

DRESS CODE

Student dress must always reflect a sense of respect for the student, his peers, and the school environment. Precise care and neatness with regard to dress and appearance is expected of all students at school and at all school endorsed activities. Shirt and pants are required to be clean and pressed. The following dress code has been established to provide specific guidelines, limits and expectations. The dress code consists of two parts: Daily Dress and Special Dress.

Daily Dress

- BELT** A dark leather belt is required. Belts are to be dress-type without additional ornaments or large buckles. Canvas style belts are not permitted.
- PANTS** Dress Pants or Dockers™-style dress pants ONLY. Colors must remain conservative and business-like (blue, gray, tan, black etc.). Cargo pants, corduroy pants, painter pants, army fatigues, pants with side pockets, jeans, pants with rivets, etc. are not permitted. Chains for wallets, watches, keys, etc. are not permitted. No frayed cuffs on pant legs are permitted. Pants should be clean, neat and pressed.
- SHIRT** White dress shirts only, which may be long or short sleeves. Seniors may also wear royal blue dress shirts. If a t-shirt is worn underneath, it must be solid white (no logo imprint). Sleeves may not be rolled up, regardless of weather conditions.
- SHOES** Footwear must be neat and clean, and a dress style shoe must be worn. Dress shoes are shoes that are leather and cut below the ankle and have a full front, back, and sides. Shoes must have a dark sole.

Non-Acceptable Footwear

Athletic shoes, shoes that resemble athletic shoes, or shoes that are higher than ankle height, sandals, moccasins, clogs, slippers, boat-shoes, wallabees, docksides, sprees, or any non-dress shoe is not acceptable.

- SOCKS** Dress socks must be worn. Socks must be dark in color (brown, black, dark gray, and dark blue). No white socks; no ankle or crew socks. Socks must be mid-calf in length.

TIES

Ties are to be conservative and professional. Neck ties only. Bow ties or string ties are not acceptable. Ties must remain tight to the collar.

Special Dress in Addition to Above Guidelines

(Wednesday, Friday, and Designated School Functions)

Special Dress compliments Daily Dress with the addition of a standard blue blazer, complete with the school crest sewn onto the left breast pocket of blazer, and the wearing of the school tie. A varsity letter sweater may be worn instead of the blazer.

Appearance

- Hair length must remain above the collar, out of the eyes, and not covering the ears. Braids, tails, close-cut or unnatural colors will not be permitted. No hairstyles that draw undue attention to the individual are allowed. Hair height must be conservative and trimmed. (As determined by the administration)
- No facial hair is permitted. Students are to be clean-shaven on a daily basis: no beards, mustaches, or sideburns below the middle of the ear are allowed. Students who report unshaven will be issued a detention and will be required to shave or be sent home.
- Earrings and all piercings are *absolutely forbidden* at St. Mary's and at all school endorsed activities, i.e., athletic contests, dances, etc. At no time should a varsity jacket or school sweater be worn with any piercing.
- One (1) bracelet may be worn, in addition to a watch. Excessive bracelets, rubber bands, strings, etc. are prohibited. Messages on bracelets must be appropriate and bracelets must be in good condition.