

DRESS CODE

The dress code for St. Mary Catholic School students is intended to encourage a neat appearance consistent with our values, Christian modesty, and appropriate to a learning environment. Parents are expected to assume responsibility for making sure our students have dressed appropriately for school. Students are to be dressed for classroom work. Clothing should not distract from the learning process. Clothing should be neat, clean, and comfortable with no holes, rips, or tears. Clothing that displays pictures, language or symbols that are vulgar, violent, sexual, drug/alcohol/tobacco related or is in any way offensive or disruptive is not acceptable school attire. The principal will make the final decisions regarding the appropriateness of dress and grooming issues.

There are two distinct uniforms in our code: Formal Uniform and Daily Uniform.

Formal Uniform – Wednesday Mass Days

Boys: Khaki pants from Schoolbelles
Black or brown belt
White button down shirt
Hunter green sweater vest from Schoolbelles
Black or brown socks
Black or brown dress shoes (No white soles)

Girls: White button down blouse from Schoolbelles
Plaid Jumper (K-4) Plaid Skirts (5/6) from Schoolbelles
White or navy ankle or knee high socks only
Black or Navy dress shoes with closed toe/heel (No white soles)

Daily Uniform – M, T, Th, F

Dress shorts– both boys and girls

*navy or khaki
*no shorter than 3 inches above the knee
*shorts with belt loops must be worn with a belt in gr 3-6
*Cargo shorts are acceptable

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Capris

Girls may wear navy or khaki capris during shorts season.

Skirts, jumpers, dresses or skorts

*navy, khaki, blue/green plaid
*no shorter than 3 inches above the knee
***No bib-overall type jumpers are acceptable**
***School color dresses with collars**
***Accompanying shirt must have a collar and sleeves**
*shorts must be worn under skirts or jumpers

Shirts/blouses – boys and girls

*white, navy, light blue, or dark green
*NO stripes or patterns
*oxford, polo, turtlenecks are permissible
***must have collar and sleeves**
*NO monogram or emblems unless St. Mary small emblems

Sweaters, vests, sweatshirts

*white, navy, or dark green – solids only with **NO HOOD**
* ¼ zip and ½ zip sweatshirts with SMS logo may be worn.
*NO writing or logos or graphics except St. Mary
*No jackets or windbreakers

Shoes

*Casual dress shoes or athletic shoes.
-- ALL shoes must be closed-toe, closed heel
NO flashing lights, noises, crocs, heels (must be 1" less), wheels, or boots

Socks

*Socks must be worn at all times – **solid black, white or navy only.**
*Tights/Leggings/Panty hose: Solid uniform colors or skin tones only.
*Uniform color leggings may only be worn under skirts/jumpers/skorts (**not as pants**).

Belts

*Belts must be worn with looped slacks, shorts, skirts/jumpers/skorts (for grades 3 – 6).
*Belts must be in solid, plain colors.

Nail Polish

* Nails should be clean, neatly groomed, and of natural length.
* Girls may wear fingernail polish if it is light in color and presents an overall acceptable appearance.

Jewelry

*All jewelry should be conservative and not disrupt the classroom atmosphere. ***Girls ONLY can have small earrings in the lobe of the ear – NO other body piercing**

General Dress Code:

- No Tattoos
- No make-up
- Modest hairstyles with no "unnatural" hair coloring permitted, ie pink, purple, blue, green, etc., no highlights, or coloring of hair is permitted. There should not be any unnatural feathers, tinsel, etc., attached in the hair. No mohawks or designs can be cut into the hair.
- Boys' hair should be above the collar, above the ears, and above the eyes.
- Coats and sweaters or light jackets must be worn outside the building as dictated by weather conditions. Students not having appropriate outdoor clothing for recess will be required to stay in at recess. This includes hats and gloves when needed.
- **All uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times.**
- **Dress Down Day Apparel Code: Students may wear jeans with no holes, sweats, shorts still need to be within 3 inches of the knee. Socks and closed toe/heel shoes must be worn. All shirts and dresses need to have sleeves; no sleeveless, off the shoulder, or open shoulder shirts or dresses will be allowed. No low cut shirts or midriff tops. Leggings may only be worn with tunics or dresses and not as pants.**

**Preschool Students may wear any solid, plain shirt in uniform colors. Preschool students may wear jeans, khaki, or navy pants.

