

School Uniform and Appearance Policy

St. Monica Parish School has a long tradition of student uniforms. The purpose of the uniform is twofold: 1) simplify the matter of student attire by removing the competitive nature of clothing; 2) promote an identity with the school. Although the dress code provides many options in choices, all students are expected to be neat and clean in appearance. If problems in meeting school standards persist, parents will be notified.

Uniform Suppliers

The St. Monica School uniform items may be purchased at:

The Uniform Place
811 N. 68th Street
Wauwatosa, WI
414-258-7888

Land's End School Catalog
Or
Land's End Inlet
8777 N. Port Washington Rd.
Fox Point, WI 53217
Phone: 414-247-8880

Tailored navy school slacks and navy walking shorts and additional uniform items may be purchased at Boston Store, JC Penney, Old Navy, Gap, Sears and Target.

Uniform suppliers can provide information on plaid and style information for girls' jumpers and skirts. School sweatshirts and gym shirts are sold on Registration Day. The current SMS school sweatshirt is being phased out. By the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, the new sweatshirt will be required. Please see below. Home and School Association sponsors a Uniform Resale at the end of the school year. Information regarding the Uniform Resale is printed in the *Weekly Reminder*.

Skirt and Jumper Styles:

The Uniform Place:	Hamilton Plaid	
	Jumper	Shift (currently worn)
	Skirt	Hip Stitch (currently worn)

Land's End	Classic Navy Large Plaid	
	Jumper	On In A Jiff (currently worn)
	Skirt	Pleated Skirt (currently worn)

Girls' Uniform:

Jumper and Skirts:

K4-4th grade girls wear a jumper

Grade 5 girls wear a jumper or skirt

Grades 6th – 8th grade girls wear a skirt

Length of jumpers and skirts shall be no shorter than two inches above the top of the knee.

Slacks: Navy blue dress slacks twill or corduroy

NOTE: Uniform slacks/pants may not be worn under the jumper, or skirt while indoors. Girls may wear tights or leggings under the uniform. The leggings must be fitted to the ankle. Bell bottom or flair bottom knit pants are not permitted. The leggings or tights may be red, white or navy blue only.

Shorts: Navy blue tailored walking shorts (minimum 8" inseam, no longer than the knee). No shorts may be worn from Nov. 15 - March 31.

The length of the uniform, jumper skirt and walking shorts shall be no shorter than two inches above the top of the knee.

Blouse/Shirt: Plain collared long or short sleeved with tail long enough to tuck in, including: Button front blouse or polo style or turtleneck in knit or cotton fabric – not sweater/ribbed material. No logos, brand names or embellishments are permitted except for the SMS embroidered name.

Solid colors: white, navy, red or light blue

Sweatshirt: Current SMS sweatshirt will be eliminated by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. The new sweatshirt will be embroidered with the SMS name. The sweatshirt will be available in red or navy only

Sweater: Plain long sleeved button or zip up with crew or v-neck. No cropped style, regular hoods or embellishments permitted.

Solid colors: white, navy or red

Vest: Navy blue Land's End fleece zip up with the SMS logo or sweater vest in white, navy or red.

Stockings: Knee-high or ankle length socks, tights or leggings. The leggings must be fitted to the ankle. Bell bottom or flair bottom knit pants are not permitted. The leggings or tights may be red, white or navy blue only. Socks must be visible. No embellishments.

Solid colors: white, red or navy

Shoes: All shoes must cover the entire foot, including heel and toes. (See list of unacceptable items.) No shoes may cover the ankle except for high top tennis shoes. UGG style boots are not permitted indoors. Students may wear them to and from school and at recess, they must change when they return to the classroom.

Girls hair: No unnatural hair colors

Boys Uniform:

Slacks: Navy blue tailored slacks, twill or corduroy

Shorts: Navy blue tailored walking shorts (**no longer than the knee**). No shorts may be worn from Nov. 15 - March 31.

Shirt: Plain collared long or short sleeved, tail long enough to tuck in, including: button front shirt, polo style, turtleneck or mock turtleneck in cotton or knit fabric - not sweater material. No logos, brand names or embellishments are permitted except for the SMS embroidered name.

