<u>UNIFORMS – APPEARANCE AND DRESS</u>

Good standards of dress and appearance reflect a purposeful atmosphere in the classroom. Insofar as education has for its primary purpose the development of the entire student, dress and appearance become important. Following is the policy regarding the uniform code at St. Mary School. Whenever there is a question regarding compliance with any part of this uniform code, the final decision will be made by the principal. Students who are in violation of the uniform policy may be sent to the office where parents/guardians will be called to bring appropriate uniform pieces.

ALL STUDENTS

Uniform clothing may be purchased at the Uniform Place, Kohl's, Target, Lands' End, J.C. Penney or any other retailer that sells STANDARD "UNIFORM STYLE" CLOTHING.

Please pay close attention to the approved list of clothing items!

Jumpers and/or skirts may be purchased through Lands' End. The jumper style is "School Uniform Girls' Plaid Jumper" (\$40.00) and the skirt style is "School Uniform Girls' Pleated Plaid Skirt" (\$40.00-\$45.00). The color is "classic navy large plaid". The style of these items varies slightly from the current uniform jumpers (for $K4 - 5^{th}$ grade) and skirts (for $6^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade) available at The Uniform Place, but they are considered acceptable under school policy. Lands' End also sells uniform style chino pants, polo shirts, blouses and sweaters.

When purchasing uniforms, Lands' End will donate 3% of the purchase price back to our school. You simply need to provide our school number (900128927) OR search for our school (type in St Mary Parish School with no period after St) when shopping online. If shopping by phone, they can find the number for you as well. (landsend.com or 800-963-4816). When online, you can find a list of all uniform items that fit our current dress code by searching for our school (as above).

Additional benefits of purchasing uniforms through Lands End: you can order scrip and use the gift card (on line or by phone) to purchase uniforms, and besides the 3% that goes back to school **YOU will receive 16% scrip credit**, which comes directly off your tuition bill for the following school year!! Also, if you want to return an item, you can take it to either of the Lands' End inlet stores (Bluemound Road, west of Calhoun OR Port Washington & Brown Deer Road) and return it so that you do not have to pay to ship it back. Additionally, if you reorder at that time, you will not pay shipping on your new order.

Extreme hairstyles, hair colors, facial hair, hats, kerchiefs and jewelry items that draw undue attention or are disruptive are not permitted for boys or girls. This includes mohawks, shaved heads or shaved sculpted letters or designs in hairstyles. Makeup is forbidden. Earrings must be worn on the earlobe only and are not to hang below the earlobes. Only one pair of earrings may be worn. Only stud or small hoop earrings (nickel size or smaller) may be worn. Dangling earrings of any type are not permitted. Body piercing (other than the earlobe) is not acceptable. Tattoos are forbidden.

All clothing should be UNIFORM STYLE as well as neat, clean and in good repair. See examples of uniform style pants below: (samples do not necessarily represent specific grade level color requirements).



Tight fitting shorts or slacks and slacks that hang below the waist are not considered appropriate to our environment. All pants must be worn at the waist with no sagging. The bottom hem on shorts, skirts and jumpers must fall to the knee. "Cargo" style pants/shorts are NOT uniform style.

GIRLS

Jumper:

Red, white, blue plaid - Grades K4-5th

Skirt:

Red, white, blue plaid – Grades 6-8th

All jumpers and skirts must be touching the knee

Black or Navy leggings may be worn under jumpers/skirts

Shirts:

Grades $K4 - 5^{th}$: White polo or turtleneck shirts or white blouses either long or short sleeve may be worn. White t-shirts or shirts with logos are prohibited. Shirts and blouses must have collars and must be tucked in at all times.

Grades $6 - 8^{th}$: Navy polo or turtleneck, in addition to above options.

Sweaters:

Navy blue, white or red cardigans only are to be worn with blouse. Sweater vests and pullovers of the same colors may be worn in grades 6-8. Sweaters with patterns or other variations from the solid colors are not part of the dress code. Variations on the color blue are not acceptable. Only St. Mary sweatshirts may be worn with the school uniforms. Other sweatshirts and pullovers will be considered to be jackets and may NOT be worn inside school or church.

Socks:

Plain solid colors – black, navy blue, red or white, anklets, knee socks, or tights. Socks must be worn at all times and must be high enough to be visible over the shoe.

