



**DRESS CODE FOR MASS (Uniform):** Our dress code for Mass is through *Schoolbelles School Uniforms*. And as parents you can make sure your child is dressed properly for school and for Mass. Students are expected to come with their hair combed, shirts tucked in, and shoes tied. We expect students to show **even** more respect and reverence on Mass Day and on those occasions when they may be representing the school outside the school premises. The dress code for these days will be as follows:

- **Preschool and Prekindergarten** are encouraged to use the school uniform on Wednesdays, though there is *no requirement* for them until they are in Kindergarten.
- **K through Gr. 5 Boys** are to wear long slacks or chino pants in blue, black or khaki and polo shirt (short or long sleeved) with St. Mary's logo on the front left.
- **K through Gr. 5 Girls** are to wear polo shirts (short or long sleeve) with St. Mary's logo on the front left, with either chino pants (long) or pleated chino (in blue, black or beige) or school plaid skirt. Skirt may not be shorter than the top of the knee. (No athletic clothing, shorts or cargo pants are allowed)
- **Gr. 6-8 Middle Grades Boys** are to wear collared dress white oxford shirt (no polo shirts) with St. Mary's logo, tied necktie and long slacks—chino or navy or black. Shirts are always to be tucked in. (Note: no polo shirts, shorts, cargo pants or athletic clothing are to be worn.)
- **Gr. 6-8 Middle Grades Girls** are to wear collared dress oxford shirt (may be female or male cut). The shirt may be white or light blue. The sleeves on the shirt must be short or long; **not** sleeveless. It is to be worn with either chino pants (pleated or plain) or a solid A-line skirt (pleated or plaid). Skirts should come no higher than the top of the knee when standing up straight. Girls may wear a tied necktie. (Note: no polo shirts, shorts, cargo pants or athletic clothing are to be worn.)

(\*\*\*\* Also, there may be certain occasions, in which students are representing the school, the Mass dress code may be used.)

**Gym shoes with socks** are to be used only on the gym floor and these shoes may **not be worn outside**. Shoes for gym (PE) use need to be marked with the student's name.

**LIMITED DRESS CODE FOR NON-MASS DAYS:** Students' dress should always reflect a school environment of learning--not a "*picnic nor sports event environment*". **Students need to be dressed for the weather and how the student looks should help provide a positive learning environment.** Students' clothes, hairstyle, shoes, jewelry should never be a distraction to the *educational process* nor an *embarrassment to St. Mary's Parish School reputation*. As mentioned before, we are in a stage in our history where we want the community (at large) to be able to recognize our school in its midst. Our students will help in this by both their behavior and how they are dressed.

**Basic rule regarding what is worn to school:** if students wear any clothing, make-up, etc. that is deemed unacceptable or inappropriate or are judged by the faculty or principal to be such, (even if it is not listed below) the student will be removed from class until such item(s) is resolved. Though we wish to ensure that all questions about dress code are handled fairly and equitably, the School reserves the right to judge ultimately what appropriate or inappropriate dress at St. Mary's is.

**Required:**

1. Shoes with socks—all grades K through the Middle Grades. Shoes must have enclosed heel or strap around the heel.
2. **Gym shoes with socks** are to be used only on the gym floor and these shoes may **not be worn outside**. Shoes for gym (PE) use need to be marked with the student's name.

**Permitted clothing:**

- **Shorts**, if worn, must come to the *top of the knee or longer*. **Normally**, shorts may be worn **only till** November 1 and then from May 1<sup>st</sup> till the end of school. If there is a change to this, it will be printed in the Newsletter. Please remember, the faculty and administration do reserve the right to adjust these dates as necessary.
- **Pants**: khaki, jeans, corduroy.
- **Shirts**: long or short sleeve only (no sleeveless) knit shirts or polo shirts or T-shirts; are allowed as well as sweatshirts and/ or sweaters are acceptable year round
- **Skirts with leggings...dresses** (for modesty it would be good to wear shorts under the dress/skirt).
  - 1) Skirts/dresses/shorts should be no higher than the top of the knees.
  - 2) Shorts should be clean, neat, and length should be to the top of the knee or longer.
- Students may wear sports clothes to school. The basic rule is not to look sloppy and slovenly. Flowing from this means the following:
  - a. no tank tops, including sleeveless basketball jerseys.
  - b. no oversize jerseys. Athletic jerseys *as requested by coaches* on specific team's game day may be worn.
  - c. no sweatpants (*neat, leisure nylon, warm-up pants are allowed*).

**Clothing that is never permitted at school:**

1. Cutoffs, skintight clothes, halter tops, clothes that reveal cleavage, midriffs, underclothing, jeans with holes/slits etc.
2. Flip-flops, sandals or shoes with no backing. Shoes that "light up" as a student walks—these are not for school. Also, shoes with high heels or cowboy boots are not proper for school.
3. Fads such as ballerina dresses/skirts (costume like) are not to be worn at school.

**OTHER ITEMS TO NOTE:**

**Hair:** no "extreme" hairstyles are ever allowed. Color of hair must be found "naturally" in the world—(brown, black, blonde, red) the entire head really needs to be of one color. Hair needs to be clean and cut appropriately (that is, the student is able to see, and the teacher is able to see the student's face).

**Faces:** need to be clean shaven; make-up, if used, it needs to be "natural" looking; if not, the student will be expected to remove it.

**Jewelry:** earrings, if worn, should be small. NO dangling, multiple sets or huge earrings are to be worn due to the potential hazard in PE and play.

**Make-up/ nail polish:** If in the opinion of teachers or administration that such use of make-up and/or nail polish has become a distraction, then the student will need to remove it.