

St. Mary of the Lake School Clothes Policy

St. Mary's school clothes are required for students in K through 8th Grade.

Rationale: Various studies maintain that good dress habits go hand-in-hand with good work habits, and that students will think and act in a more precise manner if dressed in a more precise manner. School clothes emphasize the importance of school for the students and keep them looking neat. They contribute to a comfortable discipline, give students a sense of belonging and pride and promote a way to dress appropriately for learning. Benefits for parents and children include reduction of clothing competition, elimination of fad clothing from the daily "what to wear?" process, convenience and reduced cost for school clothes.

General Rules: School clothes should be in good repair, always within the boundaries of cleanliness, neatness, modesty (no backs or midriffs showing, **no layered shirts**) and good taste. Clothing should be properly sized for the student, no tight fitting clothing. Students must come to school with clean bodies. Hair must be clean and well groomed. Both socks and sturdy shoes with closed toes and heels that are safe for active, outdoor play must be worn – preferably with soles that do not make black streaks on the floor tile. No sandals, flip-flops, Crocs or garden shoes. Body piercings (other than ears), heavy makeup, fake nails and unusual hair coloring are distracting and not acceptable for school. All jewelry should be appropriate for school with safety and possible loss considered. Earrings and other jewelry are not permitted for any Parochial Athletic Conference events.

On Mass Days, appropriate dress clothes are required. No sweatshirts allowed.

School clothes may be purchased from Penney's, Sears, Land's End, Carson Pirie Scott (they participate in our Scrip program) Schoolbelles (our official company) or other retail stores of your choice.

Slacks and **knee length** walking shorts for warm weather months must be navy blue or khaki. Students in 6th, 7th and 8th may wear black and brown.

Corduroy is acceptable, but no denim of any color.

Knee length jumpers, skirts or skorts must be navy blue, khaki or our school plaid, #672 from Schoolbelles. Students in 6th, 7th and 8th may wear black and brown.

Solid color, collared, Polo-type shirts or blouses are required.

Turtleneck shirts are acceptable.

Socks or tights should be white or navy blue.

No short shorts, cut offs, mini skirts, biking shorts or layered clothing permitted.

T-shirts, sweatshirts, sports jerseys with pictures, logos, trademarks or sayings are **NOT** to be worn to school. Half shirts, see through shirts, muscle shirts, sleeveless tops are **not** acceptable. St. Mary's logo hooded (Middle School) and crew neck sweatshirts are acceptable over a collared shirt, however, not on days we go to Mass. Tremont sweatshirts are acceptable for Middle School only.

Gym Day: **Knee length** shorts (solid color khaki or navy blue only), **St. Mary's logo wear**, sweat suits or wind suits are acceptable. **No other logo wear** is acceptable for gym day. Lace up/Velcro athletic shoes are acceptable, but no athletic spikes or cleats. Athletic wear is only to be worn on designated gym day.