

St. Mary's Elementary School Dress Code

The purpose of wearing school uniforms is to promote unity in the school and pride in one's personal appearance. Students are expected to maintain a neat, clean appearance at all times. Exceptions to the dress code may be made by the principal for special occasions such as Catholic Schools Week, Read Across America Week, and Spirit Week for homecoming. Other issues related to cleanliness or neatness of the uniform, hairstyles or color, or general appearance of students, although not specifically addressed in the school dress code, can be judged appropriate or inappropriate by the administration. If the administration determines that a student's appearance is distracting to the educational process at St. Mary's, they will request that the student make modifications and will expect that the parents will cooperate with, and help to enforce, these requests. Exceptions must be pre-approved by the principal. Uniform pieces may be purchased from any vendor; however they must meet the following guidelines:

A. Pants

Fine twill or chino dress trousers (no jean or corduroy fabric), plain or pleated front, four or less pockets on the front or back only, regular fit, straight leg. May have elastic waist (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade). Must have belt loops (4th and 5th grade). No cuff. Pants should be khaki or navy blue in color for both boys and girls. **No cargo pants, jogger, flair legs, jeggings or low rise pants.**

B. Shorts

Shorts may be worn from March 1st until October 31st and should be modest in length. Shorts follow the same description as pants but may have cuffs but may not be shorter than mid-thigh length. No cargo shorts.

C. Skorts and Skirts

Girls may wear fine twill or chino dress skorts and skirts in khaki, navy blue, or plaid. Catholic Supply Black Watch plaid (#55) or Lands' End Hunter/Classic Navy plaid are examples of the correct uniform plaid. No jean or corduroy materials. Skorts and skirts may not be shorter than mid-thigh length. From November 1st to February 28th girls **must** wear tights or knee socks with skorts and skirts. Solid colored leggings (see Accessories, section L of Dress Code) may also be worn as an additional layer under skorts or skirts in colder, winter months.

D. Jumpers

Girls may wear khaki, navy blue, or plaid. Catholic Supply Black Watch plaid (#55) or Lands' End Hunter/Classic Navy plaid are examples of the correct uniform plaid. Jumpers may not be shorter than mid-thigh length. From November 1st to February 28th girls must wear tights or knee socks with a jumper. Solid colored leggings (see Accessories, section L of Dress Code) may also be worn as an additional layer under skorts or skirts in colder, winter months.

E. Dress Shirts

Button-down or Peter Pan collar. Single or no breast pocket. Long or short sleeve. White cotton blend. Dress shirts must be tucked in.

F. Polos

Polos should have 2-3 button placket (plain or Peter Pan collar), cotton blend. Solid color with knit collar. Banded or hemmed sleeve. Long or short sleeve. White, scarlet red, or navy blue. No visible logos with the exception of the JACS logo. Polo shirts must be tucked in.

G. Turtlenecks

Cotton blend, solid color. Long-sleeved only. White, scarlet red, or navy blue. Turtlenecks must be tucked in.

H. St. Mary's / JACS T-shirts

St. Mary's/JACS T-shirts may be worn on Spirit Day Mondays with uniform pants, shorts, jumpers, or skorts. They may also be worn on field trips and any other day planned/cleared by the principal.

I. Sweaters

Sweaters may be crewneck with long sleeves, vest, crewneck or V-neck cardigan, or quarter zip. No loose weaves, no patterns, no hoods. Solid white, or red, navy blue.

J. Sweatshirts, Quarter Zips, and Zip Up Vests

Only JACS (St. Mary's, St. Peter's, or McAuley). These items must be worn over a uniform shirt except on Charity Dress Days, Casual Dress Days or on Spirit Day Mondays. The collar of shirt must be seen. Sweatshirts may not be worn to Mass.

K. Hoodies

Only JACS (St. Mary's, St. Peter's, and McAuley) hoodies are allowed to be worn on a typical school day. JACS hoodies must be worn over a uniform shirt except on Charity Dress Days or Casual Dress Days, and may not be worn to Mass. All other hoodies, jackets, and coats may only be worn outside as outerwear.

L. Accessories

Leggings- Solid colored leggings in white or navy may be worn from November 1st to February 28th **under** skirts, skorts, or jumpers as an extra layer during colder weather. Leggings may not be worn as pants at any time.

Socks- **Solid colors in white, khaki, red, or navy blue.** Girls may wear ankle length, knee-highs, or tights. Must be plain with no patterns, emblems, shapes, or logos. Either leggings, tights, or knee high socks must be worn with skirts, skorts, or jumpers from November 1st to February 28th to offer additional warmth during colder weather. Boys may wear crew or mid-calf socks only. Socks must be clearly visible on the ankle above the top of the shoe. **No-show socks are not allowed.**

Shoes- Shoes must have closed toes and closed back and be no higher than the top of the ankle. Leather shoes may be brown, navy blue, or black. Tennis shoe color must be predominantly brown/black/navy/gray/white, no predominate neon. Heel height may be no more than 1/2 inch. No boots, Crocs, Toms or similar shoe style, sandals, house shoes, slippers, or flip flops. No patterns, no sparkles or glitter, no metallic. Tennis shoes are encouraged to be worn.

Belts- Solid color in brown or black, unadorned with school appropriate belt buckle (4th & 5th grade required).

M. Spirit Day Mondays

Students may wear a St. Mary's or JACS shirt with uniform bottoms (pants, skorts, skirts, jumpers, and shorts) each Monday of the month unless otherwise specified by the principal for a special event.

N. Charity Dress/Casual Dress Day Policy

No spaghetti straps, halter tops, short shorts, jeans that are torn or have holes, and/or graphic t-shirts containing inappropriate symbols, pictures, or language may be worn. **Shoes must be the same as the uniform policy.**

N. Dress Code Helpful Hints

1. For identification purposes, it is highly suggested that students have their name inside each article of clothing.
2. No manufacturer's logo, trademark, or embroidery (including same color on color) may be visible.
3. No oversize or tight-fitting clothing.
4. No jackets, coats, hoodies (exception of JACS), sunglasses, hats, caps, or scarves worn as hats may be worn indoors.
5. No body piercing. Any jewelry or accessories (watches, etc.) must be in keeping with the conservative nature of the uniform. Girls may wear one pair of earrings (small hoop or stud only). Smart watches and/or any Fitbit style of device are not to be worn to school.
6. All students should wear their hair in a well-groomed manner. Boys' hair must be out of the eyes, off the collar, and cover no more than half the ear. Girls' hair should be out of the eyes. Student's hair must be of a natural color.
7. Students may not have visible tattoos (permanent or temporary).
8. No layering of clothing items. Only white T-shirts with no graphics may be worn under uniform shirts.
9. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.