Pants:

Grades K4- 5th: Girls may wear navy blue cotton twill or corduroy (no stretch fabrics) straight-legged uniform pants in place of the uniform jumper/skirt. Leggings (unless under skirt)/sweatpants/stirrups/capri or low-rise waists are NOT acceptable.

Grades 6 - 8th: Khaki (uniform style only) in addition to above option

Shoes:

Tennis shoes may be worn. Platform shoes, flip flops, Crocs, fashion boots or sandals may not be worn. All footwear must completely cover the toe and heel.

Shorts:

Navy blue cotton twill walking shorts (3/4 length to the knee is a standard walking short) can be worn by girls along with the white uniform shirt/blouse. No substitutions for this code may be made. Blue jean shorts or low-rise shorts are not acceptable. Walking shorts may be worn on gym days with the St. Mary gym t-shirts.

Grades 6-8th: Khaki (Uniform style only) in addition to above option

BOYS



Pants:

Grades K4 – 5^{th} : Plain, straight-legged navy blue uniform pants in either corduroy or permanent press are to be worn. Pants should be completely navy blue without white or colored stitching. Loose baggy pants, pants that hang low on the hips, "PIPES", or pants that are not hemmed are not permitted. **Grades 6** – 8^{th} : Khaki (uniform style only) in addition to above option.

Shirts:

Grades K4 – 5th: White dress knit, permanent press, or polo, short or long sleeve shirts or turtlenecks may be worn. White t-shirts are prohibited. Shirts must have collars and must be tucked in at all times.

Grades 6 – 8th: Navy polo or turtleneck in addition to above option.

Sweaters:

V-neck or rounded collar pullover or cardigan, solid navy blue, red, or white. Patterned sweaters or variations of navy blue are not part of the code. ONLY St. Mary School sweatshirts may be worn at any time with the school uniform. Other sweatshirts and pullovers will be considered to be jackets and may NOT be worn inside school or church.

Shoes:

Tennis shoes may be worn. Boots and sandals may not be worn. All footwear must cover the toe and heel.

Socks:

Plain solid colors – black, navy blue, red or white socks (ankle or higher) must be worn at all times. Socks must be high enough to be visible over the shoe.

Shorts:

Navy blue cotton twill walking shorts (3/4 length to the knee is a standard walking short) can be worn by boys along with the white uniform shirt. No substitutions for this code may be made. Blue jean shorts or low-rise shorts are not acceptable. Walking shorts may be worn on gym days with the St. Mary gym t-shirts.

Grades 6 – 8th: Navy polo or turtleneck in addition to above option.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM



Students are required to be in GYM UNIFORMS on physical education days. The dress code on these days consists of:

- The St. Mary Parish School navy blue t-shirt (purchased through Lands' End).
- The St. Mary Parish School navy blue sweatpants (purchased through Lands' End).
- If desired, the St. Mary navy blue crew or hooded sweatshirt (purchased through Lands' End). (No substitution may be made.)
- Navy blue walking shorts may be substituted for the sweatpants on warmer days.
- Gym uniform shirts DO NOT need to be tucked in to sweatpants or shorts.

Tennis shoes must be worn for physical education classes due to the nature of the class and the floor of the Activity Center. All sweatshirts, t-shirts, and sweatpants must be clearly marked with a student's name before they are worn, so that lost clothing can be identified.

Any child who does not have the gym uniform ready for wear on a particular day must wear the regular school uniform. No substitutions may be made.

GYM T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS/SWEATPANTS

Students are required to wear a uniform T-shirt, sweatpants, and, if so desired, a sweatshirt. These items must be ordered in advance from Lands' End.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS



On occasion, students will be allowed to be out-of-uniform for special days or events. These special occasions will be communicated to parents/guardians via The Connection, E-mail or a note home. Tank tops, tight fitting, plunging necklines, shorts and short skirts are examples of clothing items deemed <u>inappropriate</u>. Any tightly fitting yoga pants or leggings must have shirt that goes to mid-thigh length. Students dressed inappropriately will be given a uniform to wear for the day. Out-of-Uniform clothing must be appropriate for our Catholic school environment.

Students may also be out-of-uniform on their birthday. Students with summer birthdays may be out-of-uniform on their half-birthday. Students who are out-of-uniform on Wednesday's should wear clothing appropriate for both our school and Church environments.