



Lower School Uniform Dress Code

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When students accept the invitation to attend Saint Mary's Hall, they agree to wear the proper uniform every day and during all school functions where the uniform is required. It is the responsibility of all students to dress properly each day for school. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the faculty to enforce the dress code at all times. Students should, at all times, observe high standards of neatness and cleanliness. Any distraction caused by a student's dress or grooming will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter. Chronic disregard for maintaining or wearing the school uniform will result in further disciplinary action and/or separation from the school.

Unless specifically stated for students of certain Form levels, the standards of dress and appearance for all Lower School students include:

1. Uniforms should be clean and ironed, and shoes should be in good repair.
2. Shoes are part of the school uniform and should be worn as intended. Shoes should be free of graffiti. Any student requesting an exemption regarding shoes due to medical necessity must present medical documentation and meet with the Assistant Head of Lower School to determine specific dates for the exemption.
3. All clothing should be labeled with the student's name.
4. Clothing or accessories that are out of uniform may be confiscated and kept in the classroom or Lower School Office. Chronic confiscation of out-of-uniform items may result in the loss of out of uniform privileges.
5. Hair must be appropriately groomed and of a presentable color and natural shade (blond, black, brown, red).
6. Wearing of hats is not permitted during the academic day, except during inclement weather or on an Out of Uniform Day. Hats may never be worn indoors.
7. Boys and girls pants will be standardized and must be purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms.
8. For students in Forms 1 – 5, SMH spirit outerwear, dance outerwear, or athletic outerwear may not be worn on dress uniform days or other specially designated days. Spirit wear includes the following:
 - Hooded and regular sweatshirts that can be purchased through the SMH Spirit Store.
 - SMH fleece jackets and vests sold through the SMH Spirit Store or Flynn O'Hara Uniforms.
 - SMH team jackets issued by the Athletic Department.
9. Dress uniforms are only to be worn on Mondays and special occasions. On all other days, the standard uniform will be mandated.
10. Monogramming uniforms with initials is optional, and monograms may not exceed 1 ½ inches on all items of clothing. Monograms should be in purple, black, or white thread.
 - Montessori & Kindergarten hounds tooth dress: top upper right in black or white thread
 - Montessori & Kindergarten skort: front bottom right in white thread
 - Forms 1 – 5 midy: bottom right corner of back flap in black or purple thread.
 - Forms 1 – 5 skirt: bottom front left; black or purple thread on white skirt and white thread on black skirt.
 - Forms 1 – 5 girls purple tie: right side of tie in white thread.
 - All sweaters and outerwear: front and opposite side of any logos in white thread.

All apparel can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara Uniforms. Sweaters/outerwear can also be purchased at the SMH Spirit Store.

If in doubt about a uniform item, before it is worn, bring it to the Assistant Head of Lower School for approval.

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Uniform Requirements for Montessori & Kindergarten

GIRLS' STANDARD UNIFORM – *To be worn every day.*

- Black/white houndstooth dress from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms may be worn.
- Black or white spandex shorts must be worn under the dress.
- Black skorts purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms or blue jean pants or shorts may be worn. Jeans must be clean with no tears, embellishments/bling, or heavy embroidery. No denim skirts or skorts are allowed.
- White polo shirt with Saint Mary's Hall logo embroidered on left chest from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms may be worn. Polo shirt may be worn with the black skort or blue jean pants or shorts only.
- A solid white t-shirt may be worn tucked in under the polo shirt.
- Solid white or black knee or crew socks with no pattern or logo must be worn. Ankle or low-cut socks are not allowed.
- Solid white or black tights with no pattern or logo may be worn.
- Athletic shoes that are mainly white and have an accent color (but no neon colors) must be worn. Shoes must be lace-up or Velcro. Characters, lights, rollers, or other embellishments on shoes are not allowed.
- Sweaters (optional) must be the black cardigan, v-neck sweater, or v-neck vest with the embroidered Saint Mary's Hall logo on the left chest from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms or the SMH Spirit Store.
- Monogramming uniforms with initials is optional, and monograms may not exceed 1 ½ inches on all items of clothing. Monograms should be in purple, black, or white thread.
- A solid black jacket or sweatshirt may be worn for outerwear. A small manufacturer's logo is permitted, but the logo must not be larger than 1½ inches.
- Solid, one-color (white, black, or purple) hair band (no more than 1 inch in width), ribbon, or hair clips may be worn. Patterned hair accessories are permissible only if purchased from the SMH Spirit Store.
- Jewelry must be confined to small gold or silver necklaces with gold or silver pendants no larger than a dime, and gold, silver, or pearl stud earrings. Long necklaces and dangling earrings are not allowed as they are a safety hazard. Bracelets, colored or fad jewelry, and watches are not permitted.

