



Middle/Upper 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.

Standards of dress and appearance for all Middle and Upper 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 and polished on a regular basis. 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 respective Assistant Head of Middle or Upper 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 Middle or Upper School Office.
5. Boys must be clean-shaven.
6. Hair must be appropriately groomed and of a presentable color and natural shade (blond, black, brown, red).
7. 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.
8. Boys and girls pants will be standardized and must be purchased from Flynn O'Hara School Uniforms.
9. Spirit wear may not be worn on dress uniform days (which typically occur on Mondays). Spirit wear may be worn Tuesday – Friday only. 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.
 - SMH team jackets issued by the Athletic Department.
 - SMH varsity letter jacket.
10. Dress uniforms are only to be worn on Mondays and special occasions. On all other days, the standard uniform will be mandated.
11. Only Flynn O'Hara sweaters may be worn on Dress Uniform Days (no Spirit Wear) and are the only sweaters allowed throughout the week.
12. 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.

All apparel can be purchased at Flynn O'Hara School 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 your respective Assistant Head of Middle or Upper School for approval.

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GIRLS' DRESS UNIFORM– *To be worn on Mondays and for special occasions.*

- The white midgy must be worn daily. The back flap of the midgy may not be tucked underneath the back of the garment.
- A solid white t-shirt may be worn tucked in under the midgy.
- The purple tie purchased from Flynn O'Hara Uniforms or a school-designated leadership tie must be worn. All ties must be knotted and worn under the midgy collar.
- The white pleated skirt from Flynn O'Hara School Uniforms must be worn. The length of the skirt must be modest and at least fingertip length while standing straight.
- Black or white shorts must be worn under skirt.
- Plain white knee 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.
- Shoes should be polished, lace-up black and white saddle oxfords (black saddle).
- 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 School Uniforms or the SMH Spirit Store. If a sweater is worn over the midgy, the knotted school tie may not be tucked into the sweater. The tie must be worn outside the sweater and be visible.
- A white, black, or purple hair ribbon or headband may be worn. Patterned hair accessories are permissible only if purchased from the SMH Spirit Store.
- 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 midgy must be worn daily. The back flap of the midgy may not be tucked underneath the back of the garment.
- A solid white t-shirt may be worn tucked in under the midgy.
- The purple tie purchased from Flynn O'Hara School Uniforms or a school-designated leadership tie must be worn. All ties must be knotted and worn under the midgy collar.
- The black pleated skirt or black pants from Flynn O'Hara School Uniforms must be worn. The length of the skirt must be modest and at least fingertip length while standing straight.
- Black or white shorts must be worn under skirt.
- Plain white or black knee 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.
- Shoes should be polished, lace-up black and white saddle oxfords (black saddle).
- 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 School Uniforms or the SMH Spirit Store. If a sweater is worn over the



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- A white, black, or purple hair ribbon or headband may be worn. Patterned hair accessories are permissible only if purchased from the SMH Spirit Store.
- A jacket or sweatshirt worn for outdoor wear must be solid black, unless it is a jacket or sweatshirt purchased through the SMH Spirit Store. 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 1½ inches on all items of clothing. Monograms should be in purple, black, or white thread.

BOYS' DRESS UNIFORM– *To be worn on Mondays and for special occasions.*

- 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 School Uniforms (long tie or bow tie) or a school-designated leadership tie must be worn.
- Khaki pants (available in pleated or flat front styles) from Flynn O'Hara School Uniforms must be worn.
- Solid black dress socks with no pattern or logo must be worn. Athletic or low-cut socks are not allowed.
- Black, leather, polishable dress shoes (loafers, cowboy boots, or lace-up shoes) must be worn. All shoes must have a distinct, raised heel.
- A solid black blazer must be worn. No logo may be visible.
- A simple black belt with plain, unornamented 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 School 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 School Uniforms must be worn.
- A solid white t-shirt may be worn tucked in under the polo shirt.
- Khaki pants (available in pleated or flat front styles) from Flynn O'Hara School Uniforms must be worn.
- Solid black crew socks with no pattern or logo must be worn. Athletic or low-cut socks are not allowed.
- Black, leather, polishable dress shoes (loafers, cowboy boots, or lace-up shoes) must be worn. All shoes must have a distinct, raised heel.
- A simple black belt with plain, unornamented 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 School Uniforms or the SMH Spirit Store.
- A jacket or sweatshirt worn for outdoor wear must be solid black, unless it is a jacket or sweatshirt purchased through the SMH Spirit Store. A small manufacturer's logo is permitted, but the logo must not be larger than 1½ inches.



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INCLEMENT WEATHER EXTRAS FOR STUDENTS IN FORMS 6 – 12

- 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.
- 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.

DRESS CODE FOR SCHOOL TRIPS

On day trips during school hours, students will wear the assigned school uniform. On overnight trips, students should dress according to the guidelines established by the teacher or trip sponsor.

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 may wear either jeans or khakis, but may not wear shorts or non-uniform skirts. Open-toed shoes are always prohibited. Saint Mary's Hall reserves the right to send students home if their clothing is inappropriate or lacks standards of decency suitable for a school community.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students must be properly dressed according to these uniform guidelines to attend school. Students with out of uniform deficiencies that can be corrected should make the correction. Students unable to correct a uniform violation will be given a warning for the first infraction. Students will be allowed one uniform violation per quarter. Second violations will result in a student being given the option to correct a uniform violation (if the item can be purchased from the SMH Spirit Store) or the student can elect to serve detention or after-school work detail. If a student incurs a second violation in a quarter, he or she can expect a notification sent to the parent from the Dean of Students. A third violation will result in the student being required to purchase the item from the SMH Spirit Store (if available), and the student will receive detention or work detail. Students with flagrant or chronic uniform violations will be sent to the respective Dean of Students, who may administer more serious disciplinary action that may include in-school suspension or suspension of extracurricular privileges.

EXTREMES IN FASHION SHOULD BE AVOIDED IN HAIRSTYLES AND DRESS

- Jewelry for girls 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. Piercings should be limited only to the earlobes and should be limited in number. Earrings on boys are not acceptable.
- Colored or fad jewelry is 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).
- A white, black, or purple hair ribbon or headband may be worn. Patterned hair accessories are permissible only if purchased from the SMH Spirit Store.

***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.***