



# UNIFORM POLICY

**The SMS School Uniform Policy for Grades 1 through 8 will be vigorously enforced from the first day of school through the last.** Students must be in compliance with the Uniform Policy every day. Uniforms should be washed and pressed as needed. Students receiving three dress code violations in one semester will be issued a lunchtime detention. Do NOT purchase uniform clothing items or shoes unless you are **sure** they will be in compliance with the Uniform Policy. The Uniform Policy for St. Mary Catholic School is as follows:

## Girls Grades 1-4

- SMS plaid uniform jumper (any style of uniform jumper is acceptable)
- Uniform must be worn with a GRAY St. Mary Logo knit shirt. (Shirt must be tucked in at all times.)
- GRAY St. Mary Logo knit shirt may be worn with uniform slacks or uniform shorts.

## Girls Grades 5-8

- SMS plaid uniform skirt (Note: Girls in Grade 5 may opt to remain in uniform jumper.)
- Skirt must be worn with a navy blue, or GRAY (banded bottom) St. Mary Logo knit shirt. Logo shirts may be purchased from Schoolbelles or Luna Marketing. Several skirt styles available.

## All Girls 1-8

- The uniform vest, sweater or SMS Spirit wear sweatshirt may be worn with uniform. (NO HOODED sweatshirts)
- Uniform jumper or skirt hemlines may be NO more than 1” above the knee.
- Sweaters must be solid white or navy blue. (No sparkles, sequins, or embellishments)
- Gray, white, navy blue, or black ankle, knee socks or tights may be worn. Socks must be visible above the shoe line. Schoolbelles navy blue uniform dress slacks may be worn in place of a skirt or jumper. Slacks purchased elsewhere **MUST MATCH** those sold by Schoolbelles. Students **MUST** wear a belt.

## All Boys Grades 1-8

- Schoolbelles navy blue or black uniform dress slacks. Slacks purchased elsewhere **MUST** match those sold by Schoolbelles. **NO** low-riders.
- Basic plain GRAY oxford dress shirt. Shirt must be tucked in at all times.
- Solid GRAY SMS logo knit shirt worn with uniform slacks. Knit shirt **MUST** have logo, collar, and 2-3 buttons at neckline.
- Solid gray, white, or navy blue sweaters or SMS sweatshirt. (NO HOODED sweatshirts!)
- Navy, brown, or black **belt MUST be worn.**
- Gray, black, or navy socks. Socks must be visible above the shoe line.

## All Students Grades 1-8

- During warm days from August - October 15 and April 15 - June, both boys and girls may wear Schoolbelles navy blue walking shorts with a belt.
- Girls are to wear a uniform GRAY shirt or GRAY banded knit St. Mary Logo shirt with shorts.
- Boys wear a uniform GRAY knit St. Mary Logo shirt with shorts.
- Brown or black shoes are to be worn with uniform.
- GRAY sweatshirt with St. Mary Logo is acceptable during school hours with school uniform. (NO HOODED sweatshirts)

**Gr. 1 - 8 Physical Education Class Dress Code** (*Kdg - Consult teacher for P.E. dress code*)

- Gym uniform **MUST** be purchased from Schoolbelles or Luna Marketing.
- All students in Grades 1-8 wear the SMS gym uniform to school on Physical Education days during the warmer weather.
- For colder weather, SMS sweatpants and crewneck sweatshirt to be worn over P.E. uniform.
- Gym Uniform includes: SMS GRAY t-shirt
- SMS navy blue cotton OR nylon mesh gym short
- Tennis shoes with clean non-marking soles athletic/ court style with white socks.
- Grades 1-8 will wear the gym uniform to and from school on days when Physical Education class is scheduled.
- In an effort to keep the gym floor clean and safe for students in physical education class, we are requesting students to either bring in a spare pair of tennis shoes for use outside during recess OR students wearing their gym shoes during recess must remain on the blacktop area.

**Uniform Guidelines**

**Hairstyles**

- **Boys** - No unusual, non-traditional, contemporary hairstyles are permitted (e.g., unusual lines, “tails”, steps, shavings, hanging bangs, page boys or flips). Hair length may not exceed the top of the collar. Hair may not be pinned up or curled under in the back. Hair may not be cut short underneath and long on the top or parted in the middle and dangling. Hair may not be dyed, streaked, or colored in any way. **Hair MUST be cut and kept neatly. To clarify the phrase, “cut and kept neatly”, the hair must not touch the collar, must be above the eyebrows and not cover more than ½ of the ear. This also means that it is brushed or combed before coming to school.**
- **Girls** - No highly unusual contemporary hairstyles are permitted. Unusual lines, shavings, “tails, steps, beads attached to hair, hair wraps, or hanging bangs are not permitted. Hair may not be cut short underneath and long on top. Hair may not be dyed, streaked, or colored in any way. Hair must be clean and kept neatly.

**Shoes:**

Grades 1-8, boys and girls should wear black or brown DRESS SHOES. No sparkles or embellishments on shoes permitted. NO shoes shall have soles or heels that are more than 1 1/2” high. Students may NOT wear jogging shoes, clogs, heavy-duty shoes, boots, or moccasin style shoes. During warm days from August 29- October 15 and April 15 - June, both boys and girls may wear tennis shoes with the Schoolbelles walking shorts. Shoes must be non-marking sole, below the ankle style. Shoes may NOT be embellished.

**Jewelry/Nail Polish:** Girls and boys may wear NO more than one necklace or bracelet and NO more than one ring on each hand. Girls may wear earrings (lower lobe only). Earrings are to be no larger than a nickel or 2 small earrings. Boys may not wear earrings. ONLY clear or white french tip nail polish.

**Winter Clothing:**

All students will be required to participate in outdoor recess daily – weather permitting. Students who wish to play in the snow during winter months must have snow pants, hats, gloves and boots. Students without the appropriate winter apparel will remain on the blacktop area.

Sweatshirts/hoodies are NOT substitutes for a winter coat. Please insist that your children wear appropriate clothes for the season. Boots are to be worn on snowy days. Personal belongings should be clearly marked. (Students should be encouraged to purchase a boot bag in which to place boots.)

**Dress Down Day Dress Code:**

Long pants or Capri length pants are permitted. (ONLY SMS Uniform shorts or SMS gym shorts are permitted). The following items are NOT PERMITTED:

- NO tight clothing. This will be strictly enforced!
- NO Yoga pants, leggings, jeggings or any kind of tight pants
- NO midriff, tank tops, or halters.
- NO torn, frayed, ripped, holed jeans/pants, no pajama bottoms
- NO flip-flops, sandals, or high heels.

Anything written or pictured on a T-shirt/sweat-shirt should be appropriate for a Catholic grade school student. Final decisions are at the discretion of the administration.

\*\* Please understand, if your child comes to school in any of the above NON PERMITTED items of clothing, we will take them to the Clinic to find a reserve item and it will need to be washed and returned to the Main Office the next day.

**Items NOT Permitted On School Campus:**

Items NOT permitted on the school campus include all electronic equipment, i.e., iPods, games, and any inappropriate literature/music. These items will be confiscated and must be retrieved by a parent.