

Clarifications on Uniforms for ALL STUDENTS *(from Family Handbook)*

- On days when the student body goes to Mass, a top layer with an SMS logo must be worn. These days will be pre-announced.
- Clothing should fit properly and be clean. It should not be torn, shredded, written on, or drawn upon.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Capri-style pants are not considered uniform regulation.
- WHITE or NAVY leggings may be worn under shorts or skirts but are never an appropriate substitute for pants on standard uniform days.
- No colored or printed T-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 shirt must be worn every day under every type of top layer.
- Socks and/or tights are required at all times. They must coordinate appropriately with the uniform and 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 (red, blue, white).
- Hairstyles, makeup, and accessories should be moderate and appropriate for school. Hair should be neat, clean, and out of the student's eyes. Unnatural hair color is not allowed.
- Fingernails must be of reasonable length and subtle colors. No artificial nails.
- Jewelry should be unobtrusive (no 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 can be brought to the school office for review. Requests for waivers to any of the above guidelines must go through the principal's office for approval.

NON-UNIFORM DRESS DAYS

On days designated as non-uniform or free dress, clothing should fit properly, be clean, and be free of inappropriate pictures or wording. Denim and other fabrics must not be torn, shredded, or drawn upon. The length of shorts/skirts should be to mid-thigh. Yoga pants, tank tops, open-toe shoes, or sandals are not permitted.

All school staff assist in monitoring student appearance. In most cases, 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 alternative clothing. In habitual situations, home will be contacted, or the student may be sent home.