

St. Mary Catholic Schools Dress Code

As a Catholic educational system, St. Mary Catholic Schools reserves the right to determine a norm of appearance for students. Proper conduct and appropriate dress reflect the virtues of modesty and self-respect and are essential to maintaining a positive atmosphere for learning. Students are expected to demonstrate an understanding of the differences in dressing for a social / recreational activity, for a day at a St. Mary Catholic school, and for special occasion / liturgy days.

All students' attire must comply with the code below. *It is the responsibility of parents to assure students are dressed according to this dress code before leaving for school.* Parents may be called regarding infractions to the dress code and asked to bring a change of clothes to school or to take some other appropriate action.

At the high school, detentions may be issued for dress code infractions. Time away from class is unexcused and must be made up by the student with his/her teacher(s). Multiple infractions may warrant further disciplinary actions.

Administration reserves the right to make final interpretations or changes in the dress code below.

St. Mary Catholic High School

Bottoms: Girls and Boys

- Students must wear full-length solid-color pants to the ankle with a finished/hemmed bottom. Pants must be constructed from a cotton or cotton/poly non-denim fabric. Pants may not be torn or tattered and must fit appropriately -- not be too baggy or too tight. Spandex / elastic / tight fitting leggings, jeggings, exercise pants, etc. are never allowed.
- Dress / cargo / khaki, etc. shorts of appropriate length (top of the knee or longer) or capris may be worn during September, October, April, May and June.
- Undergarments may not be visible, and pants must be worn at the waistline.

Tops: Girls and Boys

- Shirts must be polo shirts or Oxford-style button down shirts with long or short sleeves. No more than the top two buttons may be unbuttoned. Any logo other than an SMCHS or SMCS logo must be no larger than 3" square.
- A limited number of approved t-shirts (SMCHS / SMCS) may also be worn.
- Sweaters, fleece or SMCHS / SMCS logo'd sweatshirts may be worn over shirts meeting the dress code as listed above. Any logo other than an SMCHS or SMCS logo must be no larger than 3" square.
- Non-collared, approved class, club, sport, spirit, etc. t-shirts (long or short sleeved) may be worn on the last school day of every week unless it falls on a special dress day.
- On game days, team members may wear official uniform tops as their coaches allow. If the uniform top is sleeveless, a shirt with sleeves must be worn underneath.

Footwear: Girls and Boys

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- During the months of September, October, April, May, and June students may wear sandals. However, for safety reasons, science lab students must have teacher-approved footwear with them each day.
- For safety as well as appearance reasons, heels must be modest in height (approx. < 3 in.).

Jewelry/Makeup: Girls and Boys

- Visible body piercing, except ears, is not allowed.
- Extremes in jewelry and makeup is not allowed.

Hair: Girls and Boys

- Hair must be clean, neatly combed, out of the eyes, and of reasonable style and a natural shade.
- Boys' hair, including sideburns, must be no longer than the bottom of the ear at the sides and above the collar in the back.
- Boys must be clean-shaven.

Tattoos / Body Art / Writing

- Visible tattoos, body art / writing are never allowed.

Hats / Caps / Bandanas / Jackets / Coats: Girls and Boys

- Hats, caps, bandanas or outside-wear jackets / coats may not be worn in school.

Special Dress Days: Girls (Determined by the principal)

- Girls may wear skirts or dresses of an appropriate length and modest style. The neckline is to be modest and appropriate for the school / church environment, and sleeves (long or short) are required. The skirt length must be to the top of the knee or longer when student is standing.
- Girls may choose to wear navy or black dress pants with a modest, dressy top. Shirrtails must be tucked in. Cargo pants are not allowed.
- Sweaters or solid, non-logo fleece may be worn. (SMCHS / SMCS corporate logos are allowed.)
- All other SMCHS / SMCS spirit apparel is not allowed.
- Dress shoes are required.
- No out-of-dress-code passes may be used on special dress days.