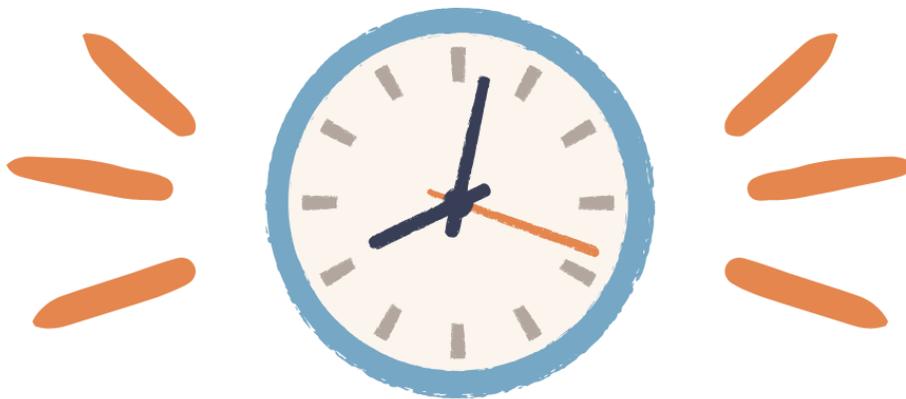
*****Dress shorts may be worn from the first day of school until fall break and after spring break to the end of the school year.**

DISCIPLINE/CONSEQUENCES for Dress Code violations:

Students will have to get appropriate apparel from the uniform closet if they are out of uniform or from home if there is none available. Frequent disregard of the uniform policy will result in communication with the parents and consequences for the student. A parent, student, and administrator conference will be held if violations continue to occur.

DON'T BE TARDY... EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Arriving after 8:00 AM makes a student tardy!



If a student arrives after 8:00 AM, they need to be signed in by their parent/guardian at the office.

Arriving later than 8:45 AM or leaving before 2:15 PM qualifies as a half-day absence.

Be aware of the school's new policies regarding excessive tardiness and/or absences!

Excessive Tardies and/or Absences for the 2024-2025 School Year



After 7 absences/tardies a semester, parents must meet with the principal to discuss the consequences of further absences.

After 9 absences/tardies a semester, student will serve either a before or after school detention.

Reminder...

An absence is an absence, whether it is excused or unexcused.



WATERBOTTLES

Water fountains are available for all students on both floors of the building. If a student chooses to bring a water bottle to school, it must hold 20 oz. or less and have a spill-proof lid.

Students are permitted to bring water only. No flavored drinks or waters are allowed!



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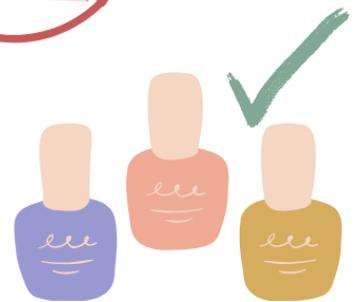
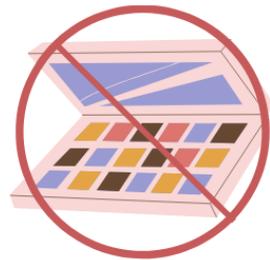


NOT ALLOWED!

Dress Code Reminders...

Summer is fun, but as we get closer to school starting back in August, please remember these dress code rules as you are making changes to your child's appearance:

- No makeup is to be worn to school.
- Girls may wear nail polish if they wish, but it must be a light color and nails must be of a natural length.



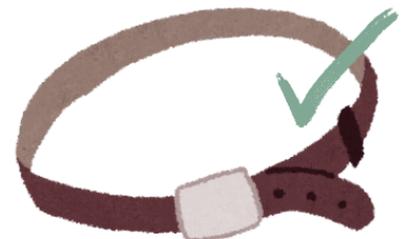
- Hair for both boys and girls must be of a natural color for school. This includes any pieces added to the hair (tinsel, extensions, etc.)

- Boys must have haircuts that are above the collar, ears, and eyes.



- Socks must be worn every day.

- Students in grades 3 through 6 must wear belts if bottoms have belt loops.



DRESS SHOES FOR FORMAL UNIFORM DAYS

Dress shoes must be worn with the formal uniform (students may bring tennis shoes to change into after Mass if they wish).

DRESS SHOES RULES:

- Dress shoes may not have white bottoms.
- Dress shoes must be worn with white or navy socks (this includes girls too).

YES, WEAR THESE!



NO, DO NOT WEAR THESE!



HEY DUDES ARE NOT DRESS SHOES!

GIRLS' DRESSES AND SKIRTS REMINDERS

All uniform dresses must have a collar!
No bib overall style dresses are allowed.

YES, WEAR THESE!



NO, DO NOT WEAR THESE!

Dresses must be no shorter than 3 inches from the knee.
Shorts must be worn under all dresses and skirts.

Shorts

Navy, khaki, or cargo shorts may be worn before Fall Break and after Spring Break.



YES, WEAR THESE!

Shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

If shorts have belt loops, a belt must be worn if the student is in grades 3 through 6.

SAFE PARISH

Certification



All parents and other adult family members wanting to go on field trips or volunteer in any way at the school during the school day must be Safe Parish certified.

This is a short course (60 minutes) with questions that are answered along the way. It includes a background check as well.

Because it includes a background check, it can take up to two weeks for the certification to come back. Certification lasts five years. Please check with Mrs. Busald if you are unsure if your certification is still good.

Do not wait until your student's teacher announces a field trip to get certified. It is unlikely you will be certified in time.

Complete Safe Parish certification using the link below!

<https://archindysafeparish.org/>

If you are completing Safe Parish certification for the first time, please click "Register" and use the code **Archindy2021**