Solid colors: white, navy, red or light blue

Sweatshirt: Current SMS sweatshirt will be eliminated by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. The new sweatshirt will be embroidered with the SMS name. The sweatshirt will be available in red or navy only

Sweater: Plain long sleeved button or zip up with crew or v-neck. No hoods or embellishments.

Solid colors: white, navy or red

Vest: Navy blue Land's End fleece zip up with the SMS logo or sweater vest in white, navy and red.

Socks: Socks must be visible. No embellishments.

Solid colors: white, red or navy

Shoes: All shoes must cover the entire foot, including heel and toes. No shoes may cover the ankle except for high top tennis shoes.

Boys' hair: Must be trimmed above the eyebrows and above the collar. No unnatural hair colors.

Unacceptable Attire

- slacks or pants worn under the jumper or skirt while indoors
- sandals, crocs or clogs***
- boots (including UGG style) worn indoors***
- shoe heel higher than 1 inch
- leggings worn as slacks without a jumper or skirt
- shirt under uniform shirt that is not solid color (red, white or blue)
- sweaters or sweatshirts worn without collar of shirt showing***
- denim or jeans style slacks or shorts***
- “invisible” socks***
- shorts longer than top of knee***
- torn or dirty clothing
- cargo or flared pants***
- low rise pants
- shirt tails hanging out***
- heavy make up. Light make up may be worn in Jr. High
- dark nail polish. Light nail polish may be worn
- multiple piercings or body piercings. Only one pair of pierced earrings may be worn
- bangle bracelets. One bracelet may be worn
- large pieces of jewelry worn on or outside of the uniform
- excessively large earrings
- thin spaghetti strap tank tops or “camis” worn on non-uniform days
- tight fitting shirts or tops worn on non-uniform days
- SMS athletic or spirit wear worn indoors***

*** Not applicable on non-uniform days (see below).

Students are expected to be well groomed at all times. Distracting hairstyles, unusual adornments (including earrings on boys) or large pieces of jewelry will not be permitted. Homeroom teachers in K4-3rd grade will address uniform issues with parents. Students in grades 4-8 are expected to assume more responsibility for their appearance and will be held accountable if not dressed appropriately. Parents will be notified by the principal if problems persist.

Gym Uniforms

Boys and girls in grades 5 through 8 are required to wear a uniform for physical education class. The uniform consists of solid black gym/soccer style shorts and a red St. Monica School t-shirt. T-shirts are sold on Registration Day. Solid color black shorts are acceptable. Tights or shorts that are not a modest length are not permitted. PE teacher will inform students who do not comply.

Gym t-shirts may also be available at the Uniform Resale and in the school office.

Non-Uniform Days

Approximately once a month a non-uniform day is scheduled. This may be a casual dress day or a spirit day. Acceptable attire for casual dress days includes jeans, khakis, t-shirts, spirit wear, safe and comfortable shoes, or other play clothes. Students will be expected to wear their uniform if they choose to not participate in the spirit day theme. No profanity or other suggestive material on clothing is ever appropriate. Students are still expected to be well groomed and clean; Clothing that is torn, overly baggy or too short is not appropriate.

Students may also choose to dress casually for their birthdays or half birthdays. If this falls on a weekend or day off from school, the child should arrange a day with his/her homeroom teacher.

Compliance with the spirit of the policy

Every effort has been made in this policy to address the likely issues that could arise with respect to uniforms and appropriate appearance at Saint Monica School. We recognize, however, that unexpected situations may come up from time to time that are not directly addressed by the language of this policy. The principal reserves the right to appropriately address school uniform and appearance situations that violate the spirit of this policy, even if not directly violating the language of the policy.

Any aspect of the uniform may be discussed in person with the principal if there is a particular issue with a student or a cultural practice that seems to be at odds with an aspect of the uniform. If this is the case, an exception or compromise may be reached for that particular student.

This School Board Committee policy was revised May 2009, effective starting with the 2009-2010 school year. .