Third offense: Parent will be contacted to bring appropriate uniform attire to the school.

Repeated violations will be addressed by the principal on an individual basis.