

St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic School requires a complete student uniform in good, clean condition to be worn by **ALL STUDENTS**, at all times, beginning on the **first day** of class attendance. Any exceptions are determined by the principal on designated *Non-Uniform Dress Days*.^{*} These uniforms contribute to the school's sense of pride and harmony and are a tradition of Catholic schools.

Included in that tradition is a climate of values that stresses personal respect and dignity, care for others, and the pursuit of academic excellence. Student dress should be consistent with these values and the stated goals of the school. To this end, any attire or appearance that is seen as disruptive to the learning environment, contrary to stated values, or presenting a safety hazard, is not appropriate. In short, students at St. Madeleine Sophie School should appear neat, clean, and modest in dress. Parent and student support of these standards is seen as most important to maintaining an acceptable norm of school dress and in helping promote a positive learning environment.

Following are the acceptable guidelines for each part of the uniform for the Upper School, **Grades 4-8**. Note that certain parts of the uniform must be purchased through the Dennis Uniform Store or the school's uniform exchange.

Girls' Uniforms:

Shirt:	Uniform style white blouse, white or navy polo knit shirt with collar, or white turtleneck. No colored logos.
Pants:	Uniform regulation pants may be corduroy or cotton twill. Uniform regulation navy pant. Uniform regulation khaki pant; Dockers khaki pant.
Sweater:	Navy regulation sweaters: v-neck or cardigan. Navy regulation vest.
Tights/Leggings:	Coordinate <u>appropriately</u> with uniform. Leggings MUST reach the top of the shoe and may not be trimmed with lace or other patterns.
Skirt:	Hamilton plaid regulation skirt. Khaki or Navy skirt.
Sweatshirt:	Navy school regulation sweatshirt. Must feature official logo.
Fleece:	Navy uniform regulation vest or jacket w/logo.
Shorts:	Navy uniform regulation walking shorts. Khaki walking shorts.
Skorts:	Hamilton plaid, navy twill, or navy corduroy with lycra shorts. Khaki Twill.

Boys' Uniform:

Shirt:	Uniform style white button shirt, white or navy polo knit shirt with collar, or white turtleneck. No colored logos.
Pants:	Uniform regulation pants may be corduroy or cotton twill. Uniform regulation navy pant. Uniform regulation khaki pant; Dockers khaki pant.
Sweater:	Navy sweaters: v-neck or cardigan. Navy regulation vest.
Sweatshirt:	Navy school regulation sweatshirt. Must feature official logo.
Fleece:	Navy uniform regulation vest or jacket w/logo.
Shorts:	Navy walking shorts. Khaki walking shorts.

REGULATION articles are defined as appearing **identical** to items purchased directly from our uniform supplier. For instance, pants purchased anywhere other than the Dennis Uniform Store are an acceptable part of our uniform only as long as they conform to the Dennis design (e.g., straight leg, no rivets, cargo pockets or contrasting stitching). Waist and length cut must be uniform style.) Dockers-brand pants for *Middle School students* meeting the accepted style may be purchased wherever they are sold **but must be of identical style and color**. SWEATSHIRTS and FLEECES are pre-ordered only through the Uniform Store. **NOTE: Ordering information for the mandatory PE uniform as well as the optional alternate "spirit hoodie" (which may be worn in place of the uniform sweater or sweatshirt) will be available after June 2017.**

ALL STUDENTS

- On days when the student body will meet in formal assembly (e.g. Mass, etc.) a uniform sweater or sweatshirt must be worn. These days will be pre-announced.
- Clothing should fit properly and be clean. It should not be torn, shredded, written or drawn upon.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Capri-style pants are not considered uniform regulation.
- Leggings may be worn under shorts or skirts but are never an appropriate substitute for pants.
- No colored or printed tee shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt or blouse.
- Shoes must be in good, clean condition and always fastened or tied. For safety reasons, shoes with open toes, open heels, slippery soles and sandals are not permitted. Boots may be worn from Nov. 1 until April 1.
- Plain navy, brown or black belts are permitted with the uniform.
- Jeans or sweatpants may not be substituted for uniform pants in an emergency.
- A uniform blouse, shirt or turtleneck must be worn under sweaters or sweatshirts.
- Socks and/or tights are required at all times. They must coordinate appropriately with the uniform and must be visible above the cut of the shoe. They must be a solid color (blue, white, black or red).
- Hats, bandanas, coats or non-uniform sweatshirts may not be worn inside the school buildings or church.
- Hair ribbons, ties, bows and clips must stay within the school's color scheme.
- Hairstyles, make-up and accessories should be moderate and appropriate for school. Unnatural hair color is not allowed.
- Jewelry should be unobtrusive (no large hoop earrings, large chains, etc.) to prevent injury during the school day.
- Use good judgment when undergoing holiday or vacation fashion treatments. Upon return to school, temporary hair dyes, tattoos, statement braids, etc. **MUST** be removed and appearance returned to standard dress code regulation.

When in doubt, clothing and accessories should always be brought to the school office for pre-approval. Requests for waivers to any of the above due to medical concerns must be accompanied by a physician's note.

*** NON-UNIFORM DRESS DAYS**

On days designated non-uniform or free dress, clothing should fit properly, be clean and free of inappropriate pictures or wording. Jeans or shorts should not be torn, shredded or drawn upon. The length of the shorts should be appropriate, if not to mid-thigh. Yoga pants, tank tops, open toe shoes or sandals are not permitted. St. Madeleine Sophie parish-sponsored scout troops may wear their uniform on day of meetings.

All school staff assist in monitoring student appearance. In the majority of instances, questions are handled at the classroom level. In any debatable or recurring situation, the final judgment will be made by the school administration. Students not properly attired or groomed may be sent to the office for alternatively supplied clothing. In habitual situations, a student may be sent home and any school time lost can be required to be made up.