Special Dress Days: Boys (Determined by the principal)

- Boys must wear navy or black dress pants with a coordinated button-down dress shirt with a collar and an appropriate tie. The tie must be tied and worn at the traditional collar level, and shirrtails must be tucked in. Cargo pants are not allowed.
- Sweaters or solid, non-logo fleece may be worn over the dress shirt and tie. (SMCHS / SMCS corporate logos are allowed.)
- All other SMCHS / SMCS spirit apparel is not allowed.
- Dress shoes are required.
- No out-of-dress-code passes may be used on special dress days.

Relaxed Dress Days: Girls and Boys (Determined by principal)

- Jeans, sweatpants, wind pants, Zephyr pajama pants, sport shorts and other knee length shorts, and t-shirts may be worn.
- Shirts must be modest and appropriate. T-shirts and any outerwear with inappropriate language or advertising, including clothing that promotes inappropriate musicians, music groups, alcohol, drugs, inappropriate messages or sexual references are not allowed at any time.
- For safety reasons, science lab students must have teacher-approved footwear with them each day.

Clothing Never Allowed

- Clothing that is very tight or very loose
- Tops or pants that are not modest and/or show cleavage, stomach, lower back (midriff) skin or undergarments
- Clothing that promotes musicians, music groups, alcohol, drugs, inappropriate messages, or sexual references or any other messages that are not in agreement with Catholic teachings are not permitted at school or any school-sponsored event.
- Tattered, torn or frayed clothing
- Tank tops or shirts without sleeves
- Any gothic-looking apparel

- Any other non-SMCS public / parochial / private school (K-12) logo wear
- Exception: camouflage is *only* allowed on relaxed dress days

St. Mary Catholic Middle School

Bottoms: Girls and Boys

- Students must wear full-length solid-color pants to the ankle with a finished/hemmed bottom. Pants must be constructed from a cotton or cotton/poly non-denim and non-stretch fabric. Pants may not be torn or tattered and must fit appropriately -- not be too baggy or too tight. Spandex / elastic / leggings, jeggings, exercise pants, etc. are never allowed.
- Dress / cargo / khaki, etc. shorts of appropriate length (top of the knee or longer) or capris may be worn during September, May and June.
- Dresses and skirts are only allowed on special dress days.
- Undergarments may not be visible, and pants must be worn at the waistline.

Tops: Girls and Boys

- Shirts must be polo shirts or Oxford-style button-down shirts with long or short sleeves. No more than the top two buttons may be unbuttoned. Any logo other than an SMCMS or SMCS logo must be no larger than 3” square.
- Sweaters, fleece, crew neck, v-neck, hooded or cardigan sweaters may be worn over shirts. Any logo other than an SMCMS or SMCS logo must be no larger than 3” square.
- All students may wear specified “Zephyrs” hooded sweatshirts.

Footwear: Girls and Boys

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- During the months of September, May, and June students may wear sandals. However, for safety reasons, science lab students must have teacher-approved footwear with them each day.
- For safety reasons, heels must be modest in height (approx. < 3 in.).
- Flip flops, moccasins and slippers are not allowed.

Jewelry / Makeup: Girls and Boys

- Visible body piercing, except ears, is not allowed.
- Extremes in jewelry and makeup is not allowed.

Hair: Girls and Boys

- Hair must be clean, neatly combed, out of the eyes, and of reasonable style and a natural shade.
- Boys’ hair, including sideburns, must be no longer than the bottom of the ear at the sides and above the collar in the back.
- Boys must be clean shaven.
- Extremes in hair styles are not allowed.

Tattoos / Body Art / Writing

- Visible tattoos, body art/writing are never allowed.

Hats / Caps / Bandanas / Jackets / Coats: Girls and Boys

- Hats, caps, bandanas or outside wear jackets/coats may not be worn in school.

Special Dress Days: Girls (Determined by the principal)

- Girls may wear skirts or dresses of an appropriate length and modest style. The neckline is to be modest and appropriate for the school / church environment with sleeves (long or short). The skirt length must be to the top of the knee or longer when student is standing.
- Girls may also choose to wear navy or black dress pants with a modest, dressy top. Shirrtails must be tucked in. Cargo pants and pants of that type of material are not allowed.
- Sweaters / solid, non-logo fleece may be worn (SMCMS / SMCS logos are allowed).

