

## **St. Mary Catholic School** **Dress Code 2010-2011**

At St. Mary School students are expected to dress and conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of their dignity as children of God. Neatness, cleanliness, and a well-groomed appearance are expected. Students in Grades K through 8 are required to wear the school uniform. Since buying clothing is a family function, parents are expected to purchase clothing that will meet the standards set forth in the dress code policy. This policy is written so that it is easy for students and parents to adhere to and easy for teachers and administration to enforce.

### **Belts**

Plain belts, solid black or brown in color are required to be worn with slacks & shorts that have belt loops. If pants or shorts do not have belt loops, then a belt is not required. Oversized belt buckles are not permitted.

### **Cosmetics, Cologne, and Jewelry**

Nail polish may not be worn on girls in grades K – 5. Subtle colored nail polish may be worn by girls in grades six, seven, and eight. Polish should be free of cracks & chips. Body piercing, visible tattoos, make-up and artificial nails are prohibited. Cologne and perfumes are not acceptable. Girls may wear small earrings with no more than one earring per ear. Boys may not wear earrings even if covered. Jewelry shall not be excessive (e.g. heavy, multiple or large necklaces & bracelets). A small crucifix or religious medallion is allowed for a necklace. A reasonable size wrist watch is acceptable.

### **Hair Coloring**

Natural hair color may not be altered or highlighted. Boys' hair should be off the collar, above the eyebrows (out of eyes), and above the ear lobe. Haircuts should be traditional – no fad haircuts.

### **Head Gear**

Girls' headbands and hair ribbons may be simple and plain colored. Bandanas are not allowed. Hats or caps may not be worn in the school building. This includes out-of-uniform days. The teacher or principal will have the final say over what causes a visual distraction in the classroom with regards to hairstyles and hair adornments.

### **Shirts**

Plain white or navy blue traditional polo shirts, collared, long or short sleeved shirts. No emblems.

Collared white or navy blue traditional fold-down turtlenecks are also permitted. No emblems.

Shirts must be tucked in slacks, shorts, or skirts.

T-shirts worn under the school uniform shirt must be solid white with no visible designs or logos. (No under-armour style)

### **Skirts**

**Girls in grades 2 through 8 may wear khaki skirts that still fit appropriately for the 2010-2011 school year, and begin wearing the PLAID jumper/skirt in the 2011-2012 school year. Girls in kindergarten and first grade are required to wear the PLAID jumper for 2010-2011. We are phasing in the PLAID. We encourage our girls to wear the PLAID skirt/jumper, but realize there may be khaki skirts that still fit.**

*Skirts and jumpers, no more than 2" above the knee.*

### **Slacks**

**Khaki**, pleated or flat front cotton twill slacks are required. Slacks must be worn with belts at the waist – not below the waist or dragging on the ground – not baggy or oversized. Corduroys, cargos, carpenter, painter, or polyester knits (stretch) are not allowed.

### **Shorts**

**Khaki** walking shorts, pleated or flat front cotton twill, at the knee or no more than two inches above the knee.

### **Shoes**

Comfortable, appropriate, non-athletic looking casual or dress shoes with non-marking soles are to be worn. Colors include shades of brown, black, or navy blue. Tennis or athletic shoes styles in dark colors are not allowed. Shoes must be leather or suede and fully enclosed. Sandals, moccasins, boots with heavy heels, fashion boots, plastic shoes, flip-flops, clogs, crocs or variations of such are not allowed. Heels are not to exceed 1 ½" in height. All shoes must cover the foot completely, including toes and heel.

### **Socks**

Girls: Fold-over crew length socks that are above the ankle, knee socks, or tights in navy blue or white may be worn.

Boys: Crew length socks in navy blue, white, or khaki may be worn.

### **Sweaters (optional)**

Navy blue solid, crew neck or cardigan, long-sleeve pullover sweater may be worn. All sweaters must be worn over a white-collared shirt or white turtleneck.

### **Sweatshirts (optional)**

Red in color, must be from the Spirit Sale with logo.

All sweatshirts, must be worn over a white-collared shirt or white turtleneck.

### **Physical Education Dress**

Students are required to wear "Spirit Wear" for gym day with clean tennis shoes.

*The uniform policy will be strictly enforced. Parents will be promptly notified of concerns.*