BOYS' STANDARD UNIFORM – *To be worn every day.*

- White polo shirt with Saint Mary's Hall logo embroidered on left chest from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms must be worn.
- A solid white t-shirt may be worn tucked in under the polo shirt.
- Khaki pants or shorts purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms or blue jean pants and shorts may be worn. Jeans must be clean with no tears, embellishments/bling, or heavy embroidery.
- Solid white crew socks with no pattern or logo must be worn. Ankle or low-cut socks are not allowed.
- Athletic shoes that are mainly white and have an accent color (but no neon colors) must be worn. Shoes must be lace-up or Velcro. Characters, lights, rollers, or other embellishments on shoes are not allowed.
- Sweaters (optional) must be the black cardigan, v-neck sweater, or v-neck vest with the embroidered Saint Mary's Hall logo on the left chest from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms or the SMH Spirit Store.
- A solid black jacket or sweatshirt may be worn for outerwear. A small manufacturer's logo is permitted, but the logo must not be larger than 1½ inches.
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Denim bottoms and SMH Spirit Store outerwear may not be worn on certain designated days such as Convocation, Founders' Day, Yearbook Photo Day, etc. These dates and uniform specifications will be communicated to families by the classroom teacher.

INCLEMENT WEATHER EXTRAS FOR STUDENTS IN MONTESSORI & KINDERGARTEN

- Girls and boys may wear a solid white turtleneck tucked in under their uniform top.
- Coats must be black.
- Gloves, hats, and scarves must be solid black, purple, or white.
- Hats must be taken off inside buildings.

DRESS CODE FOR SCHOOL TRIPS

On day trips during school hours, students will wear the assigned school uniform.

DRESS CODE FOR OUT OF UNIFORM (OOU) DAYS

Throughout the year, Saint Mary's Hall has periodic out of uniform days. Clothing should be appropriate for school and in good taste, and must follow the approved guidelines established for the individual OOU day provided by the division office sponsoring the day. Students must wear athletic shoes.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students must be properly dressed according to these uniform guidelines to attend school. An attempt will be made by the school to correct uniform infractions. Parents will be contacted if the infraction cannot be corrected or recurs on a continual basis.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Each student will provide a set of jean pants or shorts, underwear, and socks to be left in the classroom. The school will provide a Saint Mary's Hall polo shirt for the student. If the student will attend Extended Care (EC) on a regular basis, a set of clothes (including, shirt, pants/shorts, and socks) should be provided to EC by the student's parents. Clothing provided to EC does not have to conform to uniform guidelines.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

On a student's birthday, he/she may come to school out of uniform. Summer birthdays may be celebrated on the half birthday mark. If a student's birthday falls on a weekend or a holiday, the student can have an out of uniform day on any other day with the consent of the classroom teacher. If a student's birthday falls on a special dress uniform day or field trip, etc., the student may dress out of uniform the day before or after his/her birthday.



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Uniform Requirements for Montessori & Kindergarten (continued)

EXTREMES IN FASHION SHOULD BE AVOIDED IN HAIRSTYLES AND DRESS

- Jewelry must be confined to small gold or silver necklaces with gold or silver pendants no larger than a dime. Girls may wear only gold, silver, or pearl stud earrings.
- Bracelets and colored or fad accessories are not acceptable for girls or boys.
- Students may only wear pins awarded for recognition by Saint Mary's Hall.
- Hair must be appropriately groomed and of a presentable color and natural shade (blond, black, brown, red).
- Solid, one-color (white, black, or purple) hair band (no more than 1 inch in width), ribbon, or hair clips may be worn. Patterned hair accessories are permissible only if purchased from the SMH Spirit Store.
- No fingernail polish, makeup, or glitter is allowed for Lower School students.

*If students wear inappropriate items with their uniforms, they will be asked to remove them.
We ask that all parents help by insisting that your children adhere to the prescribed standards of dress.*



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Uniform Requirements for Forms 1-5

GIRLS' DRESS UNIFORM – *To be worn on Mondays, special occasions, and designated field trips.*

- The white middie must be worn daily. The back flap of the middie may not be tucked underneath the back of the garment.
- A solid white t-shirt may be worn tucked in under the middie.
- The purple tie purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms must be worn. All ties must be knotted and worn under the middie collar.
- The white pleated skirt from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms must be worn. The length of the skirt must be modest and at least fingertip length while standing straight
- White spandex shorts must be worn under skirt.
- Plain white knee or crew socks with no pattern or logo must be worn. Athletic or low-cut socks are not allowed.
- Solid white tights with no pattern or logo may be worn. White leggings may also be worn; however, only with uniform socks. No skin may be exposed from the knee down.
- Shoes should be polished, lace-up white saddle oxfords with black or navy saddle.
- Solid, one-color (white, black, or purple) hair band (no more than 1 inch in width), ribbon, or hair clips may be worn. Patterned hair accessories are permissible only if purchased from the SMH Spirit Store.
- Sweaters (optional) must be the black cardigan, v-neck sweater, or v-neck vest with the embroidered Saint Mary's Hall logo on the left chest from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms or the SMH Spirit Store. If a sweater is worn over the middie, the knotted school tie may not be tucked into the sweater. The tie must be worn outside the sweater and be visible.
- A solid black jacket may be worn for outdoor wear. A small manufacturer's logo is permitted, but the logo must not be larger than 1½ inches.
- Monogramming uniforms with initials is optional, and monograms may not exceed 1 ½ inches on all items of clothing. Monograms should be in purple, black, or white thread.