- All other SMCMS / SMCS apparel is not allowed.
- No out-of-dress-code passes may be used on special dress days.

Special Dress Days: Boys (Determined by the principal)

- Boys must wear navy or black dress pants with a coordinated button-down dress shirt with a collar and an appropriate tie. The tie must be tied and worn at the traditional collar level and shirrtails must be tucked in. Cargo pants are not allowed.
- Sweaters of solid, non-logo fleece may be worn over the dress shirt and tie (SMCMS / SMCS logos are allowed).
- All other SMCMS / SMCS apparel is not allowed.
- No out-of-dress-code passes may be used on special dress days.

Relaxed Dress Days: Girls and Boys (Determined by principal)

- Jeans, sweatpants, wind pants, sport shorts and other knee length shorts, and t-shirts may be worn.
- Shirts must be modest and appropriate. T-shirts and any outerwear with inappropriate language or advertising, including clothing that promotes inappropriate musicians, music groups, alcohol, drugs, inappropriate messages, or sexual references are not allowed at any time.
- For safety reasons, science lab students must have teacher-approved footwear with them each day.

Clothing Never Allowed

- Clothing that is very tight or very loose
- Tops or pants that are not modest and/or show cleavage, stomach, lower back (midriff) skin or undergarments
- Clothing that promotes musicians, music groups, alcohol, drugs, inappropriate messages, or sexual references as well as any other messages that are not in agreement with Catholic teachings are not permitted at school or any school-sponsored event.
- Tattered, torn, or frayed clothing
- Tank tops or shirts without sleeves
- Any gothic-looking apparel
- Any other non-SMCS public / parochial / private school (K-12) logo wear
- Exception: camouflage is *only* allowed on relaxed dress days

St. Mary Catholic Elementary Schools

Note: Red tops have been phased out of the elementary dress code as of the 2016-17 school year.

Bottoms: Girls and Boys

- Students may wear navy blue or khaki pants in solid color. Cargo pants are allowed. Pants may not be extremely baggy, loose or long. No leggings or yoga pants are allowed.
- Navy blue or khaki shorts and capris in solid color may be worn in August/September and May / June.
- Dress shorts must be to the knee (no athletic shorts).
- Navy blue or khaki skorts, skirts or jumpers should come just above knee or longer.
- Skorts should look like a skirt, with attached shorts underneath.
- Shorts are to be worn under skirts / jumpers on physical education days.

Tops: Girls and Boys

- Tops must be navy blue, white, red or light blue in solid colors only. No logo (except SMCS) is allowed. Sleeves may be long or short, sleeveless tops are not allowed. Collars must be of polo, oxford, or turtleneck style.
- Sweaters / vests / sweatshirts must be navy blue, white, red or light blue, in solid colors only. No logo (except SMCS) is allowed.
- Pullover sweater --- crew-neck or v-neck:
- Cardigan sweater - buttoned, zipper-front, hooded sweaters are allowed
- Dress shirt, turtleneck or blouse must be worn under sweater, vest, or sweatshirt

- Only solid navy, white, red or light blue crew-neck sweatshirts, plain or school sweatshirts with SMCS logo are allowed
- All students may wear specified “Zephyrs” sweatshirts.

Footwear: Girls and Boys

- Shoes must be of tennis shoe or dress shoe style.
- Socks or tights must be navy blue, khaki, light blue or red or white in solid colors only with no logo.
- Socks or tights must be worn when wearing shoes (not sandals).
- Boots (even dress boots) are not allowed during the school day.
- Sandals may be worn in May / June and August / September. Sandals must have a strap across the ankle. Flip-flops of any kind are not allowed.
- An additional pair of tied or Velcro tennis shoes that are non-marking or light-bottomed need to be left at school at all times for physical education.

Miscellaneous

- Extremes in make-up, jewelry, or accessories (hair decorations, belts, etc.) are not allowed.
- Hair must be clean, neatly combed, out of the eyes, and of reasonable style and a natural shade.
- Clothing should fit well, with nothing being too tight or too loose.