



DRESS CODE INFORMATION

2023-2024

The overwhelming benefit of a school uniform is increased focus on learning. The net gain of students in uniform: emphasis on freedom of expression changes from personal appearance to each student's presence, their ideas and sacredness.

St. Mary's Academy requires all students in Kindergarten through Sixth grade to adhere to a uniform dress code. Students in PreK-3 and Pre-K4 are not required to wear a uniform. **Uniforms must be purchased through either of our uniform suppliers Flynn and O'Hara or Lands' End**, or you may obtain uniforms when available from the Uniform Exchange (see below). The complete dress code is listed below.

Uniform Exchange: The parents of St. Mary's Academy run a free uniform exchange for all school families. The exchange is available all year long and you do not need to have a uniform to exchange. Uniforms are available in varying sizes for both girls and boys. Please call the school office at 315-635-3977 for more information.

Uniform Ordering/Purchasing: Uniforms through Flynn and O'Hara may be ordered online by using the following link: www.flynnohara.com/school/ny818. Phone orders are also available by calling M-F 9am-5pm EST at 1-800-441-4122. Uniforms through Lands' End may be ordered online by using the following link: www.landsend.com.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY DRESS CODE

All school employees and students shall be appropriately groomed and dressed while on school property and at school functions. Teachers and all other school employees should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting. Also, visitors are to be appropriately attired while on school property and at school functions.

DRESS CODE – All children in grades K-6 must be in uniform the first day of school, while Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 students may wear anything that is comfortable for those children. *For Pre-K students, we suggest sneakers or rubber soled shoes. No open toed sandals or high heels should be worn to school.*

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students may wear the seasonal uniform at any time throughout the school year with the exception of Mass days. On Mass days, Kindergarten students are required to wear the following uniform:

Girls- **Plaid uniform jumper** with a **white or light blue** “Peter Pan collared” **blouse** (long or short sleeved), **navy blue or white cardigan sweaters** (no sweatshirts or fleece sweaters), **navy blue or white ankle socks, knee socks or leotard tights** – all socks must be above the ankle. Knee high socks should sit directly below the knee. **Black, brown, or navy blue dress shoes** – no sandals, clogs, or high heels should be worn to school.

No makeup, dangling earrings, or nail polish (other than clear or natural nail color) will be permitted. Hair must be neatly kept and be the students natural color. Simple navy blue or white ribbons, bows, headbands (no character or animal), or uniform colored matching scrunchies may be worn to school. During the winter (November 1st-April 18th) girls may wear solid navy blue leggings under their uniform jumper.

Boys- **Navy or khaki dress trousers** (no cargo pants, sweat pants, jean style pants), **white or light blue button down dress shirts, solid navy blue tie** (purchased through Flynn and O’Hara), **navy blue sweater or vest** (no hoodies or sweatshirts). **Black or brown dress shoes** - no sandals, clogs, or tennis shoe style shoes should be worn to school. No earrings or necklaces. Hair length must be above the collar and of natural color.

Kindergarten Gym Days- Kindergarten students are allowed to wear sneakers to school on gym days.

Girls in Grades 1-4

Grades 1-4: **Plaid uniform jumper** with a **white or light blue** “Peter Pan collared” **blouse** (long or short sleeved), **navy blue or white cardigan sweaters** (no sweatshirts or fleece sweaters), **navy blue or white ankle socks, knee socks or leotard tights** – all socks must be above the ankle. Knee high socks should sit directly below the knee. **Black, brown, or navy blue dress shoes** – no sandals, clogs, or high heels should be worn to school. During the winter (November 1st- April 18th) girls may wear solid navy blue leggings under their uniform jumper.

No makeup, dangling earrings, or nail polish (other than clear or natural nail color) will be permitted. Hair must be neatly kept and be the students natural color. Simple navy blue or white ribbons, bows, headbands (no character or animal), or uniform colored matching scrunchies may be worn to school. No feather or dyed hair extensions are allowed.

1-4 Gym Days-1-4 grade students are allowed to wear sneakers to school on gym days.

Girls in Grades 5 & 6

Grades 5 & 6: **Plaid uniform jumper or skirt** with a **white or light blue** “Peter Pan collared” **blouse** (long or short sleeved), **navy blue or white cardigan sweaters** (no sweatshirts or fleece sweaters), **navy blue or white ankle socks, knee socks or leotard tights** – all socks must be above the ankle. Knee high socks should sit directly below the knee. **Black, brown, or navy blue dress shoes** – no sandals, clogs, or high heels should be worn to school. During the winter (November 1st- April 18th) girls may wear solid navy blue leggings under their uniform jumper.

No makeup, dangling earrings, or nail polish (other than clear or natural nail color) will be permitted. Hair must be neatly kept and be the students natural color. Simple navy blue or white ribbons, bows, headbands (no character or animal), or uniform colored matching scrunchies may be worn to school. No feather or dyed hair extensions are allowed.

5 & 6 Gym Days- 5 & 6 grade students are allowed to wear sneakers to school on gym days.

Boys in Grades 1-6

Grades 1-6: **Navy or khaki dress trouser** (no cargo pants, sweat pants, jean style pants), **white or light blue button down dress shirts, solid navy blue tie** (purchased through Flynn and O’Hara), **navy blue, khaki or white ankle socks, navy blue sweater or vest** (no hoodies or sweatshirts). **Black or brown dress shoes** - no sandals, clogs, or tennis shoe style shoes should be worn to school. No earrings or necklaces. Hair length must be above the collar and of natural color.

1-6 Gym Days- 1-6 grade students are allowed to wear sneakers to school on gym days.

SEASONAL UNIFORM OPTION K-6 STUDENTS

Please note that participation in the seasonal uniform is optional. The seasonal uniform may be worn from the first day of school in September through October 31st and begins again after Spring Break, on April 29th through the end of the school year. Should you decide to have your child/children participate in the optional policy, purchasing the uniforms through Flynn and O’Hara and/or Lands’ End is mandatory.

GIRLS

Navy blue or khaki dress shorts or skorts, white or blue knit polo shirts embroidered with “St. Mary’s Academy”, worn with white or navy crew socks (above the ankle). Dress shorts and skorts and embroidered polos must be purchased either through Flynn and O’Hara Uniform Company or Lands’ End (No exceptions).

BOYS

Navy blue or khaki dress shorts, white or blue knit polo shirts embroidered with “St. Mary’s Academy”, worn with white or navy crew socks (above the ankle). Dress shorts and embroidered polos must be purchased either through Flynn and O’Hara Uniform Company or Lands’ End (No exceptions).

Note: Students are expected to arrive at school each day in proper uniform. Uniforms should be kept clean and in good repair.