GIRLS' STANDARD UNIFORM – *To be worn Tuesday – Friday of each week*

- The white middie must be worn daily. The back flap of the middie may not be tucked underneath the back of the garment.
- A solid white t-shirt may be worn tucked in under the middie.
- The purple tie purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms must be worn. All ties must be knotted and worn under the middie collar.
- The black pleated skirt or black pants from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms must be worn. The length of the skirt must be modest and at least fingertip length while standing straight
- Black or white spandex shorts must be worn under skirt.
- Plain white or black knee or crew socks with no pattern or logo must be worn. Athletic or low-cut socks are not allowed.
- Solid white or black tights with no pattern or logo may be worn. White or black leggings may also be worn; however, only with uniform socks. No skin may be exposed from the knee down.
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- Solid, one-color (white, black, or purple) hair band (no more than 1 inch in width), ribbon, or hair clips may be worn. Patterned hair accessories are permissible only if purchased from the SMH Spirit Store.
- Sweaters (optional) must be the black cardigan, v-neck sweater, or v-neck vest with the embroidered Saint Mary's Hall logo on the left chest from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms or the SMH Spirit Store. If a sweater is worn over the middie, the knotted school tie may not be tucked into the sweater. The tie must be worn outside the sweater and be visible.
- Monogramming uniforms with initials is optional, and monograms may not exceed 1 ½ inches on all items of clothing. Monograms should be in purple, black, or white thread.
- A solid black jacket may be worn for outdoor wear. A small manufacturer's logo is permitted, but the logo must not be larger than 1½ inches.

BOYS' DRESS UNIFORM – *To be worn on Mondays, special occasions, and designated field trips.*

- A solid white dress shirt (short- or long-sleeved) with button front must be worn. No visible logos or embroidery will be allowed.
- A solid white t-shirt may be worn tucked in under the dress shirt.
- The purple tie purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms (long tie or bow tie) must be worn.
- Khaki pants purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms must be worn. Shorts are not allowed on dress uniform days.
- Solid black crew socks with no pattern or logo must be worn. Athletic or low-cut socks are not allowed.
- Black dress shoes (loafers or lace-ups) must be worn. No athletic shoes are allowed.
- A simple black belt with plain, unornamental buckle must be worn.
- Sweaters (optional) must be the black cardigan, v-neck sweater, or v-neck vest with the embroidered Saint Mary's Hall logo on the left chest from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms or the SMH Spirit Store. If a sweater is worn over the dress shirt, the school tie should be tucked into the sweater.
- A solid black jacket may be worn for outdoor wear. A small manufacturer's logo is permitted, but the logo must not be larger than 1½ inches.

BOYS' STANDARD UNIFORM – *To be worn Tuesday – Friday of each week*

- The white knit polo shirt with Saint Mary's Hall logo on left chest from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms must be worn.
- A solid white t-shirt may be worn tucked in under the polo shirt.
- Khaki pants or shorts from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms must be worn.
- Solid white crew socks with no pattern or logo must be worn. Athletic or low-cut socks are not allowed.
- Athletic shoes that are mainly white and have an accent color (but no neon colors) must be worn. Shoes must be lace-up or Velcro. Characters, lights, rollers, or other embellishments on shoes are not allowed.
- A simple black belt with plain, unornamental buckle must be worn.
- Sweaters (optional) must be the black cardigan, v-neck sweater, or v-neck vest with the embroidered Saint Mary's Hall logo on the left chest from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms or the SMH Spirit Store.
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- Coats must be black
- Gloves, hats, and scarves must be solid black, purple, or white.
- Hats must be taken off inside buildings.
- Girls may wear black or white leggings over tights for extra warmth. Leggings must be worn with uniform socks. White leggings must be worn on dress uniform days.

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DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students must be properly dressed according to these uniform guidelines to attend school. An attempt will be made by the school to correct uniform infractions. Parents will be contacted if the infraction cannot be corrected or recurs on a continual basis. Students with flagrant or chronic uniform infractions will be sent to the Assistant Head of Lower School, who may administer disciplinary action and/or retract the privilege of participating in an OOU day.

EXTREMES IN FASHION SHOULD BE AVOIDED IN HAIRSTYLES AND DRESS

- Jewelry must be confined to small gold or silver necklaces with gold or silver pendants no larger than a dime. Girls may wear only gold, silver, or pearl stud earrings.
- Bracelets and colored or fad accessories are not acceptable for girls or boys.
- Watches may only have gold, silver, or black bands.
- Students may only wear pins awarded for recognition by Saint Mary's Hall.
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- Solid, one-color (white, black, or purple) hair band (no more than 1 inch in width), ribbon, or hair clips may be worn. Patterned hair accessories are permissible only if purchased from the SMH Spirit Store.
- No fingernail polish, makeup, or glitter is allowed for Lower School students.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

For participation in PE, students must wear athletic shoes. Girls must wear soft sole saddle shoes.



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