

Saint Mark Elementary School Dress Code

Dress Code

At school, being “in uniform” means more than simply wearing the designated SMS clothing and shoes. Emphasis is placed upon neatness, cleanliness, appropriateness and comfort for work at school. Clothing should be sized right to fit, without holes, neither faded nor frayed, nor worn inside out.

Saint Mark students are expected to adhere to the uniform and grooming code at all times. Notes must be submitted to explain exceptions. Fads, and other current philosophical statements made through clothing, jewelry, hair styles etc. are not allowed at SMS.

The SMS uniform is required on all regular school days. It includes the uniform clothing provided by *Norman’s Uniforms*, and SMS uniform shoes available from *New Balance*. Acceptable uniform dress includes wearing:

- Casual uniforms (including uniform polo shirts and no ties) on regular school days
- PE uniforms on scheduled PE days
- Dress uniform (SMS-logo shirts/ties/sweaters) for Friday Mass and other special designated events.

Hair, Nails and Jewelry

All hair must be clean, neatly styled and secured in such a manner that it will not fall in the eyes and face. Make-up and colored nail polish may not be worn. Jewelry, if worn, must be simple and not excessive in amount.

All boys must have a boy’s regular haircut, and present a clean-cut and neat appearance. Hair must be above the collar in the back and above the top of the ear. Hair must be out of the eyes and clean. Boys are not to wear earrings or body piercing ornamentation at any time. The administration of SMS reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of clothing, hair cut, hair style and jewelry, and to restrict anything that is deemed to be distracting or inappropriate.

Girls may only wear stud earrings, one in each ear lobe. All jewelry must blend with the uniform and be appropriate for school. Body piercing ornamentation other than studs in single-pierced ear lobes is not allowed. Skirt length may not be shorter than two inches above the knee. The administration of SMS reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of clothing, hair cut, hair style and jewelry, and to restrict anything that is deemed to be distracting or inappropriate.

Outer Wear and Change of Clothing

Please ensure that during cold and rainy weather, your child wears appropriate clothing, including coat, hat and gloves. All students go outdoors for recess (weather permitting) and should be dressed accordingly.

Only school sweaters and approved school sweatshirts (for 8th grade, only) may be worn on top of uniforms inside the school.

Please reference details of our dress code in the Appendix to this handbook. SMS reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of clothing, hair cut, hair style and jewelry, and to restrict any manifestation thereof deemed to be distracting or inappropriate both inside and outside the school building.

Each month our Student Council designates a “\$1 Jeans Day” to raise money for service and outreach projects. Additionally, SMS provides “Free Dress” days to celebrate or promote special events. Once again, emphasis is placed upon neatness, cleanliness, appropriateness and comfort for work at school. As a general guide, “free dress” should provide the same body coverage as that is provided by uniforms! ***If it doesn’t show on a uniform day, it shouldn’t show on a free dress day!*** Clothing should be sized right to fit, without holes, neither faded nor frayed, nor worn inside out. Inappropriate logos/graphics/sayings are not allowed. Please be sure that socks and closed-toe shoes are worn. Shoes worn on free dress days must be appropriate for play yard activities. As always, the administration of SMS reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of clothing, and will contact parents if a student’s dress does not meet these guidelines.

UNIFORM CODE

Students are to wear only Norman's Uniforms.

Similar clothing items from other manufactures MAY NOT be worn.

Please be sure to print your child's name on all pieces of clothing!

BOYS

Norman's Uniforms Only

Navy twill pants (**Must be the correct size and may not be baggy**)

Belts must be worn with pants

Navy twill walking shorts

White short sleeve oxford shirt with logo (button down front, pointed collar)

Polo short/long sleeve shirt with logo (optional)

Burgundy V-neck pullover **or** cardigan sweater with logo **or** SMS fleece

Striped burgundy and navy tie (dress uniform, only) [have an extra on hand!]

Solid colored white, blue or black socks must be worn

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GIRLS

Norman's Uniforms Only

Navy/gray and burgundy plaid jumper (Gr. K-4)

White Peter Pan blouse with logo (Gr. K-4)

Burgundy tie for jumper (Gr. K-4) [have an extra on hand!]

Burgundy V-neck pullover **or** cardigan sweater with logo **or** SMS fleece

Navy blue skort (Gr. K - 8) (optional)

Polo short/long sleeve shirt with logo (optional K-8)

Navy/gray and burgundy plaid skirt (Gr. 5-8)

White short sleeve oxford shirt with logo (button down front, pointed collar) (Gr. 5-8)

Navy tie (clip on or regular) (Gr. 5-8) [have an extra on hand!]

Navy twill pants (optional)

Navy twill walking shorts (optional)

White knee or short socks, white low cut socks that cover the ankle, white tights

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P.E. UNIFORM (BOYS & GIRLS)

Norman's Uniforms Only

P.E. UNIFORM - May only be worn at P.E.

Gray crewneck T-shirt with logo

Navy P.E. shorts with logo

Navy sweat pant with logo (optional)

Navy sweatshirt with logo (optional)

Sweatshirts **MAY NOT** be worn at any other time.

SHOES

Only "New Balance" shoes (MODEL # 620: Lace or Velcro closure version).

SWEATSHIRTS & JACKETS

School jackets/sweatshirts with or without the logo **MAY NOT BE WORN IN THE CLASSROOM.**

8th GRADE DESIGNED SENIOR SWEATSHIRTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM.

SMS FLEECES ARE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM.

Full Dress Uniform Policy

FULL DRESS UNIFORMS are required on school days when the students participate in:

- Mass (most Fridays)
- Formal Assemblies
- Picture Days (to be announced)
- Other Designated Activities (subject to notification)

FULL DRESS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

BOYS

Navy twill pants
Belts must be worn at all times
White oxford short sleeve shirt with logo (button down front, pointed collar)
Striped burgundy and navy tie
Burgundy V-neck pullover or cardigan with logo
Socks and shoes as specified

K – 4 GIRLS

Navy/gray/burgundy plaid jumper
White peter pan blouse with logo
Burgundy tie
(Optional) Burgundy V-neck pullover or cardigan with logo
Socks and shoes as specified

5 – 8 GIRLS

Navy/gray/burgundy plaid skirt
White oxford short sleeve shirt with logo (button down front, pointed collar)
Navy blue tie
Burgundy V-neck pullover or cardigan with logo
Socks and shoes as specified

REMINDER:

Polo shirts, P.E. uniforms, skorts, 8th grade sweatshirts, fleeces, etc. **may not** be worn on a Full Dress Uniform Day.